

# **Biosorpsi Kation Tembaga (II) dan Seng (II) oleh Biomassa Alga Hijau *Spirogyra subsalsa***

## **Biosorption of Copper (II) and Zinc (II) Cations By Green Algae *Spirogyra subsalsa* Mawardi**

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### **Abstract**

In this study, the biosorption of heavy metal ions, specially  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  cations from aqueous solution and wastewater using green algae *Spirogyra subsalsa* biomass was investigated. The results of this biosorption study revealed that the rate and extent of uptake were effected by pH of solution, contact time (rate of sorption), and initial  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  concentration. The maximum uptake of metal cations was obtained at pH 4,0. The equilibrium sorption data for cations system were described by the Langmuir isotherms model. The biosorption capacities for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  cations at pH 4,0 were obtained 6,03 and 2,91 mg per gram dry biomass, respectively. The data obtained show a fast uptake of the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  cations by the *S. subsalsa* biomass.

**Key words:** Biosorption, *S. subsalsa*, isotherm Langmuir, maximum biosorption capacity

### **Abstrak**

Dalam kajian ini, telah diteliti biosorpsi ion logam berat, khususnya kation  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  dan  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  dalam larutan berair dan air limbah menggunakan biomassa ganggang hijau *Spirogyra subsalsa*. Hasil penelitian mengungkapkan bahwa laju biosorpsi dan kemampuan serapan biomassa dipengaruhi oleh pH larutan, waktu kontak (laju serapan), dan konsentrasi awal kation  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  dan  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ . Penyerapan maksimum kation logam diperoleh pada pH 4,0. Data kesetimbangan penyerapan sistem kation digambarkan dengan model isotherm Langmuir. Kapasitas biosorpsi untuk masing-masing kation  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  dan  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  pada pH 4,0 diperoleh, berturut-turut 6,03 dan 2,91 mg per gram biomassa. Proses biosorpsi kation  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  dan  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  oleh biomassa *S. Subsalsa* berlangsung cepat, 99% dan 97,2% penyerapan total dari masing-masing kation  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  dan  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  berlangsung dalam 5 menit pertama.

**Kata kunci:** Biosorpsi, *S. subsalsa*, isotherm Langmuir, kapasitas biosorption maksimum