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Assessment of Water and Sediments Pollution in Maruit Lake, Egypt

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ABSTRACT

The Egyptian Mediterranean Coast has five lakes; all of them, except Lake Maruit, are directly connected to the Sea. The objective of the present study in 2016 is assessing the environmental statement of Lake Maruit (water and sediment quality). The sample from 10 monitoring points distributed along the lake in addition to 3 samples from the main drains and for water samples (temperature, salinity, pH, BOD, DO, COD, eutrophication parameters (ammonia, TSM, nitrate, nitrite, reactive phosphate , silicate, TP and TN), heavy metals and microbiological parameters in addition to Total pesticides, PCBs and PHC) while for sediment samples (Sediment Types, Organic Carbon, Organic Matter Content, Water Content, TN, TP, heavy metals and Total pesticides, PCBs and PHC) were analyzed. The results revealed that water temperature of the Lake Basins showed variations and ranged from (12.8 - 31.5 °C) while the annual average concentration of Drains 22.5 °C, Salinity of the Lake ranged between (1.84 - 6.45 Ppt), while the annual average concentration of Drains 1.69 Ppt, the distribution pattern of seasonal variations of pH values was ranged between (7.24 - 9.04), while the annual average concentration of Drains 7.923, Distribution of DO showed a considerable wide range between(0.00 - 15.84 mg/l) , while the annual average concentration of Drains 4.54 mg/l, BOD in the Lake was ranged between (9.54 - 224.25 mg/l), while the annual average concentration of Drains 76.15 mg/l. Lake Maruit was considered a major source of pollution to the Mediterranean Sea through El-Mex Bay because it receives a huge amount of polluted water from three major sources. On the other hand, the lake water at present has no metal pollution problem. The main pollution problem is due to the oxygen-consuming wastes and the plant nutrients, which had led to depletion in DO.

INTRODUCTION

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The Egyptian Mediterranean Coast exhibits five Lakes or Lagoons which along the Nile Delta Coast (Northern Delta Lakes) and to the East of Suez Canal, These lakes are mainly from West to east: Maruit, Edku, Burullus, Manzallah and Bardaweel, All of them with the exception of Lake Maruit are directly connected to Mediterranean Sea (EEAA, 2011), as shown in map (1).

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But unfortunately many challenges are facing of these takes; degradation & decreasing the lakes area; spreading of aquatic plant to which reduce the water exchange through the lakes; pollution problems which caused due to the expansion of agricultural, municipal, Industrial and Fish farming activities, These conditions lead to the deterious effects as harm the living organism's & hazard to the aquatic habitats and change of aquatic biota causing less diverse system (EEAA, 2011).

The increase in population and consequently in man's activities, especially after Aswan High Dam construction constitutes the main cause of pollution in the Nile Delta lakes, mainly eutrophication, as well as the occurrence of heavy metals and pesticide contaminants constituted in these lakes' problems of increasing concern. Lake Manzala occupies the second polluted level after Mariut Lake (Saad, 2003).

The discharge of untreated wastewaters into the four coastal lagoons are causes an ecological degradation and environment deterioration. For example, sewerage output has extended to Mariut lagoon from Alexandria on the northwestern Nile coast, where heavy metals are significantly enriched in the water and sediments. Nowadays, Mariut and Manzala lagoons are the most polluted and Idku and Burullus follow behind. Presently these two lakes are facing critical environmental pressures from local industries and urbanization with the increasing pollutants being expelled towards the lake coast (Kamal and Magdy, 2005).

Lake Maruit is one of four shallow lakes in the northern Nile Delta, it is the smallest and most polluted of these Lakes, and it is the only one that does not currently have a natural connection to the Mediterranean Sea. It is situated southeast of the city of Alexandria (EEAA, 2011). In the last three decades, Lake Maruit has suffered from intensive pollution (El-Shorbagi, 2015), and become rich by nutrients, and has been rated as one of the most productive lakes in the world (Amr *et al.*, 2005), so that Lake Maruit is considered as a highly eutrophic lake which sustains a rich flora of phytoplankton (Samir and Ibrahim, 2008), Over the past decades, Mariut Lake suffers from almost all possible environmental problems to an extreme degree. Anthropogenic pollutants introduced huge amounts of inorganic and organic toxic substances, different forms of nitrogen, phosphorus, heavy metals, pesticides, and pathogens (Mohammed and Ruslan, 2013).

Mariut Lake becomes one of the most polluted lagoons in Egypt due to the urban expansion from the densely populated Alexandria and the uncontrolled deposition of solid wastes, complete very complicated and distressing environmental panorama (Mohamed *et al.*, 2017).

The primary purpose of the study to assess the environmental statement of Lake Maruit, Through the implementation of a semi-integrated program for monitoring water & sediment of the lake and its drains, in addition, to assess the relationship between pollute. This monitoring program will be very usual for supporting the policy and management decisions of the lake.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study Area

Lake Mariut is one of the northern Egyptian lakes, located in the north-western coast of Egypt between 31° 01'48" and 31° 10' 30" North and 29° 49'48" and 29° 57' 00" East. The lake extends for about 80 km along the North West coast of Alexandria and 30 km south, Mariut Lake is a closed lake, not connected directly with the sea (NIOF, 2008), while its water is pumped to the Mediterranean Sea through El-Max pumping station (EEAA, 2011).

The total surface area of the Lake (aquatic plants and open water) is 62.89 million m2 (63.46 km2). The area covered with aquatic plants represents of 60.08 - 63.10 % (EEAA, 2011). The main water source discharges into the lake are El-Umoum Drain, El-Qalaa Drain and El-Nubaria Canal (NIOF, 2008). Maruit Lake is bordered by fish farms, villages and agricultural lands and now divided artificially into four main basins, these ponds dissected by highways, railroads, and embankments; namely (EEAA, 2011):

The (Fisheries) Aquaculture Basin (1000 Feddans Basin), is bordered by fish farms in the north, and agricultural lands in the east. It consists of a series of small basins separated by earthen berms, it was covering an area of 9.44 km2 (849 Feddans), with aquatic plants cover of 11.1%, with average depth 1.8 m, the sources of water discharge into this basin is El-Umoum Drain. (EEAA, 2011).

Main Basin (6000 Feddan1 Basin), The Main Basin is about 14.77 km² with an average depth of 0.8 m. This basin is heavily polluted by industrial wastes from El El-Qalaa Drain and untreated sewage from municipal and industrial outfalls. Two other sources of water discharge into this basin are the El- Nubaria Canal and West Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent. This basin bordered from north by International Road and form south by Cairo- Alexandria Road. It is surrounded by many industrial companies and extensive human activities from the Kabary region (EEAA, 2011).

Western Basin (3000 Feddans Basin), is about 20.8 km² with average water depths of 0.7 m, the aquatic plant's area represents of 44.8% from the total area of the Basin. This Basin is bordered by many industrial and petrochemical companies in the west. Western Basin received its water through El-Nubaria Canal and El-Max pumping station is located also north of the Basin. (EEAA, 2011).

Southern Basin (5000 Feddans basin), is bordered by agricultural lands in the east, and Petroleum Companies and human settlements at the west. The southern Basin covers 24.4 km² with average depth 0.68 m, The basin is partially divided by EL-Nubaria Canal, the main source of water is El-Umoum Drain at the northern region and EL-Nubaria Canal at the middle region, in addition to many petrochemical and petroleum companies such Amria and Misr Petroleum companies discharge their waste into the north part of this basin. The basin is heavy aquatic plants (80.4%) (EEAA, 2011).

Study Period

The study will be carried out in 2016, the water samples were collected during months of February, May, August, and November. Moreover, the sediment samples were collected during February and August.

Sampling Sites:

In the study it was selected ten stations for water & sediment samples to represent different basins in Lake Maruit, and three samples from the drains outfalls (El-Qalaa, El-Umoum drains and EL-Nubaria Canal), in addition, it was recorded for each station its coordinates by using GPS device for easy access, as well each station was given a name and shortcode as showed in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Basin Name	Station Name	Station Code	Latitude	Longitude
Eich Deein	Shader el-samk	FB1	31° 09' 12.6"	29° 55' 37.9"
Fish Basin	El-habsat	FB2	31° 07' 37.6"	29° 54' 1.8"
	Front of Qalaa drain	MB3	31° 09' 35.3"	29° 55' 20.64"
Main Basin	Northeast of the Abu al-Khair Bridge	MB4	31° 07' 58.1"	29° 53' 35.52"
Main Dasin	Middle of 3000 basin	MB5	31° 08' 48.5"	29° 53' 3.12"
	Front of el-max pump stations	MB 6	31° 07' 29.3"	29° 52' 45.12"
Western (Southwest) Desin	Start of 5000 basin	SWB7	31° 07' 44.8"	29° 51' 34.56"
Western (Southwest) Basin	End of 5000 basin	SWB8	31° 06' 25.9"	29° 55' 6.6"
Couthown (Northwest) Desin	Front of western purification station	NWB 9	31° 06' 25.9"	29° 53' 57.84"
Southern (Northwest) Basin	Middle of 2000 basin	NWB10	31° 04' 24.6"	29° 52` 20.28"

Table 1: The study Stations and coordinates



Fig. 1: Map of sampling stations using google earth

Study Sampling:

Water samples ten surface water samples were collected to represent different basins in Lake Maruit and three samples from the drains outfalls (El-Qalaa, El-Umoum drains and EL-Nubaria Canal), The water samples were kept in Suitable bottles according to the type of analyses, transported to the laboratory, and stored at -20°C until analysis (APHA, 1995).

Sediment samples ten Sediment samples were collected from the same area where the water lake samples were collected, and three samples from the drain's outfalls from the same location where the water drain samples were collected, using Van-Veen grab sampler. The sediment samples were kept in polyethylene bottles, transported to the laboratory, and stored at -20°C until analysis (APHA, 1995).

The Data Analysis

Part One: Water Samples:

Physical parameters:

Temperature: Water temperature was measured immediately at the sampling stations using graduated thermometer according to (APHA, 1995).

Salinity: water salinity was measured immediately at the sampling stations using Hydrolab model according to (APHA, 1995).

Transparency: was measured by Secchi disc, according to (Welch, 1952).

Electronic conductivity: water conductivity was measured immediately at the sampling stations using Hydrolab model according to (APHA, 1995).

Chemical parameters:

Hydrogen ion (pH): The pH of water samples was measured by using Hydro-lab model according to (APHA, 1995).

Dissolved oxygen (DO): was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD): was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD): was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Total suspended matter (TSM): was measured according to (APHA, 1995). **Nutrient salts:**

Ammonium (NH₄-N): was measured according to (IOC, 1983).

Nitrite (NO₂-N): was measured according to (Grasshoff *et al.*, 1999).

Nitrate (NO₃-N): was measured according to (Grasshoff *et al.*, 1999).

Total nitrogen (TN): was measured according to (Valderrama, 1981).

Reactive phosphate: was measured according to (Grasshoff et al., 1999).

Total phosphorus (TP): was measured according to (Valderrama, 1981).

Reactive silicate (SiO₄-Si): was measured according to (Koroleff, 1971).

Heavy Metals: was measured according to (Riley and Taylor, 1968).

Chlorophyll-a (Chl-A): Chl-A of water samples was measured according to (Strickland and Parsons, 1972).

Microbiology: The bacteriological sampling technique was done according to (the international standard ISO 5667/1 and ISO 5667/2, 1992).

Pesticides and Poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCB_s): 1000 ml of Lake Water samples were measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Determination of petroleum hydrocarbons using UV Spectrofluorometer: Lake Water samples according to (Parsons *et al.*, 1985; UNEP/IOC/IAEA, 1992).

Part Two Sediments Samples

Determination of Organic Matter: was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Determination of water content was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Total nitrogen (TN): was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Total phosphorus (TP): was measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Heavy Metals: Heavy metals in surficial sediment samples (Fe, Mn, Cd, Cu, Pb, Cr, Zn, and Ni) were measured according to (Oregioni and Aston, 1984), While the total mercury was measured according to (Azemared and Coquery, 1997).

Pesticides and Poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCB_s): 1000 ml of Lake Sediment samples were measured according to (APHA, 1995).

Determination of petroleum hydrocarbons using UV Spectrofluorometer: Lake Sediment samples according to (Parsons *et al.*, 1985).

RESULTS

Physicochemical Characteristics for Water Samples:

Water temperature: During the present study, the water temperature of the Lake was ranged between $(12.8 - 31.5 \,^{\circ}C)$ with annual average concentration overall the lake 21.18 $^{\circ}C$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 22.5 $^{\circ}C$, as it was clear in Table (2). Although the results show clear variations in temperature during the different months of the year that can be the affected of the number of sunrise hours per day and the time of collection of the sample, the temperature of the lake is suitable for the life and growth of fish most months of the year.

Hydrogen ion concentration (pH): The distribution pattern of seasonal variations of pH values, it was ranged between the less value (7.24 - 8.28), with annual average concentration overall the lake 9.04, while the annual average concentration overall

Drains 7.923, (Table 2). The current study is consistent with previous studies where the study showed that the lake water is located on the alkali side.

Salinity: water salinity of the Lake was ranged between $(1.84 - 6.45 \ \mu g/l)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake $3.93 \ \mu g/l$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 1.69 $\ \mu g/l$, as it shows in Table (2), the results show Clear disparities in the salinity of the lake water between the different stations where salinity is significantly increased in Fisheries Basin, The increase in salinity concentrations in the basin can be explained by the drainage of relatively high concentrations of salts from agriculture and fish farms on this basin.

Conductivity: water Conductivity of the Lake was ranged between the fewer values (3.75-12.41 mS/cm), with annual average concentration overall the lake 6.88 mS/cm, while the annual average concentration overall Drains was 3.11 mS/cm (Table 2). The distribution of the conductivity values is consistent with the distribution of the salinity of the lake water between the different stations where Conductivity is significantly increased in the Fisheries Basin as the concentrations of salinity.

Dissolved Oxygen (DO): concentrations of dissolved oxygen of the Lake water was ranged between (0.00 - 15.84 mg/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 8.03 mg/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 4.54 mg/l, as it was seen in Table (2), the current study is consistent with the previous studies. Which indicate that the concentration of dissolved oxygen in the different stations in the lake is affected by the proximity of the stations from sources of pollution (Drains) where it completely disappear in front of El-Qalaa Drain, This can be explained as a result of the large amounts of organic matter in El-Qalaa Drain resulting from sewage treatment plants. As a result of the activity of bacteria that feed on organic matter and consume dissolved oxygen in the water, there is no concentration of dissolved oxygen and this will lead to destruction and death of all living organisms.

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD): concentration of organic materials represented by the biological oxygen demand (BOD) of the Lake water was ranged between (9.54 - 224.25 mg/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 65.78 mg/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 76.15 mg/l, Table (2), the study showed the differences in the values of BOD from the different stations during the study period due to the increase of organic pollutants from El-Qalaa Drain which carry huge amounts of organic matter which Leads to Increase bacterial activity in this area.

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD):concentration of organic materials represented by the Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) of the Lake water was ranged between (18.93 - 409.76 mg/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 105.66 mg/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 230.212 mg/l, as shown in Table (2), the results showed that the main basin of Lake Maruit contains the highest value of the oxygen consumed not only between the basins of Lake Maruit but also among all the Northern lakes due to the influence of El-Qalaa Drain, which is loaded with different types of pollutants.

Chlorophyll (Chl-a): Chlorophyll-A of the Lake water was ranged between $(0.1 - 217.805 \ \mu g/l)$ with annual average concentration overall the lake $33.85 \ \mu g/l$, while annual average concentration overall Drains $14.0489 \ \mu g/l$, as it was shown in Table (2), the results of the analysis confirmed that the value of chlorophyll-a was generally low in front and in El-Qalaa Drain, which is poor in chlorophyll-a, because of the lack of oxygen which leads to the death of any living organism.

Total Suspended Matter (TSM): Total Suspended Matter (TSM) of the Lake water was ranged between (18.1 - 152.9 mg/l), with annual average concentration overall

Regions	Stations	Temperature	Conductivity	Salinity	pН	DO	BOD	COD	TSM	Chl-a
		(°C)	mS/cm	µg/l			mg	;/1		μg/l
FB	FB 1	21.588	9.373	5.348	8.25	9.26875	55.918	98.555	78.138	5.448
	FB 2	22.325	8.615	4.9425	8.425	10.63125	44.3825	77.96	69.963	14.173
MB	MB 3	22.25	3.955	2.213	7.658	0.00	109.093	169.708	84.013	14.968
	MB 4	20.575	4.97	2.7825	7.8425	5.2225	56.965	78.185	55.475	34.24
	MB 5	20.45	4.9975	2.7875	8.2125	9.59	66.2725	99.0375	60.313	115.9575
	MB 6	21	6.75	3.8875	7.735	0.875	76.8475	156.2625	69.438	30.555
SB	SWB 7	20.7	9.295	5.2975	8.11	8.52125	68.35	101.765	58.313	29.2175
	SWB 8	21.375	5.2875	3	7.915	7.09625	70.1325	118.92	73.8	35.9275
NB	NWB 9	20.675	7.7475	4.5125	8.1475	8.6225	54.5225	80.3675	56.3	52.365
	NWB 10	20.875	7.8825	4.605	8.035	13.895	55.4	75.9125	35	5.725
				D	rains					
El-Qala	aa Drain	23.2	3.74	2.03	7.59	0.00	115.13	447.15	58.01	6.84
EL-Nuba	aria Canal	22.8	0.71	0.30	8.38	9.48	50.14	103.95	28.86	12.38
El-Umo	um Drain	21.5	4.87	2.69	7.80	4.16	63.177	139.54	43.75	22.93

the lake 64.075 mg/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 43.54 mg/l, (Table 2).

Table 2: Shows average concentrations of physicochemical characteristics for Water Lake

Nutrient Salts for Water Samples

Ammonia (NH₄–N): ammonium concentration of the Lake water was ranged between (0.01736 - 15.19 mg/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 1.78 mg/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 5.111 mg/l, as it was clear from Table (3), The results confirmed that high values of Ammonia were recorded at the front and in El-Qalaa Drain.

Nitrites (NO₂-N): Nitrites concentration values of the Lake water was ranged between (0.00 - 561.658 μ g/l) with annual average concentration overall the lake 122.98 μ g/l, and with annual average concentration overall Drains 122.627 μ g/l, as it was shown in Table (3), the low concentration values were recorded at the front and in El-Qalaa Drain, The decrease of NO₂-N contents might be attributed to the increase in the oxidation rate of nitrite to nitrate.

Nitrate (**NO**₃**-N**): Nitrate concentration of the Lake water was ranged between (0.008 - 2.245 mg/l) with annual average concentration overall the lake 0.427 mg/l, while annual average concentration overall Drains 0.383 mg/l, (Table 3).

Total Nitrogen (TN): Total Nitrogen concentration of the Lake water was ranged between (1.91 - 27.52 mg/l) with annual average concentration overall the lake 8.35 mg/l, while annual average concentration overall Drains 15.0567 mg/l, as seen in Table (3).

Dissolved Inorganic Phosphorus (DIP): Dissolved inorganic Phosphorus concentration of the Lake water was ranged between $(7.6 - 3009.44 \ \mu g/l)$ with annual average concentration overall the lake 321.75 $\mu g/l$, while annual average concentration overall Drains 686.29 $\mu g/l$, as shown in Table (3).

Total phosphorus (TP): Total phosphorous concentration of the Lake water was ranged between (43.66 - 3374.69 μ g/l) with annual average concentration overall the lake 601.60 μ g/l, while annual average concentration overall Drains 1108.38 μ g/l, as shown in Table (3).

Reactive Silicate (SiO₄-Si): Reactive Silicate concentration of the Lake water was ranged between (1.08 - 19.55 mg/l) with annual average concentration overall the lake 7.876 mg/l, while annual average concentration overall Drains 5.775 mg/l (Table 3).

Regions	Stations	NH_4	NO_2	NO_3	TN	PO_4	TP	SiO_4
		mg/l	μg/l	m	g/l	μg	/1	mg/l
FB	FB 1	0.079	12.565	0.042	3.665	14.265	73.37	10.338
	FB 2	0.047	9.698	0.068	4.268	342.833	93.29	11.735
MB	MB 3	11.1	7.803	0.031	25.22	1481.7	2659.54	5.593
	MB 4	1.18025	364.085	1.20775	10.175	297.28	584.65	9.685
	MB 5	0.23	147.82	0.31775	6.695	247.1625	565.81	4.2175
	MB 6	3.80425	134.235	0.57525	11.6825	443.63	1017.79	7.8675
SB	SWB 7	0.40325	69.0575	0.345	5.09	37.0125	152.79	5.2275
	SWB 8	0.586	304.8575	0.91875	7.335	248.3875	496.82	8.875
NB	NWB 9	0.329	144.38	0.51375	5.7175	53.15	257.69	6.61
	NWB 10	0.1025	35.365	0.25375	3.6775	52.0825	114.23	7.82
			D	rains				
El-Qalaa Drai	n	12.31	16.80	0.04	25.98	1663.32	3225	5.92
EL-Nubaria C	Canal	0.60	38.50	0.18	8.54	43.15	27475	1.33
El-Umoum Di	rain	2.42	312.58	0.93	10.66	352.38	21175	10.08

Table 3: Shows average concentrations of Nutrient salts characteristics for Water lake

Heavy Metals for Water samples:

Dissolved Iron (D-Fe): Dissolved iron concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (10.73 - 275.24 μ g/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 86.65 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 57.6486 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Manganese (D-Mn): Dissolved Manganese concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (1.0744 - 117.38 μ g/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 33.9805 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 27.285 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Copper (D-Cu): Dissolved Copper concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (0.3175 - 8.55 μ g/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 2.415 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 3.364 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Zinc (D-Zn): Dissolved Zinc concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (2.289 - 61.532 μ g/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 13.156 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 10.4967 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Chromium (D-Cr): Dissolved Chromium concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between $(0.00 - 10.445 \ \mu g/l)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake 5.422 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 5.6309 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Nickel (D-Ni): Dissolved Nickel concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (1.56 - 96.607 μ g/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 14.655 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 11.979 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Cadmium (D-Cd): Dissolved Cadmium concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between $(0.00 - 2.862 \ \mu g/l)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake 0.7562 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 0.4037 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Lead (D-Pb): Dissolved lead concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (0.830 - 18.637 μ g/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 5.988 μ g/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 6.553 μ g/l, (Table 4).

Dissolved Mercury (D-Hg): Dissolved Mercury concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between $(0.00 - 0.064 \mu g/l)$, with annual average concentration overall the

Regions	Stations	Fe	Mn	Cu	Zn	Cr	Ni	Cd	Pb	Hg
						μg/l				
FB	FB 1	91.04	26.56	3.09	13.11	4.92	48.99	1.09	6.08	0.069
	FB 2	71.02	10.66	2.16	9.97	3.44	19.54	1.04	6.28	0.037
MB	MB 3	101.35	107.51	1.54	7.75	5.74	10.87	0.75	6.83	0.034
	MB 4	84.36	31.34	4.77	12.99	6.62	13.74	0.73	6.70	0.032
	MB 5	83.91	27.33	2.06	9.38	5.57	8.74	0.95	8.15	0.021
	MB 6	137.51	64.60	1.79	14.90	3.83	9.23	0.89	5.78	0.016
SB	SWB 7	59.71	20.38	1.61	13.61	6.51	6.90	0.74	6.58	0.017
	SWB 8	74.93	24.86	1.90	23.25	5.42	8.90	0.57	5.93	0.026
NB	NWB 9	58.82	11.81	2.45	13.90	6.94	14.64	0.43	4.99	0.028
	NWB 10	102.83	14.98	3.76	13.47	5.24	5.30	0.34	3.14	0.021
			Drains	5						
El-Qalaa Di	rain	98.66	57.51	2.61	7.93	7.27	25.53	0.46	5.47	0.020
EL-Nubaria	a Canal	42.82	9.07	4.07	12.82	5.30	5.55	0.38	5.16	0.025
El-Umoum	Drain	31.46	15.27	3.41	10.74	4.33	4.86	0.37	9.04	0.026

lake $0.0170\mu g/l$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains $0.016\mu g/l$, (Table 4).

Table 4: Shows average concentrations of Heavy Metals characteristics for Water lake

Biological Parameter for Water samples:

Total Coliforms (TC) Bacteria: Total coliforms bacteria of the Lake water was ranged between (6 - 111000 cell/100ml), with the annual average overall the lake 11898 cell/100ml, while the annual average overall Drains 57660 cell/100ml, (Table 5).

E. coli (PE.c) Bacteria: E. coli bacteria of the Lake water was ranged between (1 - 89000 cell/100ml), with annual average overall the lake 8504 cell/100ml, while the annual average overall Drains 42042 cell/100ml, (Table 5).

Total Coliforms (TC) E. coli (PE.c) Fecal streptococci (FS) Regions Stations Cell/100ml FB FB 1 463 368 153 FB 2 169 94 25 MB **MB 3** 45750 30950 16650 **MB** 4 7413 6075 1450 MB 5 3115 1470 644 MB 6 61250 45500 25400 SB SWB 7 68 50 26 564 445 172 SWB 8 NB NWB 9 82 52 20 90 **NWB 10** 109 50 Drains 79750 59500 El-Qalaa Drain 112500 EL-Nubaria Canal 230 125 63 60250 El-Umoum Drain 46250 43000

Table 5: Shows average concentrations Biological Parameter for Water lake

Fecal streptococci (FS) Bacteria: Faecal streptococci bacteria of the Lake water was ranged between (1 - 80000 cell/100ml), with annual average overall the lake 4458 cell/100ml, while the annual average overall Drains 34188 cell/100ml (Table 5).

Total pesticides & polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and Petroleum hydrocarbons for Water samples:

In general, PCBs concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (2.283 - 22.403 ng/l, with annual average concentration overall the lake 5.028 ng/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 5.028 ng/l, (Table 6), while Total pesticides concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (0.350 - 7.016 ng/l), with annual average concentration overall the lake 1.547 ng/l, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 2.697 ng/l, as shown in table No.6., but for Petroleum hydrocarbons concentrations of the Lake water was ranged between (0.104 - 1.237 µg/l), with annual average concentration overall Drains 0.5798 µg/l (Table 6).

Regions	Stations	PCBs	Total pesticides	Petroleum hydrocarbons (PHC)
			µg/l	
FB	FB 1	4.75	1.09	0.61
	FB 2	4.13	1.16	0.45
MB	MB 3	4.71	1.18	0.72
	MB 4	4.64	1.15	0.41
	MB 5	4.90	1.26	0.37
	MB 6	4.21	1.37	0.40
SB	SWB 7	4.13	1.40	0.31
	SWB 8	4.39	1.92	0.53
NB	NWB 9	5.96	2.15	0.45
	NWB 10	8.70	2.89	0.44
			Drains	
El-Qalaa	Drain	11.72	3.23	0.70
EL-Nuba	ria Canal	6.95	2.75	0.46
El-Umour	m Drain	6.49	2.12	0.58

Table 6: Shows average concentrations Total pesticides& polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and Petroleum hydrocarbons Parameters for Water lake

Physicochemical characteristics for Sediment samples:

Sediment Types Distribution : Percentage of sand sediments of the Lake sediment was ranged between (0.75 - 96.68 %), with annual average concentration overall the lake sediments 26.18 %, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 29.45 %, But for Percentage of Mud sediments During the present study, Percentage of Mud sediments of the Lake sediment was ranged between (3.32 - 99.25 %), with annual average concentration overall the lake sediments 73.82 %, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 70.56 %, (Table 7).

Organic Carbon and Organic Matter Content

Percentage of Organic Carbon in the Lake sediment was ranged between (0.34 - 6%), with annual average concentration overall the lake sediments 3.98%, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 5.13%, but for Organic Content in the Lake sediment was ranged between (0.61 - 10.8%), with annual average concentration overall the lake sediments 7.17%, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 2.85%, (Table 7).

Water Content: Water Content in the Lake sediment was ranged between (19 - 83 %), with annual average concentration overall the lake sediments 62.2 %, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 51.83 %, (Table 7).

Total Nitrogen (TN): Total Nitrogen of the Lake sediment was ranged between (0.25 - 0.71 %), with annual average concentration overall the lake 0.458 %, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 0.641 %, (Table 7).

Total phosphorus (TP): Total phosphorous of the Lake sediment was ranged between $(250.95 - 1671.97 \mu g/g)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake

Table 7: Shows average concentrations of Physicochemical characteristics for Sediment lake									
Regions	Stations	sand	Mud	Water	Organiccon.	Carbon con.	TN	TP	
				con.					
					%			µg/g	
FB	FB 1	10.78	89.23	61.50	7.03	3.91	0.39	961.5	
	FB 2	95.89	4.12	20.50	0.89	0.50	0.47	271	
MB	MB 3	14.61	85.40	66.00	8.64	4.80	0.32	1354	
	MB 4	28.54	71.47	58.00	4.80	2.67	0.45	1048.5	
	MB 5	12.35	87.65	81.50	9.53	5.30	0.45	1555	
	MB 6	22.18	77.82	52.00	4.12	2.29	0.51	1017.5	
SB	SWB 7	21.77	78.24	73.00	8.64	4.80	0.54	1197	
	SWB 8	12.50	87.46	72.50	10.14	5.63	0.42	949.5	
NB	NWB 9	18.58	81.43	64.50	9.01	5.01	0.49	871	
	NWB 10	24.61	75.40	72.50	8.88	4.93	0.56	801.5	
Drains									
El-Qalaa I	Drain	33.21	66.79	54.50	8.56	4.76	0.72	1949.5	
EL-Nubar	ia Canal	41.96	58.04	42.50	1.97	1.10	0.64	1144.5	
El-Umoun	n Drain	13.17	86.84	58.50	4.85	2.69	0.56	1010.5	

1002.641µg/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 1315.67 µg/g (Table 7).

Heavy Metals for Sediment samples

Dissolved Iron (D-Fe): Dissolved iron concentrations of the Lake sediment was ranged between (945 - 23933 μ g/g), with annual average concentration overall the lake 9154.25 μ g/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 11504.67 μ g/g (Table 8).

Dissolved Manganese (D-Mn): Dissolved Manganese concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between (106 - 661 μ g/g), with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 362.502 μ g/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 414.5 μ g/g (Table 8).

Dissolved Copper (D-Cu): Dissolved Copper concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between $(1.8 - 167.57 \ \mu g/g)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 36.135 μ g/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains $307.1 \ \mu g/g$ (Table 8).

Dissolved Zinc (D-Zn): Dissolved Zinc concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between $(33.49 - 270.95 \ \mu g/g)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake 80.252 $\ \mu g/g$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains 103.548 $\ \mu g/g$ (Table 8).

Dissolved Chromium (D-Cr): Dissolved Chromium concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between (8.75 - 109.9 μ g/g), with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 47.97 μ g/g, while the, with annual average concentration overall, Drains Sediment 60.25 μ g/g, as shown in table No.8.

Dissolved Nickel (D-Ni): Dissolved Nickel concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between (8.02 - $62.43\mu g/g$), with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 23.946 $\mu g/g$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment 38.911 $\mu g/g$ (Table 8).

Dissolved Cadmium (D-Cd): Dissolved Cadmium concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between $(0.00 - 0.915 \mu g/g)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 0.3912 $\mu g/g$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment 0.498 $\mu g/g$ (Table 8).

Dissolved Lead (D-Pb): Dissolved lead concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between $(11.41 - 78.4 \mu g/g)$, with annual average concentration overall the

lake Sediment $30.781\mu g/g$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment $73.586\mu g/g$ (Table 8).

Dissolved Mercury (D-Hg): Dissolved Mercury concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between $(0.013 - 0.231 \ \mu g/g)$, with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 0.091 $\ \mu g/g$, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment 0.161 $\ \mu g/g$ (Table 8).

Table 8. Shows average concentrations of Heavy Metals characteristics for sediment lake

Regions	Stations	Fe	Mn	Cu	Zn	Cr	Ni	Cd	Pb	Hg
					μ	.g/g				
FB	FB 1	9047.00	440.50	29.79	86.82	36.24	34.74	0.46	22.15	0.13
	FB 2	3057.50	117.00	18.27	38.33	30.05	11.89	0.40	23.71	0.11
MB	MB 3	11440	488.00	57.21	174.71	52.89	32.74	0.53	43.18	0.10
	MB 4	15543	462.00	32.75	63.39	57.10	29.07	0.41	22.13	0.07
	MB 5	10207.0	482.50	116.47	128.12	74.83	39.55	0.70	60.13	0.10
	MB 6	9394.00	294.00	23.96	54.00	61.51	13.38	0.39	35.00	0.06
SB	SWB 7	10410.5	258.00	26.55	84.96	48.61	20.25	0.18	27.46	0.12
	SWB 8	9558.00	443.00	13.23	53.44	47.08	22.69	0.51	27.14	0.08
NB	NWB 9	5666.50	335.50	29.38	66.74	36.18	20.28	0.07	22.47	0.07
	NWB 10	7219.50	306.50	13.95	52.43	35.36	14.99	0.29	24.90	0.06
			Draii	ns						
El-Qalaa	a Drain	12052.0	361.50	283.18	217.89	84.43	53.12	0.68	177.94	0.168
EL-Nubar	ia Canal	8788.50	399.50	14.37	33.85	41.52	25.61	0.23	11.01	0.041
El-Umou	m Drain	13673.5	482.50	24.01	58.98	54.81	38.01	0.59	31.82	0.276

Total pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and Petroleum hydrocarbons for Sediment samples

In general, PCBs concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between (0.239 - 1.806 ng/g), with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 0.883 ng/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment 1.172 n/g (Table 9).

Regions	Stations	PCBs	Total pesticides	Petroleum hydrocarbons(<i>PHC</i>)				
		μg/g						
FB	FB 1	0.7615	0.5645	1.222				
ГD	FB 2	0.8925	0.5625	0.889				
	MB 3	0.8995	0.549	1.0415				
MB	MB 4	1.1705	0.488	1.3465				
NID	MB 5	1.049	0.547	0.8055				
	MB 6	0.8105	0.528	0.608				
SB	SWB 7	1.012	0.583	0.5735				
20	SWB 8	1.0515	0.5985	0.5695				
NB	NWB 9	0.4935	0.531	0.494				
IND	NWB 10	0.6965	0.6085	1.232				
			Drains					
El-Qalaa	Drain	0.95	1.06	1.44				
EL-Nuba	ria Canal	1.32	0.75	1.12				
El-Umou	m Drain	1.25	0.86	1.18				

 Table 9: Shows average concentrations Total pesticides& polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and

 Petroleum hydrocarbons Parameters for sediment lake

While Total pesticides concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between (0.266 - 0.859 ng/g), with annual average concentration overall the lake

Sediment 0.556 ng/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment 0.89 ng/g, (Table 9) and for Petroleum hydrocarbons concentrations of the Lake Sediment was ranged between (0.180 - 2.36 μ g/g), with annual average concentration overall the lake Sediment 0.878 μ g/g, while the annual average concentration overall Drains Sediment 1.25 μ g/g (Table 9).

DISCUSSION

Water Quality

The transparency values were related with the location of the stations where the lowest value was registered in station MB3 which located in the front of El-Qalaa drain which loaded with different pollutants; also these values were Compatible with BOD & COD and TSM values, These results correspond to study carried by (El-Shorbagi, 2015; Miguel, 2009), but Temperatures were clearly influenced by weather conditions and the result data were clearly compatible with them, These results correspond to study carried by (El-Shorbagi, 2015; Miguel, 2009), There was a clear correlation between the electrical conductivity and salinity values. The lowest values were recorded at the same station MB3 which located in the front of El-Qalaa drain, which loaded with industrial and sewage wastewater, however, all pH values were suitable for living organisms, as the EU sets pH protection limits of 6 to 10 for fisheries and aquatic life (El-Shorbagi, 2015).

The dissolved oxygen (Do) values were affected by the values of BOD & COD values, were the lower values of Do related to the highest value of BOD and COD which register in station MB3 which located in the front of El-Qalaa drain, which loaded with industrial and sewage waste, In general, the high DO values found in winter due to rough weather and winds occurred during winter, these results correspond to study carried by (El-Shorbagi, 2015), while the higher values of BOD and COD recorded at stations MB3 due to the effect of wastewater discharged from El-Qalaa Drain, which consists of a mixture of East Treatment Plant (ETP) effluent, raw wastewater, irrigation drainage, and runoff, these results correspond to study carried by (El-Shorbagi, 2016).

The concentrations of TSM may affect the physical and chemical properties of aquatic system, as well as many biological implications (Harris, 1972), so the higher values were recorded at stations MB3 which effected by wastewater discharged from El-Qalaa Drain, also The concentrations of Nutrient salts was recorded higher concentrations at stations MB3 due to the effect of wastewater discharged from El-Qalaa Drain, which in turn leads to depletion of oxygen contents at these stations, these results correspond to study carried by (El-Shorbagi, 2015; EEAA, 2016).

Heavy Metals data show that there was no higher concentrations recorded in the water samples (lake - drains) where the annual mean average not Exceeded of 50 μ g/m³, during the study period, except concentration of Manganese which registered high concentrations at only station MB3 which affected by discharged from El-Qalaa Drain which loaded with industrial and sewage waste, also iron was recorded high concentrations of average annual in all stations and it may be due to the solubility of iron from the lake and drain sediments, which consider the main source of the iron element, these results correspond to study carried by (El-Shorbagi, 2015; Khalifa, 2013; Ranya *et al.*, 2013; EEAA, 2016).

Bacteria contamination data show that the highest concentration of bacteria was recorded at Station MB6 and El-Qalaa drain (which loaded with all types of contaminants). Although the station MB6 is far from the el Qalaa drain the fishermen

have been established El-Rishi drain which carries most of El-Qalaa drain water towards Station MB6. So, this reason may be explaining the high concentration of bacterial contamination at this station, so these results correspond to the study carried by (EEAA, 2016).

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBS) and pesticides concentration show that there was high concentration recorded at station NWB10 in the annual average, this may be due to registration of high concentrations during February 2016, In spite of the location of this station far from any sources of agricultural pollution, especially that all concentrations recorded during the study in all stations and all months Does not exceed 6 ng/l for Poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCBS) and 4 ng/l for pesticides, except this station at this month only this may be due to the impact of Nubaria canal on this station, although it was recorded highest concentrations at El-Qalaa drain and these results correspond to study carried by (EEAA, 2016).

Petroleum hydrocarbons concentrations show that Concentration values were Compatible with the other measurements recorded during the study, the highest concentrations were recorded at station MB3 which located in front of the El-Qalaa drain.

Sediment Quality:

The results of the monitoring data in the study show that organic carbon and organic content in bottom sediments are more valuable in front of drains and in areas characterized by increasing of mud have coarse grain sizes of sediment & have and increasing in-depth as it found the areas of the central lakes and it was decreased in areas characterized by fine grain sizes of sediment & increasing of sand and Areas of water currents (EEAA, 2011), and water content of the sediments increases in areas characterized by fine grain size sand deep (EEAA, 2011), also, the monitoring data of Lake Maruit sediment are Compatible with the results of the monitoring data of water quality. It was clear as registered most of the high concentration of El-Qalaa drain (water & sediment), This is Lead to the fact that the main source of pollution in the lake (water & sediment) was El-Qalaa drain as most of the Concentration values were Compatible with the other measurements recorded during the study and other study registered on lake quality.

CONCLUSION

It is observed that the concentration of pollutants depends mainly on the location and distance of the station from the drain's outfalls. The results of monitoring Data for water and sediments quality indicate that Maruit lake is still suffering from various types of pollution, especially organic matter (BOD & COD), nutrients and Some Heavy Metals, especially iron and Manganese Also, the study shows that the main source of this pollution comes from the El-Qalaa drain and the result correspond to previous studies on the lake.

Finally, Lake Maruit was considered a major source of pollution to the Mediterranean Sea through El-Mex Bay, because it receives a huge amount of polluted from El-Qalaa drain, and it can be recommended some solutions aimed at improving the environmental status of Lake Maruit as follows:

Unify the concerned institutions and decisions maker in one institution to consolidate the efforts to improve and develop the management method for the lake.

Providing the lake with the necessary disinfection equipment, which will be improvement water movement in the lake, led to improving the environmental state in the lake, and increase the area of catchable areas.

Implementation of integrated management projects such as the Manzala Lake Project.

Prevent any sources of untreated industrial drainage (directly -indirectly).

Complete rehabilitation of the Eastern and Western sewage treatment plant and delivery of sewage net for all the villages located around the lake.

Prevent acts of reclamation inside the lake.

Work on cultivating local plant species in the purification of the lake from heavy metals pollution with Safe disposal.

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