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1953-2016 , INDIA

HERSTORY

In 2002, Yasmin received the "Environmentalist of the year" award by the International Board of National Environmental Science Academy.

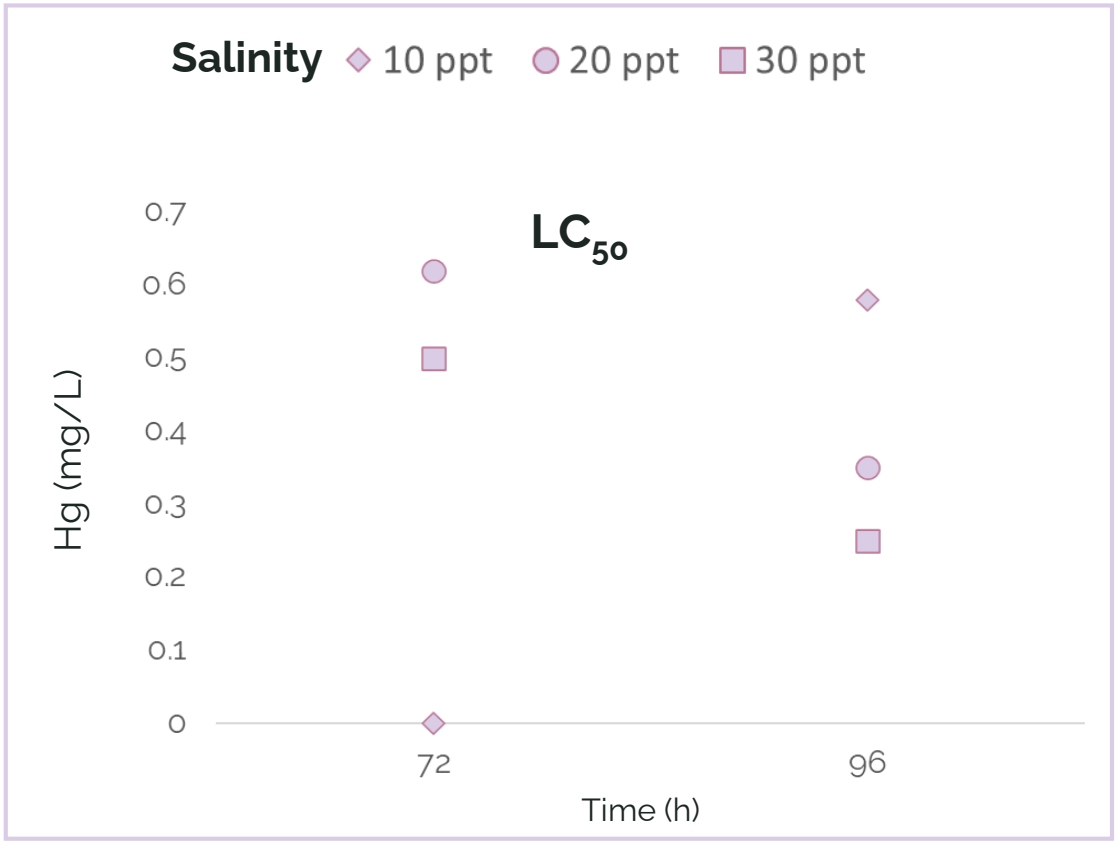
EFFECT OF SALINITY ON MERCURY TOXICITY

Polymedosa erosa (H.T, Cheng_CC)

The mangrove clam, *Polymedosa erosa,* is an economically important species inhabiting mangrove mud. It supports a high annual fluctuation in salinity (7 to 22 ppt). Yet, under high salinity conditions, higher ventilation rates may increase Hg uptake, and thus, its toxicity.

Example: Increasing salinity, at lower Hg concentrations, more individuals died (the toxicity of Hg increased).

LC_{50}: concentration at which 50 % of the individuals die.



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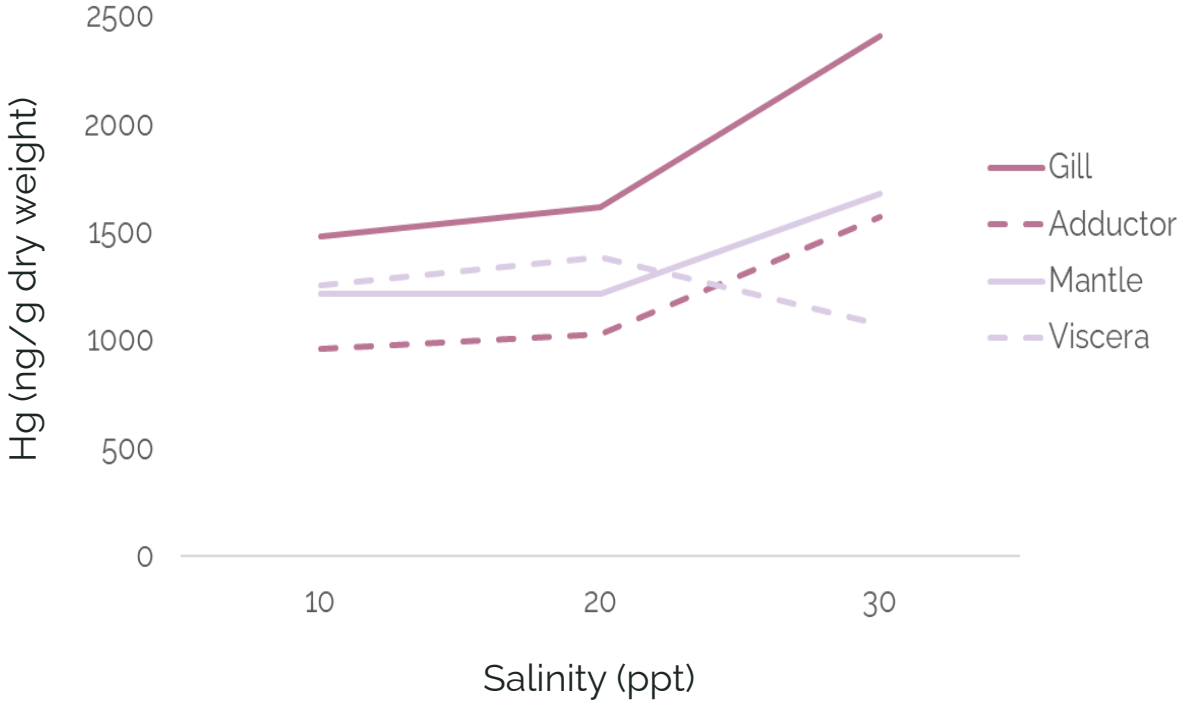
Bioaccumulation: net accumulation of a contaminant in an organism from all environmental sources.

Accumulation in gills can be caused by higher adsorption on the gills' external integument. High water intake due to osmoregulatory activities at higher salinities would favor faster Hg accumulation in the body parts.



Example:

Hg accumulation in different body parts in *P. erosa* increased with salinity.

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