

EFFECT OF SOIL PROPERTIES ON THE SPECIFIC ADSORPTION OF ZINC BY SOME SOILS OF EGYPT.

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ABSTRACT

The present work aims to study the effect of some soil properties on specifically adsorbed zinc in some soils of Egypt. Therefore, surface and subsurface soil samples with different physico-chemical characteristics were selected from different locations. The result showed that the adsorption of zinc correlated positively with all of clay + silt content, pH, calcium carbonate and cation exchange capacity. The data indicated that the adsorption of Zn increased with increasing pH and increased with increasing the concentration of Zn added in solution. Zinc desorption decreased as the pH values increased.

Keywords: specific adsorption, zinc, soil properties.

INTRODUCTION

Soil pollution may occur as a consequence of different types of unwanted substances.

- Intensive fertilization, as well with mineral as with organic manures.
- The contaminating products are integrated in the complex soil system and distributed amongst the different forms present, namely the solid forms, soluble and insoluble organo-mineral complexes adsorbed and exchangeable forms and free ions in soil solution.

It is very important to know that the physical and chemical properties of the soil play a great role in governing the relation between reactivity and total content of the contaminating substance, however, its action is specifically linked to the nature of the pollutant, which may be more or less toxic.

The aim of this study is to obtain some information regarding the importance of the specific adsorption of Zinc, in different soils of Egypt as a contribution dealing with the problem of soil contamination with heavy metals. The specifically adsorbed heavy metal cations could be defined as the amount of adsorbed heavy metal cations in presence of different amounts of some cations large enough to prevent adsorption on normal cation exchange sites as mentioned by McLaren and Crawford, 1973.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Three locations were selected surface and subsurface. Soil samples were taken and analyzed. Soil samples were air dried and ground to pass through 2-mm sieve. Particle size analysis was carried out using pipette method, electrical conductivity in soil paste extract by Page et al (1982); soil reaction (pH) in the soil paste. pH-Meter; total calcium carbonate by the

collin's calcimeter, Cottenie et al. (1982); organic Matter by rapid titration method; cation exchange capacity (CEC) by sodium acetate by Klute et al (1986) Available zinc was extracted by DTPA according to Lindsay et al (1978) total zinc by Hesse (1971).

The specific adsorption of zinc was measured by shaking 5g soil for 2h with 50ml NH₄-acetate (N) at different pH values (6- 7- 8.5) the solutions were containing different amounts of (0- 100- 200- 400) ppm Zn as (Zncl₂) , then Zn was measured by Atomic absorption spectrophotometer.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table (1) shows that clay content of the studied soil samples between (5.5 – 31 %). Soil reaction ranged between (7.04 – 9.3). total calcium carbonate between (23 -46.9 %). Soil organic matter was in the range of (0.17 to 1.8%). the cation exchange capacity values were in the range of (2.06 – 20.01)meq /100g soil. The EC varied between 0.33 -10.9)ds/m.

Table(1): Some soil physical and chemicals properties of the representative soil samples

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	Particle size distribution%			CaCO ₃	O.M	PH	Ec ds/m	CEC me/100g
			sand	silt	clay					
I.	1	0-20	44.32	26.0	29.68	27.5	1.8	8.5	6.0	19.09
		20-50	46.32	22.0	31.68	33.1	0.70	8.6	9.0	20.01
	2	0-20	53.12	19.6	27.28	33.9	0.40	9.2	1.0	17.12
		20-50	50.32	23.6	26.08	30.5	0.20	8.7	1.1	16.95
	3	0-20	47.52	24.4	28.08	27.6	0.61	9.2	2.0	18.07
		20-50	50.72	24.0	25.28	43.1	0.32	9.3	2.3	16.12
II.	4	0-25	61.52	18.4	20.08	35.1	0.73	8.4	1.5	13.83
		25-75	57.92	20.0	22.08	37.5	0.27	8.6	3.8	14.32
	5	0-15	56.52	14.4	20.08	23.9	0.31	8.2	8.7	13.51
		15-40	44.4	26.0	29.68	26.4	0.28	8.6	7.2	19.02
	6	0-30	93.06	6.94		23	0.25	8.1	1.1	2.61
		30-60	85.37	14.63		24	0.27	8.1	1.4	4.43
III.	7	0-15	84.4	10.1	5.5	41	0.34	7.48	2.75	2.06
		15-24	79.55	11.9	8.5	38.8	0.28	7.82	4.52	4.31
	8	0-25	92.5	7.5		31.1	0.24	7.68	0.36	3.40
		25-70	94.0	6.0		27	0.17	7.98	0.33	3.31
	9	0-15	94.0	6.0		46.9	0.44	7.04	9.72	2.08
		15-40	30	30.5	30.5	37.8	0.41	7.31	10.91	14.41

I- Al- Amiriyah

II- Cairo –Alexandria rood

III- Al-Hmmam

Total zinc

Data in table (2) show that total Zn in the soils ranged from 34.7 to 149.3 ppm The highest content was recorded in Al- Hmmam region in the soil sample No (7-8-9) The soils were derived from various parent materials not originally rich in Zn bearing minerals.

Available Zinc

Data in Table (2) showed that available zinc content in the studied soils ranged from (0.236 to 1.418)ppm

Table (2): Total and available Zn Of the studied soil sample.

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	Total Zn	Available
I.	1	0-20	93.9	1.29
		20-50	100.7	1.36
	2	0-20	102.4	1.26
		20-50	96.3	1.14
	3	0-20	73.4	1.13
		20-50	91.1	1.41
II.	4	0-25	59.5	1.35
		25-75	34.7	0.74
	5	0-15	67.9	1.34
		15-40	60.1	1.16
	6	0-30	36.9	1.22
		30-60	57.9	1.18
III.	7	0-15	142.3	0.45
		15-24	68.2	1.21
	8	0-25	112	1.36
		25-70	81.3	1.34
	9	0-15	109.1	0.47
		15-40	149.3	0.23

The specifically adsorbed Zn :-

• Effect of different PH values on Zn-desorption

The data are presented in Table(3) and Figure(1). It is evident that Zn-desorption decreased as the PH values increased. The same trend was found in the surface soil samples as well as in the subsurface soil samples. This emphasizes that the soil organic matter did not play any role towards Zn-desorption. Lindsay (1973) pointed out that predominant Zinc species in soil below PH 7.7 is Zn⁺² and at higher PH values the neural Zinc hydroxide, Zn(OH)₂. The same conclusion was found by El bordiny et al (2008).

• Effect of different PH values on the specific adsorption of Zn at a constant concentration of applied Zn:

At 100 added Zn, table (4) and figure (2), the data showed obviously an increase in the specifically adsorbed Zn as the PH values increased from 6 to 8.5.

The same trend was found at 200 ppm added Zn, Table (5) and figure (3).

Chaney (1973) pointed to the fact that toxicity level of Zn strongly depend on several factors which control the Zn availability in soils. One of the major factors is the PH. However, Zn behavior in soil is complicated by the occurrence of adsorption great number of complexes which have adsorption cationic character like Zn(OH)⁺ or an anionic character like Zincate anions Zn(OH)₃⁻, HZnO₂⁻ and ZnO₂⁻². The some results were emphasized by Metwally *et al* (1992) and Halen (1991), Jain *et al* (1997) and Abou- Hussien (2002).

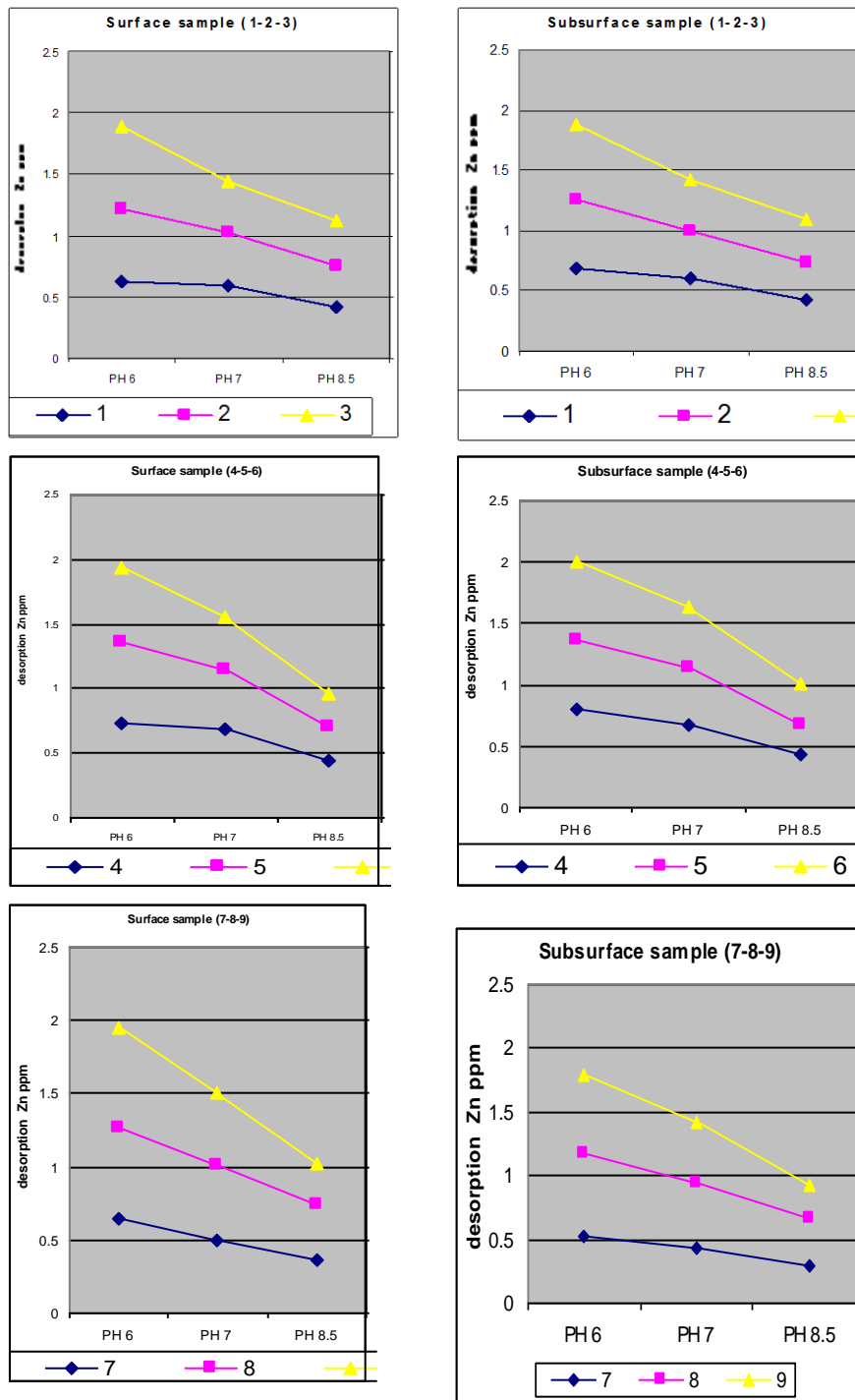


Figure (1): Effect of different pH values on Zn -desorption

Table (3): effect of the different pH values on Zn- desorption

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	Desorption		
			pH 6	pH 7	pH 8.5
I-	1	0-20	0.62	0.59	0.42
		20-50	0.68	0.59	0.41
	2	0-20	0.58	0.43	0.32
		20-50	0.57	0.39	0.31
	3	0-20	0.68	0.42	0.38
		20-50	0.61	0.42	0.35
II-	4	0-25	0.73	0.68	0.44
		25-75	0.79	0.67	0.43
	5	0-15	0.61	0.45	0.25
		15-40	0.56	0.45	0.24
	6	0-30	0.58	0.41	0.27
		30-60	0.64	0.50	0.34
III	7	0-15	0.65	0.49	0.36
		15-24	0.53	0.43	0.29
	8	0-25	0.61	0.51	0.37
		25-70	0.63	0.51	0.36
	9	0-15	0.68	0.49	0.28
		15-40	0.62	0.48	0.26

Table (4): effect of the different pH values on specific adsorption of 100ppm added Zn.

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	Added Zn 100ppm		
			pH 6	pH 7	pH 8.5
I.	1	0-20	62.21	70.54	77.25
		20-50	46.24	58.45	63.41
	2	0-20	42.34	52.17	57
		20-50	43.15	54.27	69.81
	3	0-20	41.25	51.28	57.12
		20-50	34.47	43.2	50.47
II.	4	0-25	36.72	47.11	53.07
		25-75	42.66	50.19	56.17
	5	0-15	44.21	52.91	58.46
		15-40	45.38	59.19	65.14
	6	0-30	40.31	51.09	56.74
		30-60	48.81	57.37	61.18
III.	7	0-15	35.89	44.51	49.15
		15-24	35.67	43.21	47.31
	8	0-25	39.21	46.61	50.14
		25-70	30.22	36.87	41.21
	9	0-15	31.41	40.51	44.71
		15-40	37.91	45.81	51.01

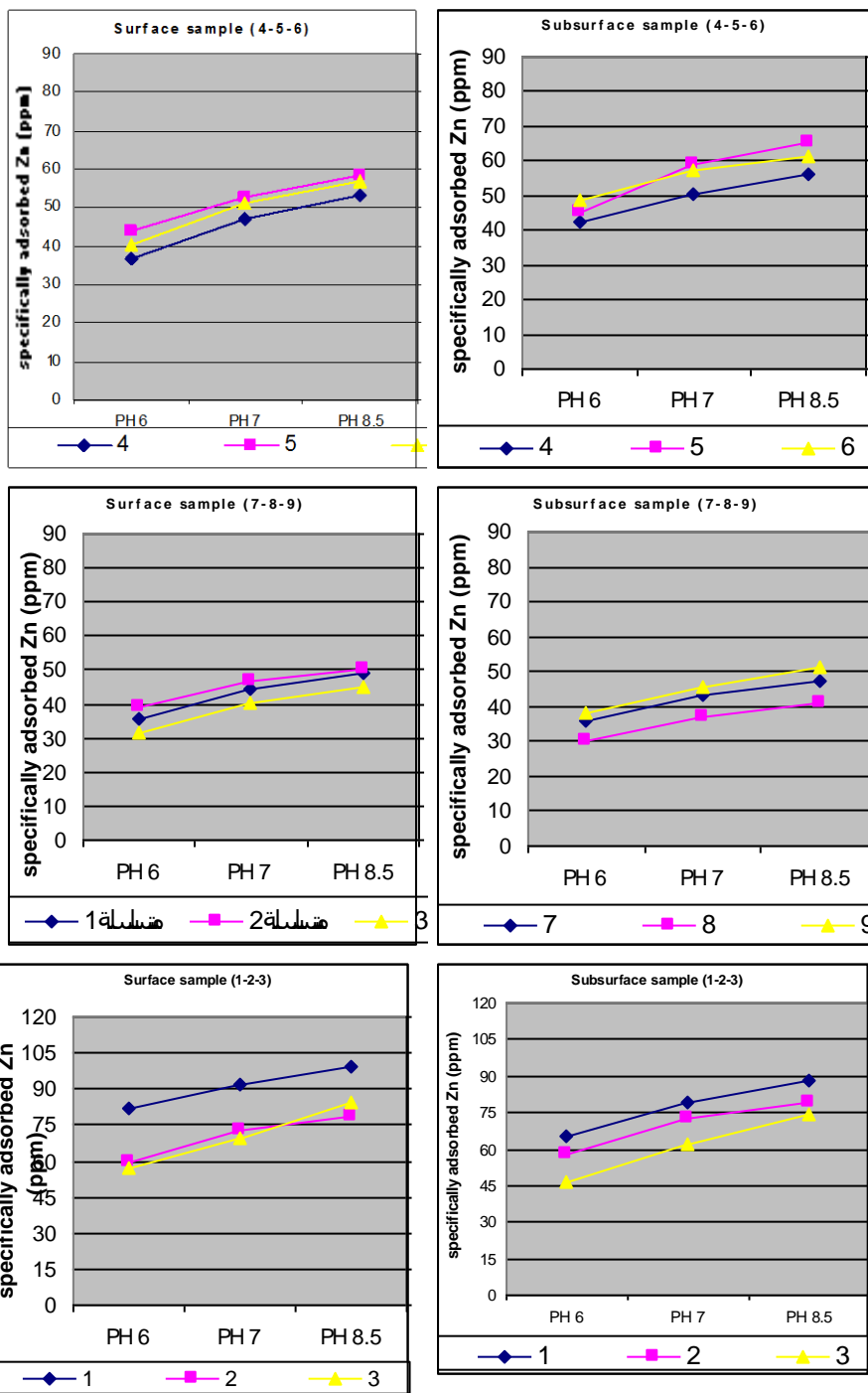


Figure (2): Effect of different pH values on specific adsorption of 100ppm added Zn

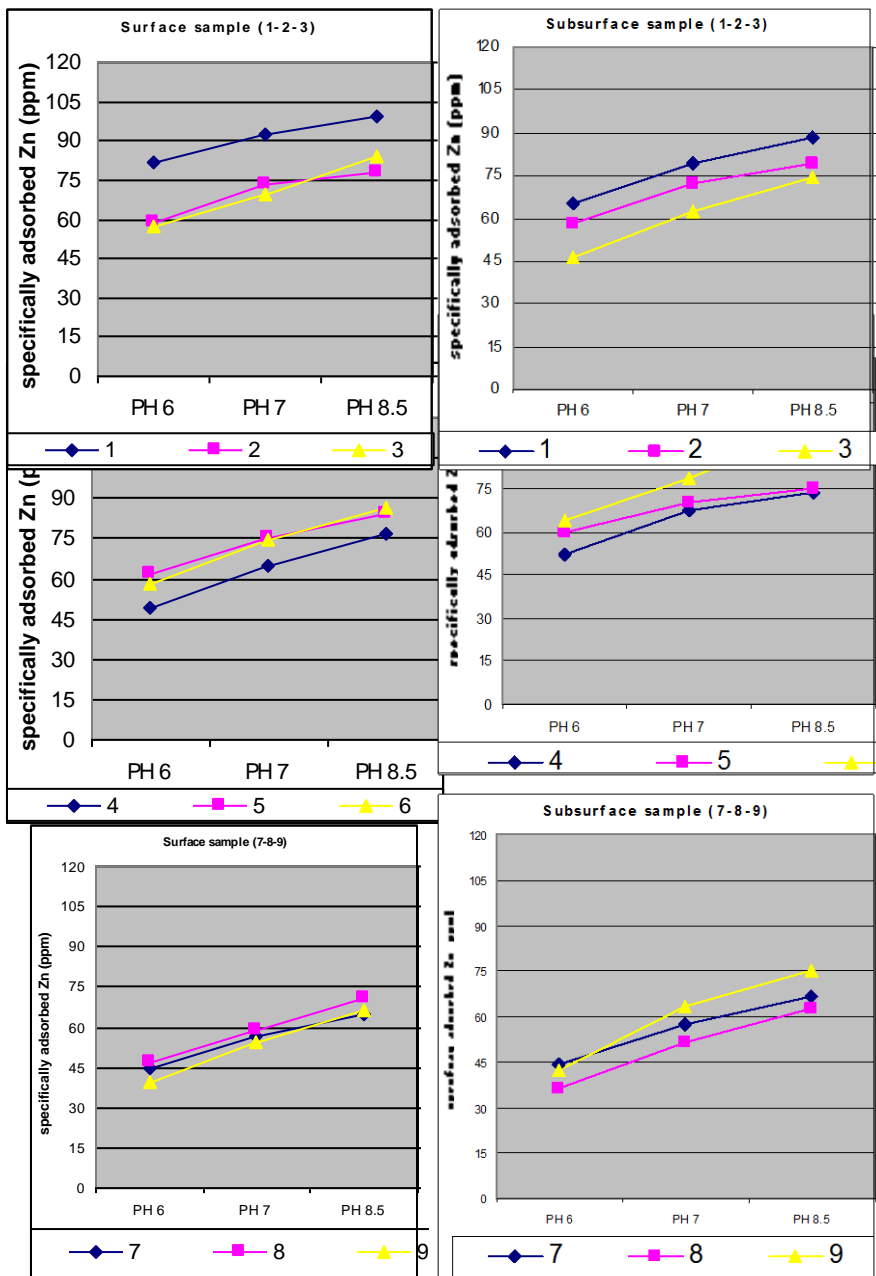


Figure (3): Effect of different pH values on specific adsorption of 200ppm added Zn

Table (5): effect of the different pH values on specific adsorption of 100ppm added Zn.

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	Added Zn 200ppm		
			pH 6	pH 7	pH 8.5
I.	1	0-20	81.54	29.24	99.15
		20-50	65.52	79.29	88.19
	2	0-20	59.22	73.18	78.29
		20-50	58.14	72.49	79.41
	3	0-20	57.18	69.84	84.21
		20-50	46.29	62.12	74.27
II.	4	0-25	48.91	64.93	76.62
		25-75	51.84	67.24	73.84
	5	0-15	61.62	75.43	81.51
		15-40	59.89	69.83	74.63
	6	0-30	58.26	74.81	86.43
		30-60	63.51	78.44	96.41
III.	7	0-15	44.58	56.73	64.91
		15-24	43.91	57.69	66.54
	8	0-25	46.62	59.15	71.05
		25-70	36.27	51.71	62.64
	9	0-15	39.85	54.16	66.14
		15-40	42.19	63.43	75.12

• **Effect of increasing concentration of applied Zn on the specific adsorption of Zn at adsorption constant PH value:**

At PH 6, It is evident from the data shown in Table(6) that the increase in the concentration of added Zn form 100 to 200 to 400 ppm led to an increase in the specifically adsorbed Zn, as well as PH 8.5 Table (7), so that the specifically adsorbed Zn increased as the applied Zinc concentration increased. However, the increase in the specifically adsorbed Zn was always more obvious at the higher PH value(8.5). Abou – Hussien et al (2000) found the adsorbed amount of Zn increased with increasing the concentration in added and equilibrated solution. The adsorbed Zn was decreased by removal of organic matter. This result can be explained on the basis of the contribution of the non. Specific adsorption by different soil components as found by Ahmed (1979). . The result showed that the adsorption zinc correlated positively with all of clay +silt content, pH, calcium carbonate and cation exchange capacity. Elbording et al (2008) found negative correlation of available Zn and PH value due to the high amount of the specifically adsorbed Zn. Al – Tamimi (2006) concluded that Zinc sorption is highly correlated with clay, silt, calcium carbonate and organic matter content. These results are in a good agreement with our results.

Table (6): Effect of added Zn on the specific adsorption of Zn at pH 6

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	CEC me/100	CaCO ₃	Silt+ clay	At pH6 added Zn pmm			
						0	100	200	400
I.	1	0-20	19.09	27.5	55.68	0.62	62.21	81.54	177.25
		20-50	20.01	33.1	35.68	0.68	46.24	65.52	169.12
	2	0-20	17.12	33.9	46.88	0.58	42.34	59.22	158.2
		20-50	16.95	30.5	49.68	0.57	43.15	58.14	159.24
	3	0-20	18.07	27.6	52.48	0.68	41.25	57.18	149.1
		20-50	16.12	43.1	49.28	0.61	34.47	46.29	141.19
II.	4	0-25	13.83	35.1	38.48	0.73	36.72	48.91	158.81
		25-75	14.32	37.5	42.08	0.79	42.66	51.84	152.69
	5	0-15	13.51	23.9	34.48	0.61	44.21	61.62	172.24
		15-40	19.02	26.4	55.86	0.56	45.38	59.89	172.62
	6	0-30	2.61	23	6.94	0.58	40.31	58.26	168.12
		30-60	4.43	24	14.63	0.64	48.81	63.51	175.64
III.	7	0-15	2.06	41	15.60	0.65	35.89	44.58	148.26
		15-24	4.31	38.8	20.45	0.53	35.67	43.91	142.36
	8	0-25	3.40	31.1	7.5	0.61	39.21	46.62	148.85
		25-70	3.31	27	6	0.63	30.22	36.27	141.72
	9	0-15	2.08	46.9	6	0.68	31.41	39.85	148.21
		15-40	14.41	37.8	61	0.62	37.91	42.19	153.92
rCaCO ₃						0.98	0.96	0.94	0.97
rCEC						0.83	0.90	0.92	0.85
rSilt+ clay						0.87	0.93	0.95	0.89

Table (7): Effect of added Zn on the specific adsorption of Zn at pH 8.5

Location	Sample	Depth/ cm	CEC me/100g	CaCO ₃	Silt+ clay	At pH 8.5 added Zn pmm			
						0	100	200	400
I.	1	0-20	19.09	27.5	55.68	0.42	77.25	99.15	206.65
		20-50	20.01	33.1	35.68	0.41	63.41	88.19	211.24
	2	0-20	17.12	33.9	46.88	0.32	57	78.29	201.54
		20-50	16.95	30.5	49.68	0.31	69.81	79.41	204.86
	3	0-20	18.07	27.6	52.48	0.38	57.12	84.21	194.28
		20-50	16.12	43.1	49.28	0.35	50.47	74.27	192.53
II.	4	0-25	13.83	35.1	38.48	0.44	53.07	76.62	198.37
		25-75	14.32	37.5	42.08	0.43	56.17	73.84	195.21
	5	0-15	13.51	23.9	34.48	0.25	58.46	81.51	206.21
		15-40	19.02	26.4	55.86	0.24	65.14	74.63	198.14
	6	0-30	2.61	23	6.94	0.27	56.74	86.43	194.21
		30-60	4.43	24	14.63	0.34	61.18	96.41	198.39
III.	7	0-15	2.06	41	15.60	0.36	49.15	64.91	186.27
		15-24	4.31	38.8	20.45	0.29	47.31	66.54	183.85
	8	0-25	3.40	31.1	7.5	0.37	50.14	71.05	189.24
		25-70	3.31	27	6	0.36	41.21	62.64	186.67
	9	0-15	2.08	46.9	6	0.28	44.71	66.14	191.38
		15-40	14.41	37.8	61	0.26	51.01	75.12	198.76
rCaCO ₃						0.98	0.78	0.96	0.98
rCEC						0.87	0.97	0.89	0.85
rSilt+ clay						0.91	0.97	0.92	0.89

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تأثير خواص التربة على الادمصاص النوعي للزنك في بعض الاراضى المصرية
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تناولت هذه الدراسة تأثير خواص التربة على الادمصاص النوعي للزنك في بعض الاراضى المصرية.

وقد أجريت هذه الدراسة على عينات تربة سطحية وتحت سطحية من أماكن مختلفة أولاً:- أوضحت نتائج الخواص الطبيعية والكيميائية على زيادة نسبة كربونات الكالسيوم، والانخفاض الواضح فى المادة العضوية، تباين من حيث نسبة الطين وتفاوت فى السعة التبادلية الكاتيونية والمرتبطة بنسبة الطين.

ثانياً:- تجربة الادمصاص

أ- تأثير pH على انطلاق الزنك

وتناولت هذه التجربة تغير قيم pH (٦-٧-٨,٥) فى محلول NH₄-acetat والمضاف إلى عينات التربة وأتضح أنه بزيادة pH أدى إلى نقص انطلاق الزنك.

ب- تأثير pH على ادمصاص الزنك

وتناولت هذه التجربة تغير قيم pH (٦-٧-٨,٥) فى محلول NH₄-acetat والمضاف إلى عينات التربة مع تثبيت اضافة الزنك لهذا المحلول مره عند تركيز ١٠٠ ومره عند ٢٠٠ ppm واتضح أنه بزيادة pH أدى إلى زيادة نسبة ادمصاص الزنك.

ت- تأثير زيادة تركيز الزنك المضاف على الادمصاص.

وفى هذه التجربة تم تغير تركيز الزنك المضاف إلى عينات التربة عند (١٠٠-٢٠٠-٤٠٠ ppm) مع تثبيت pH عند ٦ مره وأخرى عند ٨,٥ و٩؛ وأوضحت النتائج أنه بزيادة إضافة التركيز زاد ادمصاص الزنك. كما أوضح التحليل الاحصائى إن درجة الارتباط كانت معنوية بين الادمصاص وكلا من نسبة الطين + الغرين ونسبة كربونات الكالسيوم و السعة التبادلية الكاتيونية كما أظهرت النتائج ان الادمصاص فى عينات التربة السطحية والتحت سطحية كانت منقارية وكان الاختلاف قليل جدا ويمكن تفسير ذلك لقلّة المادة العضوية والتي لم تلعب اى دور .