# PHYSICAL - CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF THE RIVER DRINI I BARDHE

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#### **Abstract**

Water quality in the River Drini i Bardhë is influenced by various factors. The main influence comes from urban leaks, discharges of pollutants from wastewater, as well as infiltration from agriculture, discharges from industries which perform their activities in the river basin of Drini i Bardhë.

The purpose of this work is to provide data on water quality of river Drini i Bardhë, based on physical chemical and bacteriological monitoring form broad source of river until the end flow in Kosova.

In this paper are analyses of physical chemical and bacteriological parameters in water of river Drini i Bardhë, such as temperature, specific conductivity, total hardness, dissolved oxygen, potassium permanganate value, turbidity, nitrites, ammonia, phosphates, iron, manganese as well as bacteriological parameters, such as total number of coliform bacteria in 100 ml, fecal originating coliform bacteria in 100 ml, the total number of aerobic mesophilic bacteria.

Water samples were analyzed in physical chemical and bacteriological laboratory, with methods like volumetric method, atomic absorption method (AAS), spectrophotometric methods, etc.

During this research parameters that were measured are physical chemical and bacteriological and they were presented in tables. They are considered important indicators in the river Drini i Bardhë and they indicate an elevated presence of all the parameters due to several tributary river inflow into the river Drini i Bardhë. In these statements of test results is given a general water quality of the river Drini i Bardhë relying on the based on chemical, physical and bacteriological contamination that show the quality of the river Drini i Bardhë as consequence of urban and, pollutant dischargers..

**Keywords:** River, Drini i Bardhe, physical - chemical and bacteriological parameters

### Introduction

Drini i Bardhe is river that crosses the western part of Kosovo, respectively Dukagjini flat. River Drini i Bardhe originate from Radavc cave of Rusolia mountain, at 586 m above sea level, before it descend in plane and joins with river Drini i Zi near town of Kukes forming river called DRINI that in ancient times was known as *Drillon*. At of source it has 30 m per second. Surface of White Drin basin is 4265 km2 in Kosovo. Tributaries of Drini are Peja Lumbardhi, Erenik, Prizren Lumbardhi.

Waters of River Drini i Bardhe constitute a substantial part of the hydrographic network of Kosovo and represent a great wealth of our country.

The main influence on the White Drin pollution is from urban discharges of pollutants from wastewater, also infiltration from agriculture, discharges from industries that perform their activities in the river basin of river Drini i Bardhe.

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#### **Materials and methods**

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Sampling was made on 26 January 2013, where the air and water temperature was low. Sampling locations were chosen based on those sites where pollution is expected, close to restaurants, traffic etc. 1 liter of water were taken as sample.

Water samples were analyzed in physical – chemical and bacteriological laboratory with: volumetric method, atomic absorption method (AAS), spectrophotometric methods, etc.

**Results**Tabele no 1.Results of physical-chemical and bacteriological analysis of river Drini i Bardhe

Data:	uns of physics	Radav	and outcorrorgical analysis of fiver Britis i Baran					
26.01.2013		c	River K	line-Drir	River M	Mirush-Drini		
Parametres		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
A. Physical -	h	8:45h	09:50	11:10	11:20	12:00	12:10	12:20
chemical			h	h	h	h	h	h
Temperatura e	$^{0}$ C	-4	-3.8	-3.5	-3.5	-3	-3	-3
ajrit								
Temperatura e	$^{0}$ C	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.3
ujit								
Turbullira	NTU	0.69	5.17	3.98	4.05	3.65	3.75	3.69
Vlera e pH-së	-	7.61	7.92	7.68	7.76	7.78	7.77	7.77
Hargjimi i	$mg/dm^3O_2$	2.84	6.32	6	6.32	5.68	5.68	6
KmnO <sub>4</sub>								
Perquesh.	μs/cm	285	397	324	316	321	364	343
Spec.								
Fortesia.	°dH	7.14	8.12	8.4	8.12	7.84	8.12	8.12
Totale	, , 3	1-1	220.2	1011	100.1	100	210.1	210.1
Mbetja pa avu.	mg/dm <sup>3</sup>	171	238.2	194.4	189.6	192.6	218.4	218.4
Kloruret	mg Cl - /dm <sup>3</sup>	7.09	11.69	8.5	9.21	9.92	8.5	9.21
Oksigjeni i	mgO <sub>2</sub> /dm <sup>3</sup>	12	11.3	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.8	11.7
tretur	2							
Amonjaku,N-	mgN/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.08	0.15	0.12	0.18	0.14	0.17	0.16
NH <sub>3</sub>	<b>3 3 3</b>	0.002	0.015	0.015	0.017	0.012	0.014	0.012
Nitritet, N-	mgN/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.003	0.015	0.015	0.017	0.013	0.014	0.012
$NO_2$								

Nitratet, N-	mgN/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.045	0.22	0.22	0.25	0.195	0.21	0.18
$NO_3$								
Fosfatet	mgP/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.19	0.29	0.25	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.25
Hekuri	mgN/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.04	0.16	0.1	1.1	0.15	0.13	1.4
Mangani	mgMn/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.009	0.028	0.02	0.027	0.026	0.017	0.021
Parametrat								
Bakteriologjik								
Bakteret totale								
coliforme		20	80	150	150	100	150	130
B.colif								
prejardhje								
fekale		-E.coli						
Nr. i b.aerobe								
mezofilike		30	120	200	200	150	200	180

Tabele no 2.Results of physical-chemical and bacteriological analysis of river Drini i Bardhe

Data:	The second of	Lumb		i D	Ereniku-					i P
26.01.2013		Drini			Drini			Drini		
Parametres		VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI
	h	13:0 0h	13:1 5h	13:3 0h	14:3 0h	14:4 5h	15:0 0h	16:0 0h	16:2 0h	16:4 0h
Temperature air T°C	°C	-2.8	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.7	-3	-3	-3
Temperature water T°C	<sup>0</sup> C	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.5
Turbidity	NTU	3.16	4.52	4.23	5.06	4.67	4.82	4.83	5.01	4.94
pH value	-	7.68	7.82	7.8	7.89	7.83	7.85	7.86	7.81	7.84
KMnO <sub>4</sub> value	mg/dm <sup>3</sup>	5.37	5.68	6	7.26	6.32	3.79	6.95	6.32	6.16
Electr.conduc tivity	μs/cm	311	375	369	408	389	399	321	379	362
Total hardness	°dH	7.56	8.4	8.12	8.68	8.4	8.12	8.12	8.4	8.12
Dry residue	mg/dm <sup>3</sup>	186. 6	225	221. 4	244. 8	233. 4	239. 4	192. 6	227. 4	217. 2
Chlorides	mg Cl -/dm <sup>3</sup>	9.21	8.5	8.8	12.4	9.92	10.6	11.6 9	9.21	9.92
Dissolved oxygen	mgO <sub>2</sub> /d m <sup>3</sup>	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.8	11.4	11.5	11.7	11.8
NH4 + ammonium	mgN/dm	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.19	0.22	0.14	0.21	0.19	0.16
Nitrites(NO <sub>2</sub> )	mgN/dm	0.01 1	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01 6	0.01 8	0.01 4	0.01 5

Nitrates NO <sub>3</sub>	mgN/dm	0.16 5	0.18	0.18	0.3	0.18	0.24	0.27	0.21	0.22
PhosphatePO 4	mgP/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.23	0.27	0.25	0.29	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.24	0.25
Iron(Fe)	mgN/dm	0.09	0.14	0.12	0.19	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.15
Manganese(		0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Mn)	mgMn/d m <sup>3</sup>	5	7	4	5	4	3	7	4	5
Bacteri.indica tors										
Total no.										
coliform		120	140	150	150	100	170	130	150	140
		-	-	_	_	-	-	_	_	-
		E.co	E.co	E.co	E.co	E.co	E.co	E.co	E.co	E.co
E.coli		li	li	li	li	li	li	li	li	li
Total no. of										
viable bac.		150	180	200	200	150	250	180	200	180

Diagram no.1: Turbidity, pH value, KMnO<sub>4</sub> value.

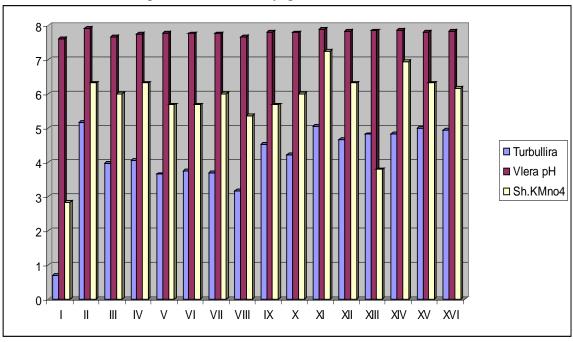
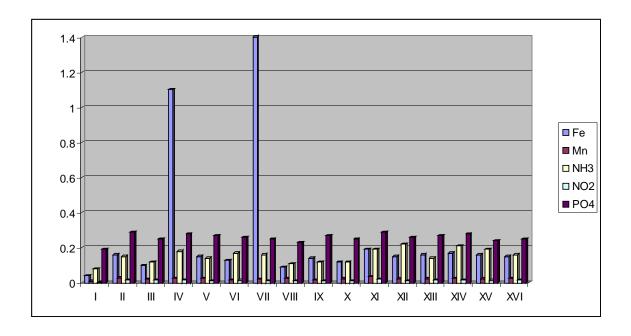


Diagram no.1: Iron(Fe), Manganese(Mn), NH4 + ammonium, Nitrites(NO<sub>2</sub>), PhosphatePO<sub>4</sub>



## **Discussion**

During the winter season of 2012, were performed physical chemical and bacteriological analyses, in 16 locations of river Drini i Bardhë. Analyzed parameters were: temperature, turbidity, pH value, total hardness, dissolved oxygen, KMnO4 vakue, nitrite, manganese, iron, ammonia, phosphates, etc..

Water temperature is an important parameter, the results of the analysis show that there are differences from the first location with temperature 4.8  $^{\circ}$  C up to highest temperature of 5.5  $^{\circ}$  C.

Turbidity ranges from 0.69 NTU on first location up to 5.17 NTU on the second location.

Dissolved oxygen in water varies from 11.3-12 mg / l, indicating that the amount of oxygen is high due to the low water temperature.

The pH value results from 7.61 to 7.92; result presented show that the pH value is not increased much.

Potassium permanganate value is lowest in the water at location 1 (2.84 mg / 1) and highest in the location 11 (26.7 mg / 1).

Nitrites range from 0.003~mg / 1 in the first location up to 12:02~mg / 1 in the location eleven.

Ammonia values were lowest in the location one (0.08 mg / l), while the highest values were in location twelve (0.22 mg / l).

#### **Conclusion**

Based on research done in the river Drini i Bardhe , in January 2013, we can draw the following conclusions:

Water samples of river Drini i Bardhe were analyzed in order to determine the physical-chemical and bacteriological parameters, as well as some elements that can be found in traces.

In the results of test is given a general water quality of the river Drini i Bardhe based on chemical, physical and bacteriological results that show the contamination of river Drini i Bardhë as consequence of urban discharges of pollutants from wastewater etc

It is recommended that the governmental institutions exercise their responsibility to institutions for preservation of water, so that:

- to monitor waters;
- to gradually decrease pollution, degradation and other activities that pose grate risk to the water environment;
- Protection of water should be based on the gradual introduction of European Union Standards.

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