

Pollution Assessment of Water Bodies in Muvattupuzha Municipality after Flood (2018) using GIS

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Abstract - Management of water quality is very important as demand is increases day by day. Water is the most important source for living things on earth which is threatened on its quality and quantity. Ph, DO, COD, E coli, Turbidity, Alkalinity, Chloride and Hardness are basic water quality parameters. Management of water quality in Muvattupuzha municipality after flood (2018) is important as it is the source of drinking, domestic uses and irrigation. Deterioration of water quality receives more attention to mapping the current situation of water quality parameter provides the better management of resources. Water samples collected from various resources located in Muvattupuzha during dry period, whereas when entire town under great water stress. Interpolation methods facilitate to estimate values for unknown point and create a continuous dataset to study the spatial distribution. The IDW and Spline tools are deterministic interpolation method and Kriging are based on a statistical model. Kriging is the best fit method of interpolation was used with the help of Geographic Information System (GIS) software Arc GIS 10.4 to visualize the spatial distribution of above water quality parameters. This study has shown that Kriging interpolation and statistical analysis perform better mapping of water parameter. The water quality index (WQI) is a single number that expresses the quality of water by integrating the water quality variables. This Paper also deals with the assessment of ground water quality in and around Muvattupuzha Municipality, Kerala State Of India.

Key Words: water quality index, geographic positioning system, geographic information system, physio - chemical parameters, kriging interpolation, Weighted Arithmetic Index Method

1. INTRODUCTION

Water is the most precious gift of nature, the most crucial for sustaining life and is required in almost all the activities of man for drinking and municipal use, irrigation to meet the needs of growing food, industries, power generation, navigation, and recreation. Hence the conservation, optimum utilization and management of resources for the betterment the economic status of the country become paramount. Water quality index provides a single number that expresses

overall water quality at a certain location and time, based on several water quality parameters. The objective of water quality index is to turn complex water quality data into information that is understandable and usable for common man. A single number is not enough to describe the water

quality: there are many other water quality parameters that are not included in the index. However, a water quality index based on some very important parameters can provide a simple indicator of water quality. In general, water quality indices incorporate data from multiple water quality parameters into a mathematical equation that rates the health of a water body with number. The main aim of our project is to prepare the water quality map of water bodies in Muvattupuzha municipality.

1.1 Water Quality Mapping Using GIS

Mapping the water quality parameters using the decision support system like GIS, can be useful for taking quick decisions as graphical representation would be easy to facilitate policy makers in taking a decision. A Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) is a computer based system designed to assist the decision system. Typically, such a system will include spatial data relevant to the decision, analytical tools to process the data in ways meaningful for decision makers, and output or display functions. Geographic Information System (GIS) is an information system that is specially designed for handling spatial (or geographical) data. GIS has the advantage of handling attribute data in conjunction with spatial features, which was totally impossible with manual cartographic analysis. It combines a set of interrelated software components that create, edit, manipulate, analyse and display data both in text and graphic forms.

1.2 Water Quality Analysis

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2. STUDY AREA

For the present study, Muvattupuzha municipality of Ernakulum district was selected. It is located at a latitude of 9° 58' 47.46" n, and longitude of 76° 34' 25.72" e and is in the foothills of the western ghats and covers an area of 13.18

km². Ten different sampling points were selected in the study area. The locations were chosen keeping in mind that all the areas of Muvattupuzha can be covered properly.

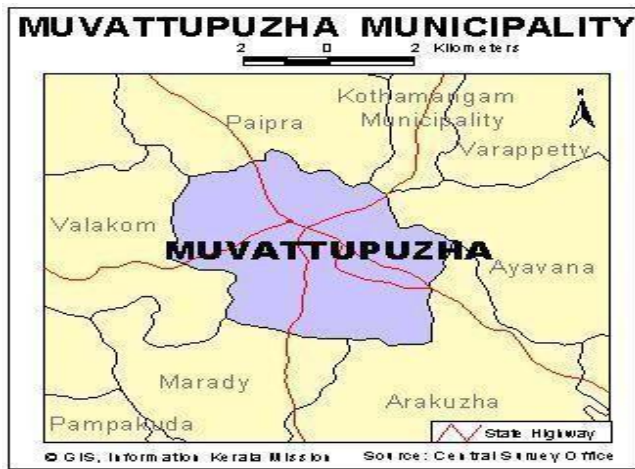


Fig -1. Study Area

Sampling locations

30 samples were collected from water bodies from locations in Muvattupuzha municipality. The latitude and longitude of the area was also determined using google maps.

Table 1. GPS co-ordinates of Sampling Locations

| No | Station name | Latitude | Longitude |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Kakkdashery | 9.9972527 | 76.5989237 |
| 2 | Kakkdashery | 9.9972201 | 76.5987561 |
| 3 | Kakkdashery | 9.9972032 | 76.5985375 |
| 4 | Perumattam | 9.996524 | 76.5956863 |
| 5 | Perumattam | 9.9965798 | 76.5955109 |
| 6 | Perumattam | 9.9967984 | 76.5952846 |
| 7 | Perumattam | 9.992539 | 76.5986323 |
| 8 | Perumattam | 9.9925271 | 76.5987215 |
| 9 | Perumattam | 9.9924175 | 76.5969519 |
| 10 | Kizhakekara | 9.9925116 | 76.5969244 |
| 11 | Kizhakekara | 9.9839589 | 76.5887393 |
| 12 | Kizhakekara | 9.9838585 | 76.5887189 |
| 13 | Kizhakekara | 9.9836921 | 76.5888486 |
| 14 | Chalikadav | 9.9840847 | 76.5888436 |
| 15 | Kaliyar river basin | 9.9853639 | 76.5883498 |
| 16 | Thodupuzha river Basin | 9.9926839 | 76.590969 |
| 17 | Latha theatre | 9.9712925 | 76.59358 |
| 18 | Chalikadav | 9.9796755 | 76.5828844 |
| 19 | Market | 9.9908038 | 76.5903752 |
| 20 | Triveni sangamam | 9.9883228 | 76.5863113 |
| 21 | Nedumchalil | 9.9855121 | 76.583381 |
| 22 | Market | 9.9885262 | 76.577878 |
| 23 | Market | 9.9913021 | 76.5882093 |
| 24 | Market | 9.9915042 | 76.5881281 |
| 25 | Muvattupuzha river basin | 9.9911031 | 76.5878978 |
| 26 | Arakuzha | 9.9857816 | 76.5805539 |

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|----|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 27 | Kecherippady | 9.9756707 | 76.5871132 |
| 28 | Kecherippady | 9.9936725 | 76.5825357 |
| 29 | Kecherippady | 9.9924505 | 76.5795766 |
| 30 | Kecherippady | 9.9945115 | 76.5831121 |

3. WATER QUALITY INDEX

The water samples were analyzed for different physio-chemical parameters and were compared with the values of various quality standards such as world health organization (who), bureau of Indian standards (bis) and indian council for medical research. Turbidity, DO, hardness, pH, alkalinity and chloride are the various water quality parameters analysed. Water Quality Index (WQI) was calculated by using the Weighted Arithmetic Index method. In this model, different water quality components are multiplied by a weighting factor and are then aggregated using simple arithmetic mean. The overall WQI was calculated by aggregating the quality rating with the unit weight linearly by using the following equation.

$$WQI = \frac{\sum W_n Q_n}{\sum W_n}$$

Q_n = quality rating, W_n = relative weight

$$Q_n = 100 \left[\frac{(v_n - v_{io})}{(s_n - v_{io})} \right]$$

q_n = quality rating for the nth water quality parameter, v_n = observed value of the nth parameter, s_n = standard permissible value of nth parameter, v_{io} = ideal value of nth parameter in pure water. All the ideal values (v_{io}) are taken as zero for drinking water except for pH=7 and dissolved oxygen=14.6mg/l.

$$W_n = k/s_n$$

Where, W_n = unit weight of nth parameter, s_n = standard value for the nth parameter. K = constant of proportionality and is given as (kalavathy et al., 2011) $k = 1 / [1/v_{s1} + 1/v_{s2} + \dots + 1/v_{sn}]$.

Table 2. Water Quality Status

| Class | WQI | Water Quality Status |
|-------|---------|-------------------------|
| I | <50 | Excellent |
| II | 50-100 | Good |
| III | 100-200 | Poor |
| IV | 200-300 | Very Poor |
| V | >300 | Unsuitable For Drinking |

4. GIS ANALYSIS

GPS technology prove to be very useful for enhancing the spatial accuracy of the data integrated in the GIS. We utilized ArcGIS software in our study area. The water quality data thus obtained forms of the non-spatial database. It is stored in excel format and linked with the spatial data by join option in ArcMap..

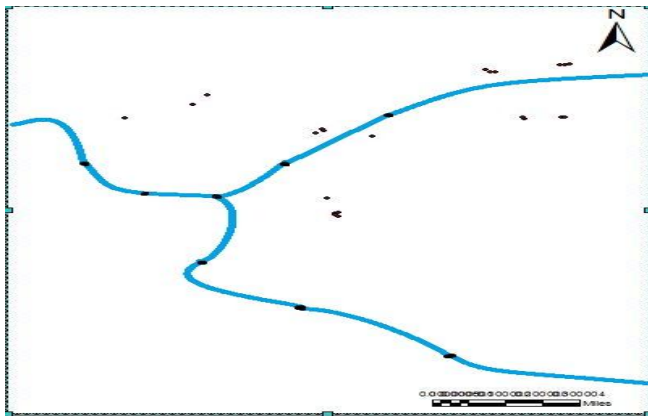


Fig-2 .Study area Location Map

The spatial and non-spatial database formed are integrated for the generation of spatial distribution of maps of the water quality parameter .For spatial interpolation Kriging, Co-kriging approach in GIS has been used in the present study to delineate the local distribution of ground water pollutants. The spatial variation of parameters was plotted using method of kriging.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Various physical and chemical characteristics of the water was tested. The physical parameters include pH and colour. The chemical parameters include alkalinity, turbidity, DO, chlorides, TDS.

Table 3. Tests results of samples

| no | pH | DO | Hardness | Alkalinity | Cl- | Turbidity |
|----|-----|-----|----------|------------|------|-----------|
| 1 | 6.6 | 65 | 5 | 38 | 11.5 | 0 |
| 2 | 6.2 | 56 | 1.2 | 36 | 6.5 | 0 |
| 3 | 7.5 | 107 | 2.2 | 34 | 11.5 | 1 |
| 4 | 8.1 | 83 | 3.2 | 28 | 16.5 | 1 |
| 5 | 7.7 | 87 | 2.8 | 30 | 14 | 2 |
| 6 | 8.2 | 106 | 4.4 | 30 | 34.5 | 2 |
| 7 | 7.9 | 87 | 6.2 | 35 | 4.5 | 1 |
| 8 | 7.7 | 121 | 4.2 | 27 | 32.5 | 3 |
| 9 | 8.2 | 110 | 5 | 32 | 40.5 | 3 |
| 10 | 8.1 | 114 | 9.4 | 28 | 83 | 3 |
| 11 | 7.4 | 97 | 1.8 | 48 | 12.5 | 3 |
| 12 | 8 | 77 | 3.6 | 26 | 7.5 | 2 |
| 13 | 7.5 | 113 | 1.4 | 36 | 19.5 | 3 |
| 14 | 7 | 84 | 1.2 | 29 | 21 | 2 |
| 15 | 7.2 | 99 | 1.4 | 24 | 16 | 2 |

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|----|-----|-----|------|----|------|---|
| 16 | 8.1 | 91 | 1.6 | 28 | 7 | 3 |
| 17 | 7.4 | 94 | 1.8 | 24 | 5.5 | 4 |
| 18 | 7.3 | 83 | 2.7 | 28 | 6 | 3 |
| 19 | 6.7 | 89 | 2.6 | 28 | 18.5 | 3 |
| 20 | 6.7 | 92 | 2.6 | 30 | 4 | 4 |
| 21 | 6.3 | 83 | 2.6 | 48 | 8 | 3 |
| 22 | 7.5 | 93 | 7 | 28 | 15 | 2 |
| 23 | 6.5 | 105 | 7 | 27 | 23 | 2 |
| 24 | 7.6 | 110 | 2.2 | 24 | 7.5 | 3 |
| 25 | 6.6 | 97 | 6.8 | 68 | 20.5 | 3 |
| 26 | 7 | 82 | 2 | 30 | 7 | 4 |
| 27 | 6.8 | 81 | 1.6 | 22 | 7 | 3 |
| 28 | 6.7 | 89 | 4.6 | 52 | 20.5 | 3 |
| 29 | 6.4 | 105 | 3.6 | 28 | 9 | 4 |
| 30 | 6.1 | 104 | 12.2 | 54 | 12.5 | 4 |

The test results showed that the levels of pH, DO, chloride, hardness, alkalinity, turbidity are within the permissible limits.

Table 4. Water Quality Index of Samples

| No | Station name | WQI | Remarks |
|----|--------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | Kakkadashery | 26.89 | Excellent |
| 2 | Kakkadashery | 27.8 | Excellent |
| 3 | Kakkadashery | 10.21 | Excellent |
| 4 | Perumattam | 22.7 | Excellent |
| 5 | Perumattam | 20.2 | Excellent |
| 6 | Perumattam | 17.42 | Excellent |
| 7 | Perumattam | 30 | Excellent |
| 8 | Perumattam | 15.29 | Excellent |
| 9 | Perumattam | 15.28 | Excellent |
| 10 | Kizhakekara | 15.07 | Excellent |
| 11 | Kizhakekara | 15.38 | Excellent |
| 12 | Kizhakekara | 17.8 | Excellent |
| 13 | Kizhakekara | 15.35 | Excellent |
| 14 | Chalikadav | 18 | Excellent |
| 15 | Kaliyar river basin | 17.3 | Excellent |
| 16 | Thodupuzha river basin | 60.66 | Good |
| 17 | Latha theatre | 70.24 | Good |
| 18 | Chalikadav | 62.4 | Good |
| 19 | Market | 15.78 | Excellent |
| 20 | Triveni sangamam | 66 | Good |
| 21 | Nedumchalil | 88.08 | Good |
| 22 | Market | 53 | Good |
| 23 | Market | 18.21 | Excellent |
| 24 | Market | 15.857 | Excellent |
| 25 | Muvattupuzha river basin | 53.42 | Good |
| 26 | Arakuzha | 52 | Good |
| 27 | Kecherippady | 65.71 | Good |
| 28 | Kecherippady | 58.42 | Good |
| 29 | Kecherippady | 80 | Good |
| 30 | Kecherippady | 87 | Good |

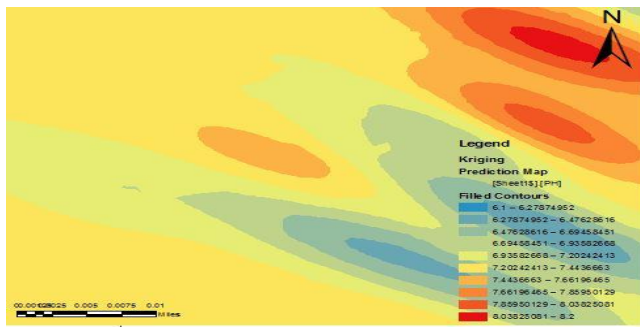


Fig -3.Results of pH in GIS

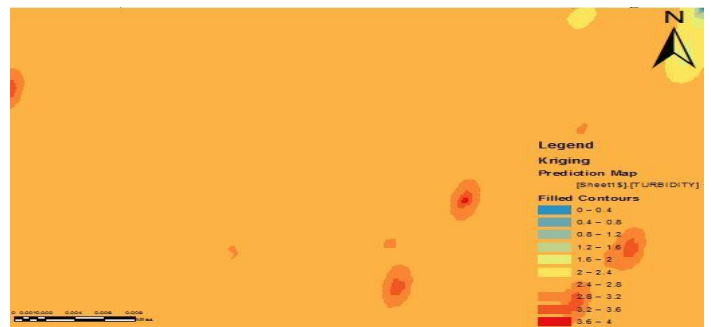


Fig-7. Results of turbidity in GIS



Fig-4. Results of chloride in GIS



Fig-8. Results of Alkalinity in GIS

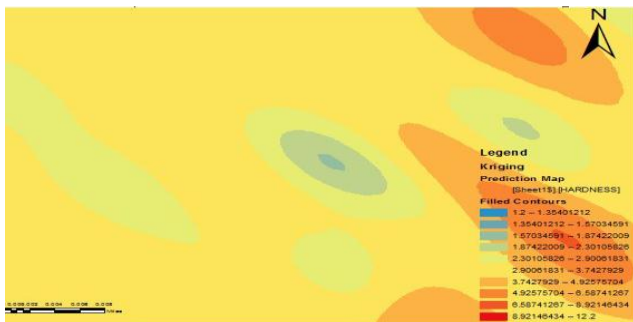


Fig-5. Results of Hardness in GIS

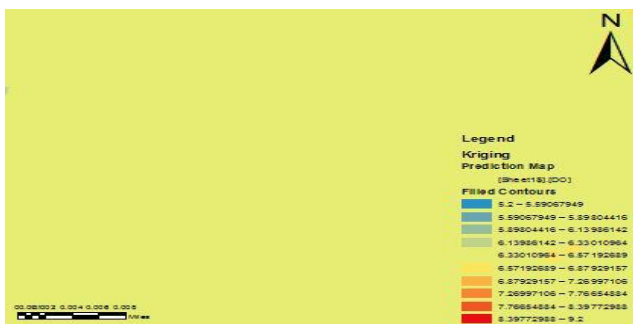


Fig-6. Results of DO in GIS

6. CONCLUSION

The pH, DO, chloride, hardness, alkalinity, turbidity are within the permissible limits. The variation in the values of water quality parameters shows in the thematic maps the various legends. The samples show good and excellent quality status in terms of water quality index after flood, 2018. It indicated that the water quality parameters of water samples are satisfying the standards prescribed by IS 10500:2012. This study demonstrates that the use of GIS could provide useful information for water quality assessment.

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