

*Plant-Soil Restoration UUKi Twinning  
Network Conference*

**LU-DUT Twinning  
collaboration in the sphere of  
Phytoremediation  
Technologies**

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# *Final Workshop «Plant-Soil Restoration UUKi Twinning Network»*

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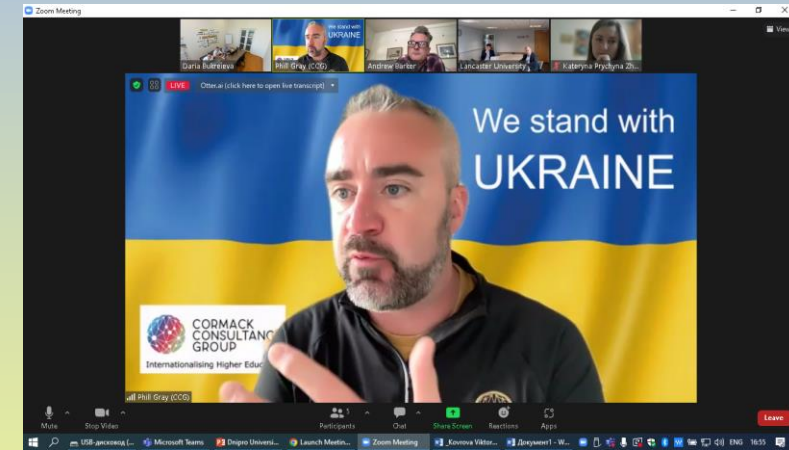
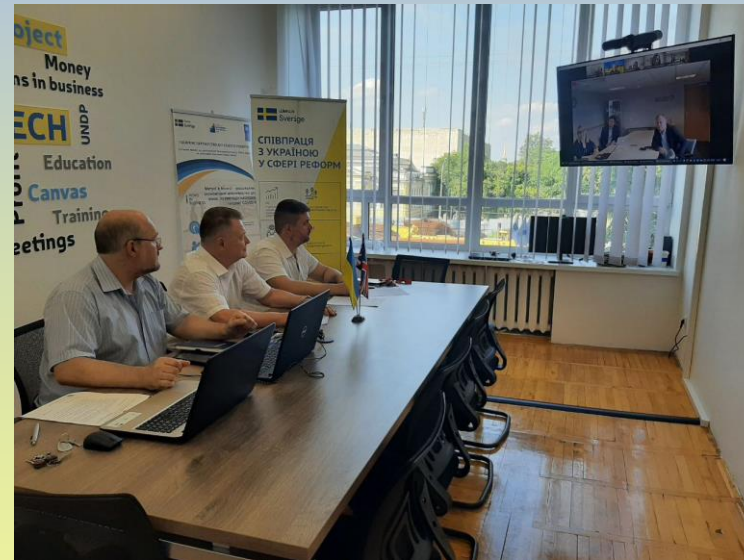
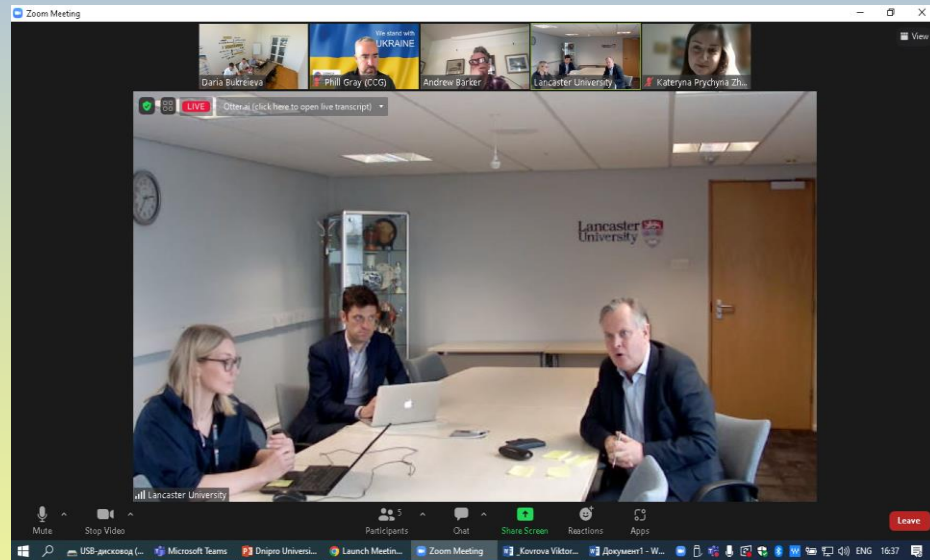
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# UK–Ukraine R&I twinning grants scheme



The partnership between Lancaster University (LU) and Dnipro University of Technology (DUT) has been started from the first Twinning call (29 June 2022), and the representatives of Universities discussed a lots of possible directions for collaboration, joint opportunities and perspectives in academia and research, student mobility programs etc.



*First online meeting between LU and DUT representatives, 29.06.2022*



*Project Title: New eco-technologies for reclamation of technogenic and military lands in Ukraine*



**UK–Ukraine R&I twinning grants scheme  
application form**



# Eco-Mining team at Dnipro University of Technology

## Prof. Dr. Oleksandr Kovrov,

- Phytoremediation technologies;
- Landslides risk assessment and slope stability geomechanical analysis;
- Environmental engineering technologies



## Dr. Iryna Klimkina, Associate Professor

- Environmental Biotechnology;
- Bioleaching Technologies;
- Environmental Toxicology

## Vyacheslav Fedotov,

Assistant Professor

- Fundamentals of Ecology
- Bioindication techniques
- Zoology



## Serhii Krasovskiy, PhD student

- Physical-and-chemical analysis of soil substrates and plants for analysis of heavy metals and organic content;
- Phytoremediation technologies;
- Plant physiology and biochemistry

## Kyrylo Zvoryhin, PhD student

- Phytoremediation technologies;
- Modelling and field experiments;
- Waste management technologies





## War in Ukraine: historical challenge and future perspectives (February 24, 2022 - ....)

- Over 8.2 million refugees fleeing Ukraine have been recorded across Europe,
- 8 million people had been displaced within the country
- 132,000 sq km of Ukrainian lands have been occupied
- Russian invasion of Ukraine has led to widespread and long-term environmental damage. Explosions inflict toxic damage along with physical destruction. After every explosion particles of toxic substances; such as lead, mercury and depleted uranium; are released into air, water, and soils.
- War damage to nature
- Nuclear threats
- Damaged biologicals systems and fertile soils, etc.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-60506682>



# Existent and possible war disasters: Kakhovka water reserve



*Kakhovka water reserve presents the vast desert landscape with hazardous sediments being eroded in time*

[https://24tv.ua/kahovske-vodoshovishhe-sogodni-vono-peretvorilos-kalyuzhu-shozhe\\_n2340574](https://24tv.ua/kahovske-vodoshovishhe-sogodni-vono-peretvorilos-kalyuzhu-shozhe_n2340574)



*Satelite image of Kakhovka water reserve that is completely drained*

[https://24tv.ua/kahovske-vodoshovishhe-zaraz-vodoshovishhe-faktichno-ne-isnuye\\_n2338510](https://24tv.ua/kahovske-vodoshovishhe-zaraz-vodoshovishhe-faktichno-ne-isnuye_n2338510)

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# Existent and possible war disasters: Zaporizzhia nuclear power plant



*Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant is under threat of explosion*

<https://www.energy.gov/ne/articles/us-helps-optimize-ukrainian-nuclear-reactor>

<https://www.dw.com/en/ukraine-un-head-calls-shelling-at-europes-largest-nuclear-plant-zaporizhzhia-suicidal/a-62698157>

*The power plant was "grappling with ... water-related challenges" after the destruction of the Kakhovka dam emptied the vast reservoir on whose southern bank the plant sits.*

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russia-asks-iaea-ensure-zaporizhzhia-nuclear-plant-security-2023-06-23/>





# Territories affected by war in Ukraine



*Thousands of missiles on territories*



*Completely destroyed Bakhmut City*

<https://ecfr.eu/article/the-second-year-of-russias-war-scenarios-for-the-ukraine-conflict-in-2023/>

<https://telegraf.com.ua/ukr/ukraina/2023-06-02/5794009-zgorili-budivli-vibiti-vikna-ta-virvi-vid-snarvadiv-na-shcho-rosiyski-obstrili-pe>



<https://pivdenukraine.com.ua/2022/07/22/na-polyax-novovoroncovshhini-utvorilisya-virvi-vid-snaryadiv/>

<https://gromada.group/news/statti/23995-yak-vijna-v-ukrayini-vplivaye-na-dovkillya-ta-pogliblennya-prodovolchoyi-krizi>

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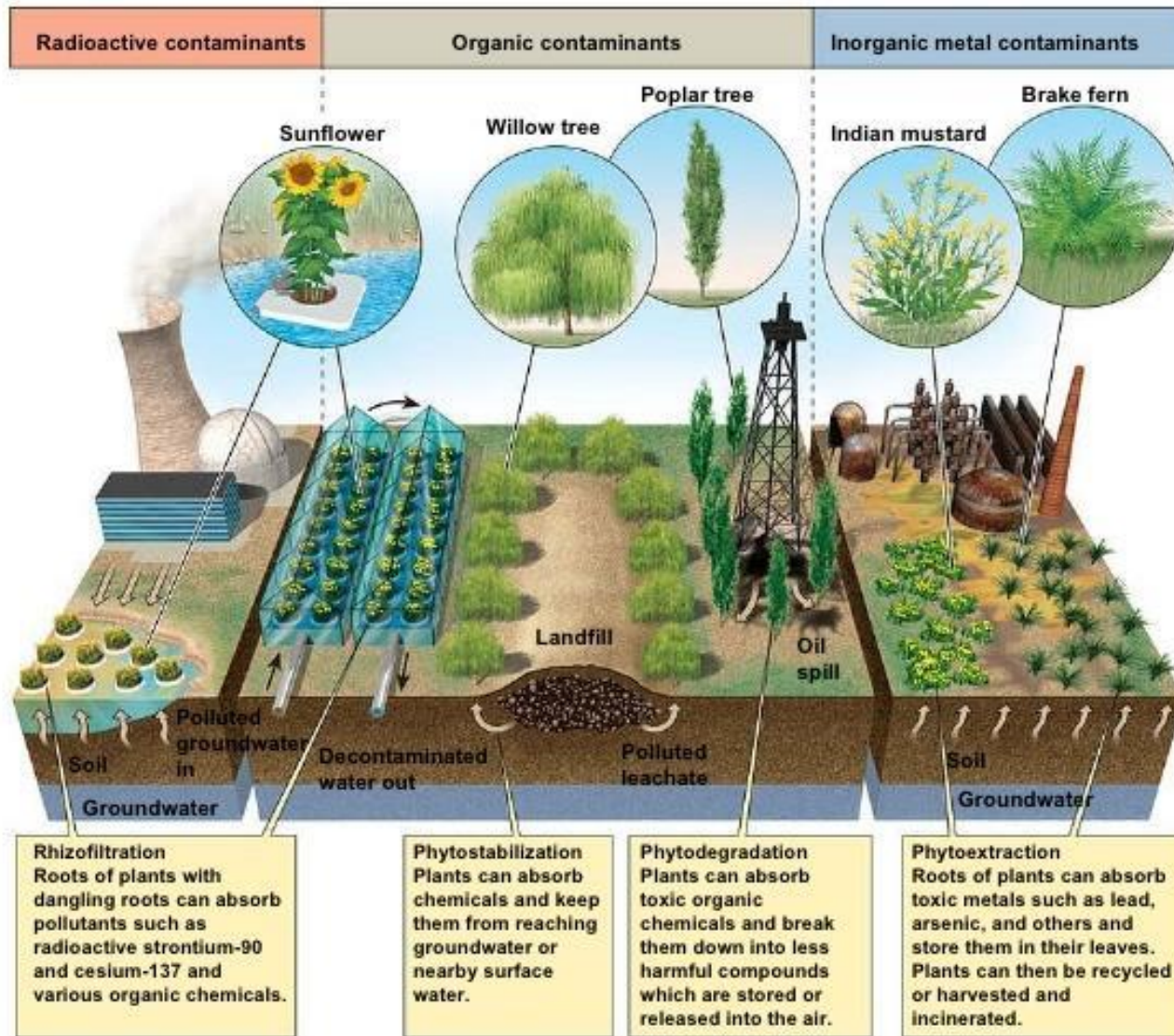
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# Phytoremediation: practical applications



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# Chernobyl disaster and Phytoremediation



*Mutant-sunflower in Chernobyl*  
[www.dianuke.org](http://www.dianuke.org)

*Caesium-137 and strontium-90 were removed from soils in the vicinity of Chernobyl using sunflower plants.*

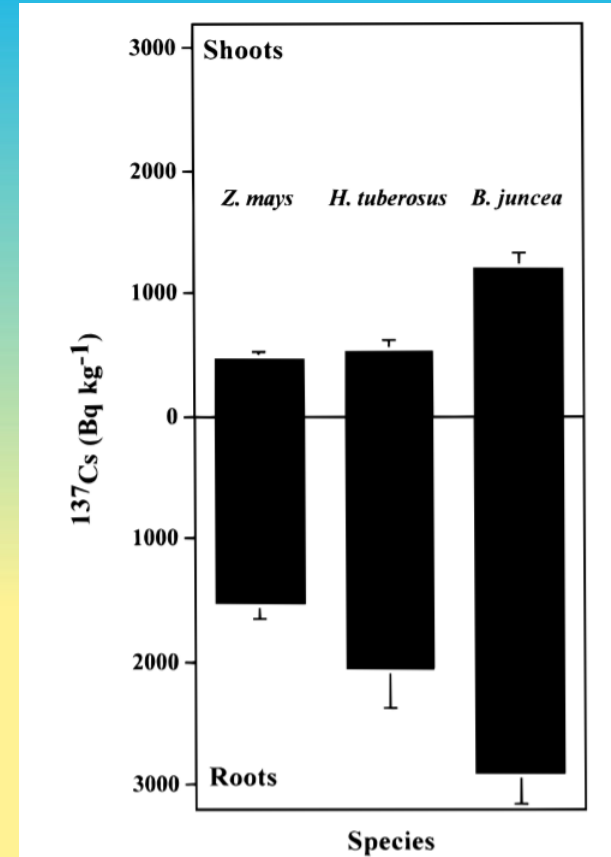


# Removal of radionuclides from soil in Chernobyl area

species and cultivars	bioaccumulation coeff	total removal (Bq m <sup>-2</sup> )
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> L. cv. PT-95	1.50	3225
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> L. cv. aureus	1.90	2440
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> L. cv. belozernii	1.41	1392
<i>Amaranthus cruentus</i> L.	1.32	1251
<i>Helianthus tuberosum</i> L. x <i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	0.49	1221
<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i> L.	2.03	1144
<i>Amaranthus cruentus</i> L. cv. myronivka	1.07	1053
<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> L.	0.30	846
<i>Amaranthus hybridus</i> L.	0.60	719
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> L. cv. Antey	1.07	641
<i>Amaranthus bicolor</i> L.	0.59	417
<i>Amaranthus cruentus</i> L. cv. paniculatus	0.53	412
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	0.28	409
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	0.24	319
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.	0.48	244
<i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.) Czern.	0.47	194

<sup>a</sup> Plants were grown at the experimental plot at the Northwest border of Chernobyl, Ukraine, approximately 10 km south of the ChNPP fourth reactor that was damaged in 1986. Bioaccumulation coefficient was calculated as a ratio of <sup>137</sup>Cs specific activity in the plant versus <sup>137</sup>Cs specific activity in the soil.

Dushenkov S., Mikheev A., Prokhnevsky A., Ruchko M., Sorochinsky B. Phytoremediation of Radiocesium-Contaminated Soil in the Vicinity of Chernobyl, Ukraine. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 1999, 33, 469-475.



# Phytoremediation of lands contaminated by heavy metals (HM)



OJSC "Avdiivka Coke and Chemical Plant"



*Melilotus albus*



NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CENTER «INSTITUTE FOR SOIL SCIENCE AND AGROCHEMISTRY RESEARCH NAMED AFTER O.N. SOKOLOVSKY <http://www.issar.com.ua/en>



OJSC "Ukrzinc", Donetsk oblast



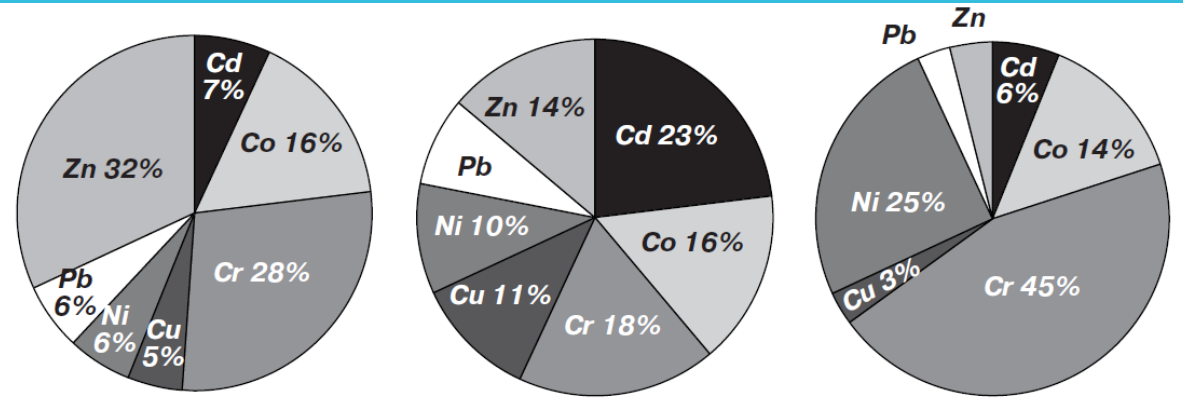
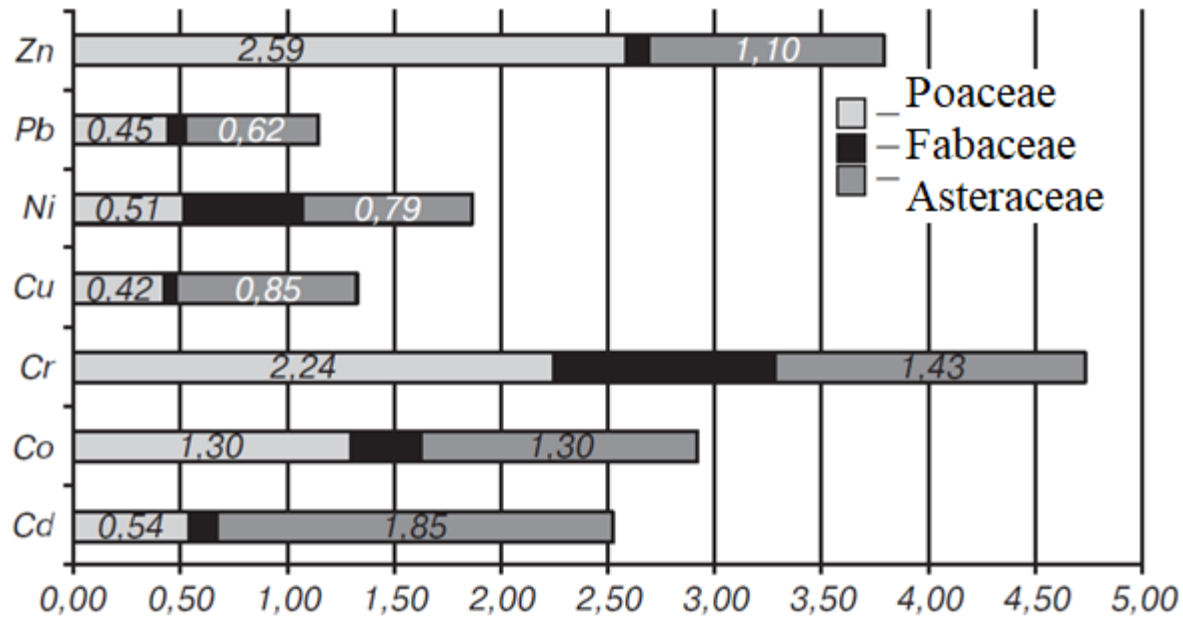
*Cichorium intybus*



*Agropyron glaucum*



# Application of Asteraceae, Fabaceae and Poaceae plants for Phytoremediation



Coefficient of HM accumulation for different plants of families Poaceae, Fabaceae, Asteraceae

V.L. Samohvalova, A.I. Fateev, S.G. Zuza, Ya.A. Pogromska, V.O. Zuza, E.V. Panasenko, P.Yu. Horpinchenko. PHYTOREMEDIATION OF TECHNOLOGICALLY CONTAMINATED SOILS. AGROECOLOGICAL JOURNAL, 1, 2015. p. 92-100.

## HM content in *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* and soil ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )



*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*



Samples	Soil						Biomass of <i>Ambrosia</i>		
	Before treatment			After treatment					
	Pb	Ni	Cu	Pb	Ni	Cu	Pb	Ni	Cu
Sample 1	2.0	4.9	8.8	0.7	0.9	10.8	3.9	39.6	11.1
Sample 2	15.2	10.2	10.1	2.8	1.9	1.8	29.8	51.1	15.7
Sample 3	12.5	8.3	4.6	1.9	1.8	0.6	25.5	31.7	13.5
Sample 4	7.1	4.2	4.0	1.8	0.8	0.6	20.0	61.0	10.1

Patent on the model 4726 UA. The method of cleaning technogenically contaminated soils from heavy metals / M.M. Dron, F.O. Chmylenko, N.M. Smityuk. — Publ. 15.02.2005, Bull. No. 2. - 4 p.



# Hyperaccumulation of HM in corn (*Zea mays*) and wheat (*Triticum L.*)



corn (*Zea mays*)

	HM content in soils, mg/kg				
	Zn	Cu	Cd	Pb	Hg
Soil sample 1	36.32	5.3	13.86	48.30	0.08
Soil sample 2	3.22	2.89	0.62	18.56	0.05
Control sample	1.01	0.41	0.30	6.24	0.08
Threshold	23.0	3.0	0.7	20.0	0.25

	HM content, mg/kg				
	Zn	Cu	Cd	Pb	Hg
Sample 1	117.70	46.02	8.22	10.71	<0.01
Sample 2	94.18	21.51	3.15	7.15	<0.01
Threshold	50.0	30.0	0.3	5.0	0.1

HM content in **wheat** on soil samples



wheat (*Triticum aestivum L.*)

	HM content, mg/kg				
	Zn	Cu	Cd	Pb	Hg
Sample 1	83.50	27.82	18.24	34.67	<0.01
Sample 2	100.12	13.17	1.07	36.53	<0.01
Threshold	50.0	30.0	0.3	5.0	0.1

HM content in **corn** on soil samples

Patent on the useful model 76416 UA. Phytoremediation method of soil purification from heavy metals / O.P. Korzh, I.H. Savchenko, N.O. Hura. - Publ. 10.01.2013, Bull. No. 1. - 6 p.



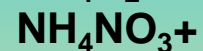
# Recultivation of the mine overburden dump in Lviv oblast



Recultivation works on the dump slopes

Complex fertilizer  
“Nitroammofoska”

(NPK):



Bushes and plants on the slopes



*Brassica  
napus L.*



*Barbarea  
vulgaris*



*Brassica  
rapa*

Patent on the useful model 50789 UA. The method of cleaning the soil of rock dump of coal mines from heavy metals /  
M.Ya. Havrylyak, V.I. Baranov. — Publ. 25.06.2010, Bul. No. 12. — 9 p.

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# Results of HM biological accumulation by seedlings of *Cruciferous* crops

## Coefficient of HM biological accumulation

Cr      Cu      Pb      Fe      Co      Ni      Cd      Zn

### *Brassica napus*

Red rock	13,5	22,15	7,77	7,08	0,21	0,63	5,73	22,48
Black rock	18,2	9,98	4,87	9,08	0,05	1,48	2,58	58,89
Red+NPK	1,02	14,80	6,99	5,67	0,12	0,62	5,74	15,41
Black+NPK	1,07	5,92	10,32	5,51	0,05	1,03	3,05	53,64
Red+NPK <sub>caps</sub>	1,87	17,98	8,57	5,61	0,11	0,50	4,32	19,37
Black+ NPK <sub>caps</sub>	2,22	6,45	4,10	4,33	0,03	1,18	2,53	60,95

### *Barbarea vulgaris*

Red rock	6,97	23,46	2,08	8,49	0,14	0,52	6,49	21,40
Black rock	6,62	11,28	6,41	4,22	0,05	1,36	3,16	62,9
Red+NPK	2,61	15,83	4,69	3,28	0,14	0,59	3,46	20,17
Black+NPK	13,81	4,46	6,51	4,46	0,05	1,03	2,30	52,34
Red+NPK <sub>caps</sub>	4,71	15,26	5,40	5,30	0,14	0,72	5,98	20,92
Black+ NPK <sub>caps</sub>	6,96	6,57	6,12	5,24	0,04	1,08	2,2	49,58

### *Brassica rapa*

Red rock	3,86	20,34	6,83	5,99	0,16	0,69	5,75	25,15
Black rock	11,86	11,83	10,45	5,69	0,05	1,33	2,63	58,43
Red+NPK	5,41	12,07	6,36	4,36	0,15	0,62	6,13	23,21
Black+NPK	6,35	6,46	9,50	4,16	0,06	0,97	2,74	50,11
Red+NPK <sub>caps</sub>	7,85	19,10	6,41	5,97	0,16	0,07	7,19	18,63
Black+ NPK <sub>caps</sub>	15,01	7,06	3,16	4,39	0,05	0,92	2,90	45,64

Patent on the model 50789 UA. The method of cleaning the soil of rock dump of coal mine from heavy metals / M.Ya. Havrylyak, V.I. Baranov. — Publ. 25.06.2010, Bul. No. 12. — 9 p.

# Phytoremediation of saline soils in mining regions of Ukraine

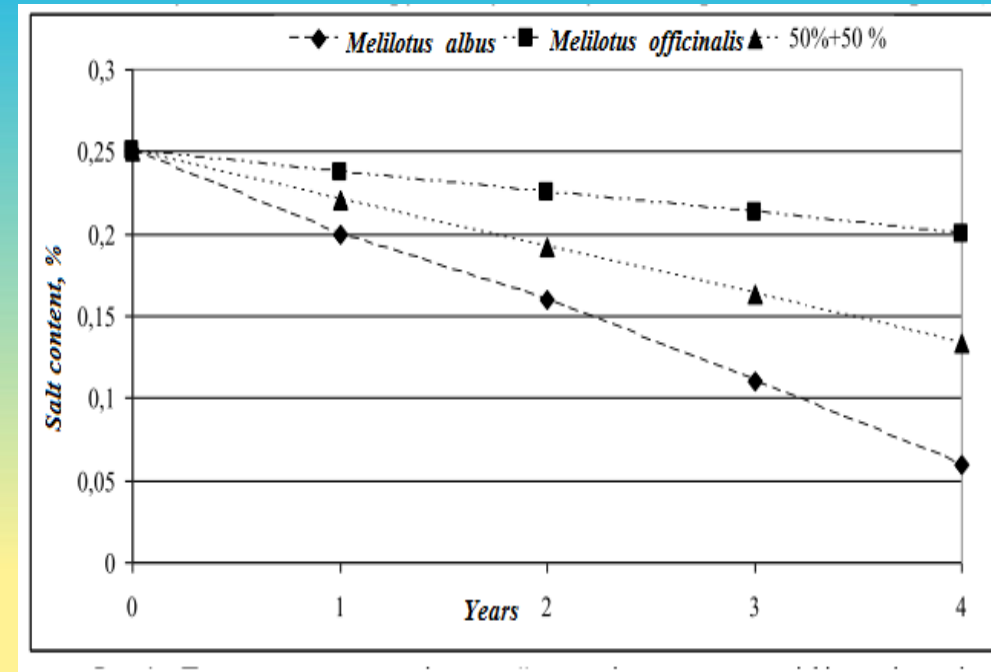
№	Na <sup>+</sup> +K <sup>+</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Σ cations	Cl <sup>-</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Σ anions	Σ salts %
<b>Salt content before</b>									
1	1,8 0,0419	0,5 0,010	0,3 0,0036	2,6 0,0555	0,2 0,0072	2,1 0,1000	0,3 0,0183	2,6 0,1255	0,18
2	1,9 0,0443	1,0 0,020	0,2 0,0024	3,1 0,0667	0,2 0,0072	2,6 0,1248	0,3 0,0183	3,1 0,1503	0,22
3	2,0 0,0466	0,7 0,014	0,3 0,0036	3,0 0,0642	0,2 0,0072	2,5 0,1200	0,3 0,0183	3,0 0,1455	0,21
4	1,9 0,0443	0,6 0,012	0,3 0,0036	2,8 0,0599	0,2 0,0072	2,3 0,1104	0,3 0,0183	2,8 0,1359	0,20
5	2,5 0,0583	0,7 0,014	0,3 0,0036	3,5 0,0759	0,2 0,0072	3,0 0,1440	0,3 0,0183	3,5 0,1695	0,25
6	1,8 0,0419	0,5 0,010	0,4 0,0048	2,7 0,0567	0,2 0,0072	2,2 0,1056	0,3 0,0183	2,7 0,1311	0,19
<b>Control</b>									0,17
<b>Average</b>									0,21
<b>Salt content after</b>									
1	0,3 0,0070	1,1 0,022	0,4 0,0048	1,8 0,0338	0,5 0,0177	0,9 0,0432	0,4 0,0244	1,8 0,0853	0,12
2	1,5 0,0350	1,0 0,020	1,0 0,0122	3,5 0,0672	0,6 0,0213	2,6 0,1248	0,3 0,0183	3,5 0,1644	0,23
3	1,3 0,0303	0,8 0,016	0,6 0,0073	2,7 0,0536	0,6 0,0213	1,8 0,0864	0,3 0,0183	2,7 0,1260	0,20
4	1,3 0,0303	1,4 0,028	0,7 0,0085	3,4 0,0668	0,5 0,0177	2,6 0,1248	0,3 0,0183	3,4 0,1609	0,23
5	1,5 0,0349	1,0 0,020	0,6 0,0073	3,1 0,0622	0,5 0,0177	2,3 0,1104	0,3 0,0183	3,1 0,1464	0,21
6	0,5 0,0116	1,1 0,022	0,4 0,0048	2,0 0,0385	0,4 0,0142	1,3 0,062	0,3 0,0183	2,0 0,0949	0,13
<b>Control</b>									0,14
<b>Average</b>									0,17



Melilotus officinalis



(Melilotus albus)  
sweet clover



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Department of Ecology and Environmental Technologies, National Mining University



# Phytovolatalization for removal petroleum products from contaminated lands in Poltava region



Black Poplar  
(*Populus nigra*)



Sorghum vulgare



*Medicago sativa*



Oil-contaminated lands



*Taraxacum officinale*



*Artemisia absinthium*



*Elytrigia repens*



*Daucus carota*

Bulavenko R.V. Possibilities of using phytoremedial plants to protect the soils of the Poltava region from the activities of the oil industry facilities. Environmental safety, No. 1 (2013), 99-102.



# Application of *Hippophae rhamnoides* for phytoremediation of oil-contaminated lands



Sea Buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) are planted in holes 15-20 cm deep, 4 seedlings /10 m<sup>2</sup>.

*Impact of Hippophae rhamnoides on oil biodegradation in soils along the first year*

Oil content in soil (initial contamination), g/kg	Oil content in soil after phytoremediation, g/kg	Cumulative soil purification, %
97	15,5	84,6
123	26,5	77,5
150	34,9	76,7

*Impact of Hippophae rhamnoides along 1-4 years*

	1 year	2 year	3 year	4 year
Oil content in soil (initial contamination), g/kg	123.0	26.5	13.9	9.0
Cumulative soil purification, %	0	77,5	88.7	92.7

O.I. Romanyuk, L.Z. Shoemaker Use of sea buckthorn for phytoremediation of oil-contaminated soils. Biological Bulletin of Bohdan Khmelnytskyi MDPU 6 (3), 2016. 472-480.

Patent on the useful model 86572 UA. Method for cleaning man-made soils contaminated with oil / O.I. Romanyuk, L.Z. Shchevchyk, O.I. Terek - Publ. 10.01.2014, Bulletin No. 1-6 p.



# Impact of *Hippophae rhamnoides* on phytotoxicity of soils

*Impact of Hippophae rhamnoides on phytotoxicity of soils on the 4 year*

*Linum usitatissimum*  
as a test plant



	Toxicity on test plant <i>Linum usitatissimum</i>			Number of viable microorganisms in 1g of soil	
	Relative Seed germination, %	Relative root length, %	Relative shoot length, %	Heterotrophs	Oil destructors
Contaminated soil	0	0	0	$2 \times 10^4$	$5 \times 10^2$
Soil after 4 years remediation	100	100	100	$2 \times 10^8$	$3 \times 10^5$
Soil taken 4-6 m beyond the remediated site	88.57	100	52.37	$4 \times 10^6$	$6 \times 10^5$

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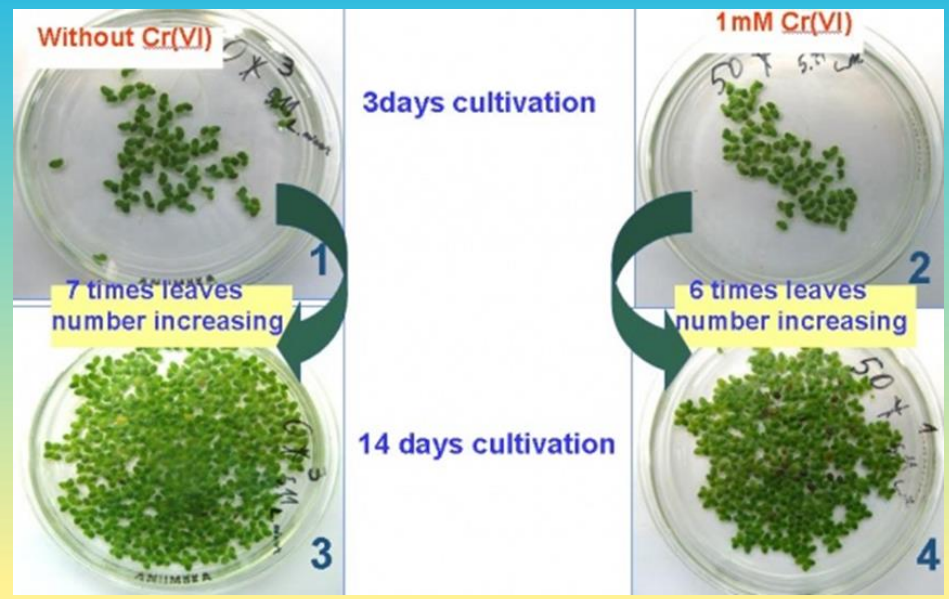
*Azotobacter, Achromobacter, Azospirillum, Rhizobium, Bradyrhizobium, Frankia, Azotomonas, Beijerinckia, Klebsiella, Derxia*

*Symbiosis of buckthorn with nitrogen-fixing microorganisms in oil-contaminated soil*



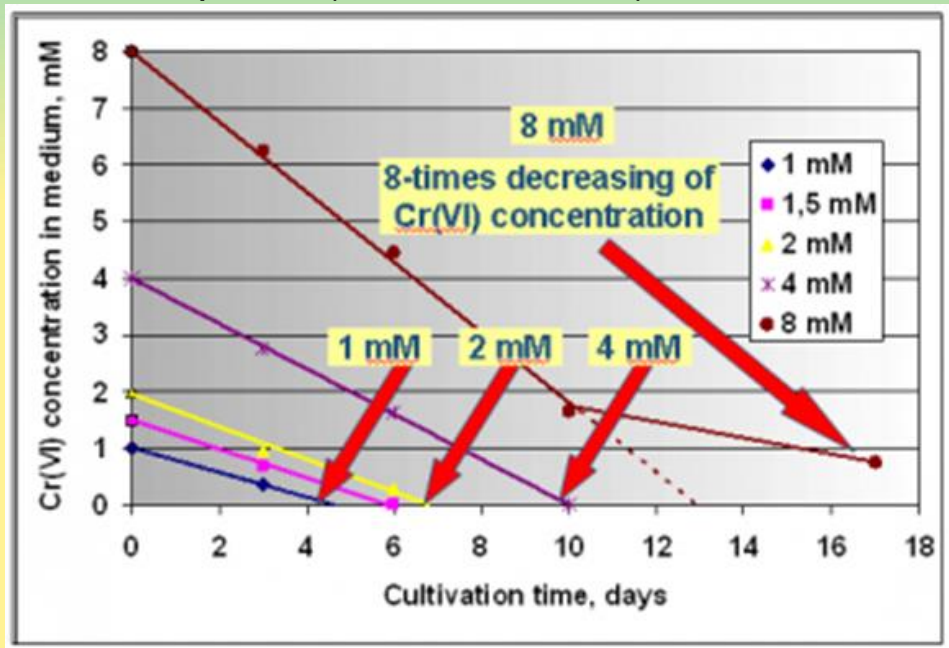
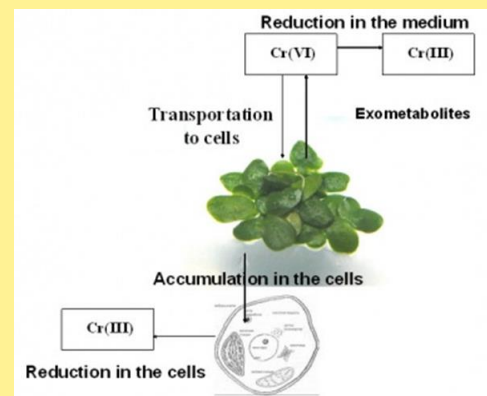
# Plant Biotechnology for hyperaccumulation of HM from water

Decreasing of Cr(VI) in the medium



Institute of Cell Biology and Genetic Engineering NASU,  
Laboratory of Adaptative Biotechnology

Development of the biotechnology for water purification from toxic hexavalent chromium by duckweed plants (*Lemna minor L.*)



[www.icbge.org.ua](http://www.icbge.org.ua)

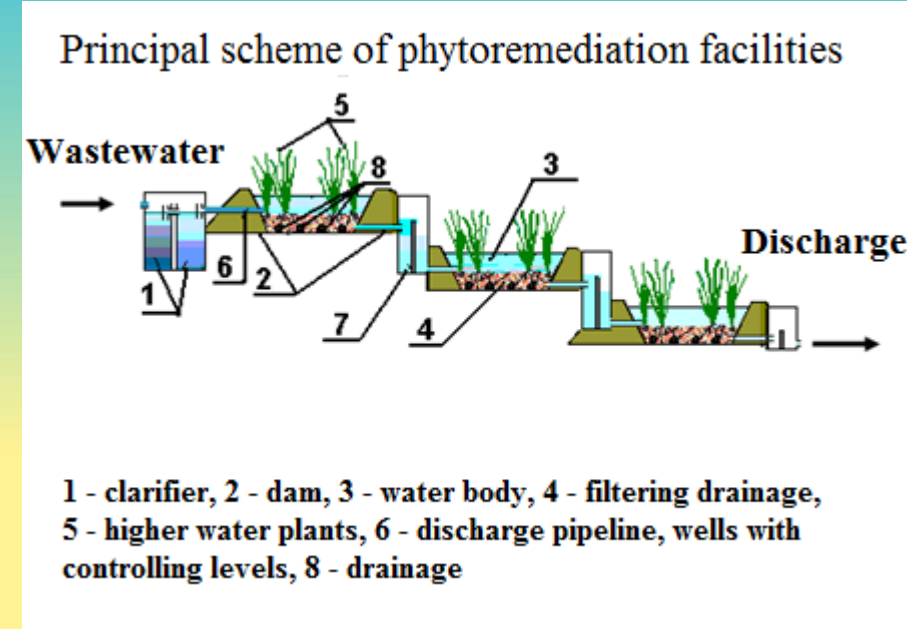
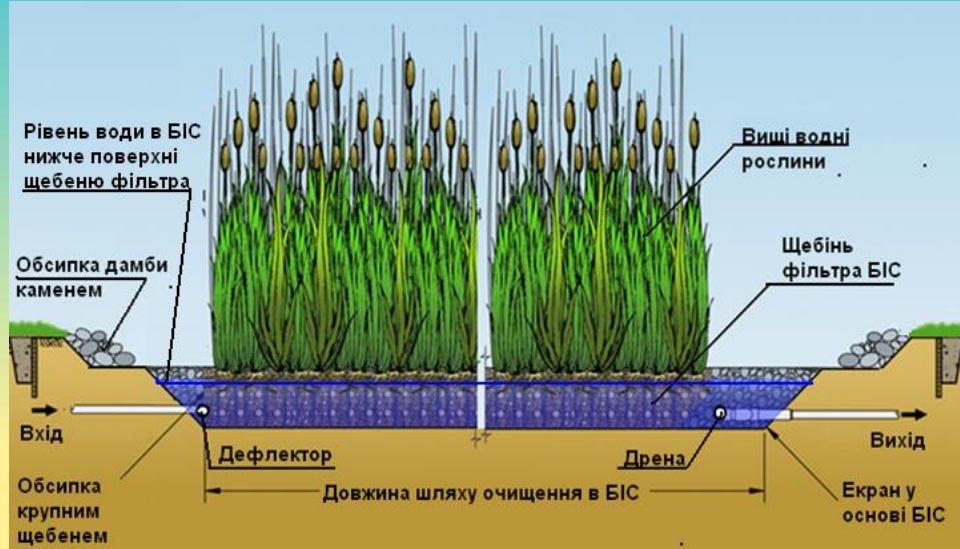






# BIO-ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY FOR PHYTOREMEDIATION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT

(Ukrainian Research Institute of Environmental Problems)



<http://www.phytoremediation.com.ua/en/glavnaya.html>





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## Effectiveness

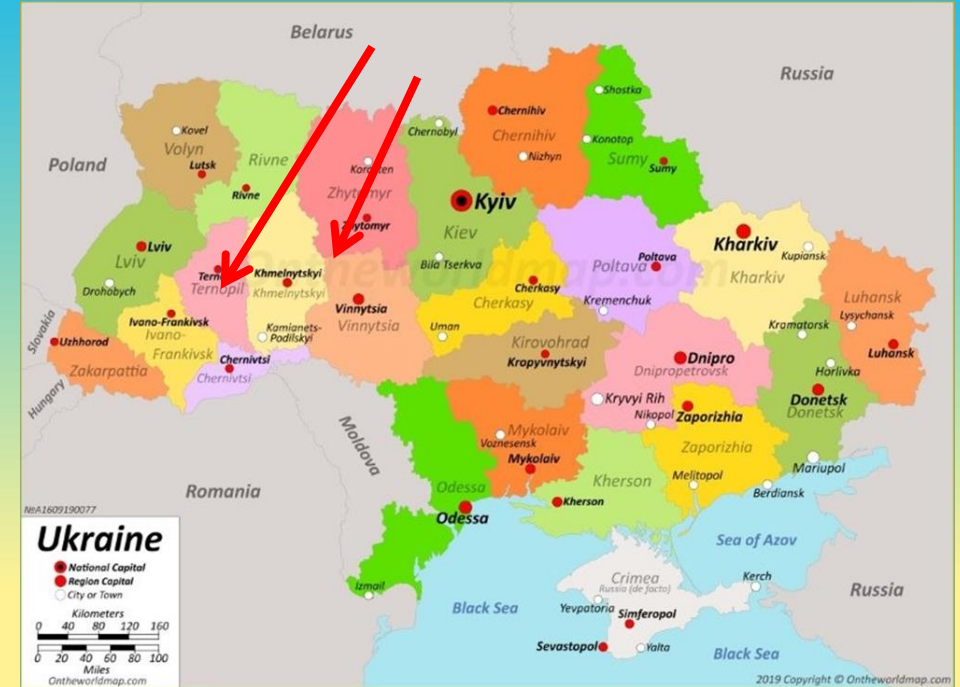
ammonium ions .....	60 - 90%
phosphates .....	20 - 60%
heavy metals .....	20 - 80%
suspended matter .....	96 - 98%
ion sulfate .....	25 - 30%
ions of sodium, calcium, magnesium ....	10 -15%
petroleum products .....	20 to 90%
bacteria E-Coli .....	96 - 98%
organic substances (BOD, COD) .....	65 - 90%



<http://www.phytoremediation.com.ua/en/glavnaya.html>



# SPG company: Miscanthus cultivation



## Miscanthus giganteus application:

- Solid biofuels - chips, briquettes, pellets.
- Cellulose production.
- Bio-gas production.
- Ecological building materials - bio-concrete.
- Composite material.
- Bio-additives.

Heat energy:  
4300-4700 Ccal/kg !



<http://www.miskantus.com.ua/about-us/>



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# “Energo-Agrar” company



1st year of cultivation



3rd year of cultivation

## Miscanthus giganteus:

- Annual yield (dry biomass) – 15-20 ton/hectare
- biofuels for heat and electricity generation;
- Raw materials for the production of construction materials and cellulose;
- Seedlings for further cultivation.

<https://miscanthus-ukraine.com/nashi-proekty-miscanthus/proekt-2//>

# “Salix Energy” company (Ukraine)



Average growth - 1.5 meters per year.

- Harvesting - every 2-3 years

Demand for soil - the soil of average quality with high humidity.



- The number of harvest cycles from one planting – 7-8 times, then it is possible to make reclamation of land for planting other crops or to lay new willow plantation.

<https://www.salix-energy.com/pro-kompaniyu>

Cultivation of **energy willow** (*Salix viminalis*) for biomass production



# “Salix Energy”: Cultivation of energy poplar



## Cultivation of energy poplar

(*Populus nigra*) for biomass production

- *Average growth characteristics – 16-25 t / ha per year in the time of harvest.*
- *Harvesting biomass – depending on cultivation technology every 2-4 years.*
- *Plantation remain productive 25 years, followed by reclamation and after 1-2 years can be re-planted perennial energy crops.*

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# Energy plants for biofuel in Ukraine



Region	Area, hectares	Energy crops
Volynska	1700	Energy salix
Zhytomyrska	110	Miscanthus, salix, poplar
Kyivska	380	Miscanthus, salix
Rivnenska	67	Energy salix

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**Substantiation of controlled vermiculture ecotechnology  
for biohumus production**

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# Types of earthworms for vermitechnologies

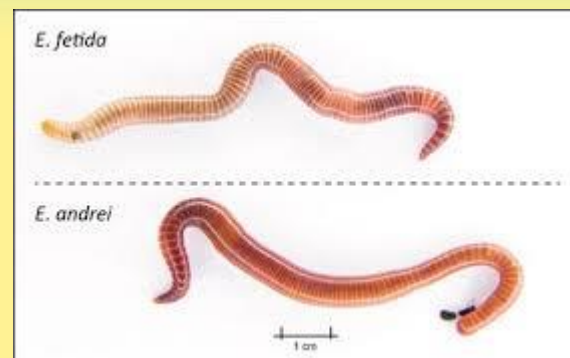
**Vermicomposts**—these are organo-mineral materials that, as a result of the interaction of vermiculture and soil microorganisms during the processing of organic waste in mesophilic conditions (15-28 °C).

Vermicomposts are stabilized organic high-humus fertilizers with a low ratio C:N. They have high and diverse microbiological and enzymatic activities, an excellent chernozem-like structure, a high moisture-holding capacity, and also contain nutritious macro- and microelements (*N, R, K, Ca, Mg, Fe, Cu, Mn, Mo, Zn*) in a form accessible to plants.



## Types of temperate climate

- *Eisenia fetida*; *E.f.fetida*;  
*E.f.andrei*
- *Eisenia andrei*
- *Dendrobena veneta*
- *Lumbricus rubellus*
- *Lumbricus terrestris*



Dendrobena Veneta

## Tropical species

- *Perionix excavatus*
- *Eudrilus eugeniae*
- *Lampito mauritii*



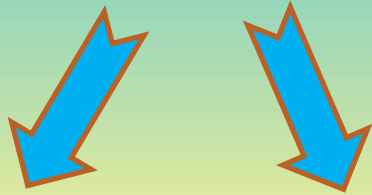
# Typical worm beds on designated lands



California worm  
(*Eisenia fetida*)

# Advantages of biohumus over other types of fertilizers

1000 kg of organic wastes



600 kg of biohumus (25–40% of humic substances)

50-100 kg of worm biomass

- ❖ Biohumus is a 100% organic fertilizer
- ❖ A guarantee of receiving an ecologically clean harvest
- ❖ Biohumus stimulates the natural activity of useful microorganisms, enzymes and natural plant growth regulators.
- ❖ Allows to restore the fertility of degraded lands.
- ❖ After applying biohumus to the soil, a positive effect is observed for 3 years.
- ❖ It is 10-15 times more effective than any known organic fertilizers.
- ❖ Absolutely harmless in any concentration and on any soil. It is used as an independent soil.
- ❖ Does not contain pathogenic microflora, heavy metals.

# Biotesting experiments with biohumus



Fig. 1. A week after the start of the experiment

Fig. 2. 14 days after the start of the experiment

Seeds germinated more actively in samples 3 and 4 than in other samples, which indicates that the ratio of components (40:60 and 60:40) was the most successful. These results can be seen in Fig. 1 (before) and Fig. 2 (after).

Sample No	Components, gr		
	Biohumus	loam	Seed
1	10	100	2
2	20	80	2
3	40	60	2
4	60	40	2
5	80	20	2
6	100	10	2

California worm  
(*Eisenia fetida*)



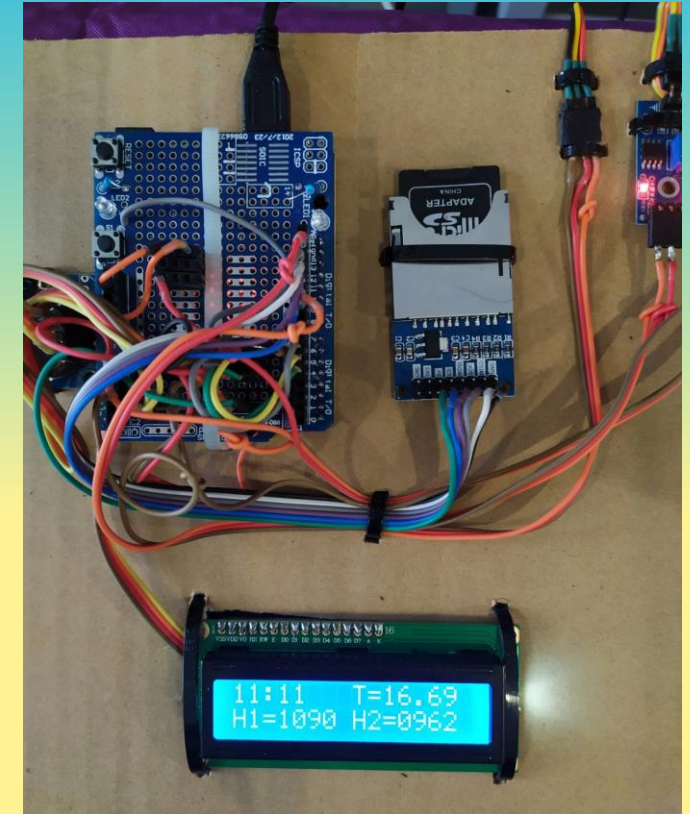
# Controlled vermiculture ecotechnology for biohumus production



A volume with worms



A pilot automated system for controlling soil moisture



The continuous process of scanning soil parameters



## Conclusions

1. UK–Ukraine R&I twinning initiatives and the current Project related to eco-technologies for land reclamation has started successfully and opened the new opportunities for further bilateral collaboration.
2. Phytoremediation and other environmental technologies provide a range of options for effective dialogue towards more sustainable development, especially in the context of current situation in Ukraine.
3. The most common and reliable Phytotechnologies in the range of priority include:
  - Reclamation and revegetation of technogenic territories and lands affected by military actions;
  - Phytoextraction of HM and biodegradation of organic compounds
  - Cultivation of energy crops for producing briquettes and pellets.
4. The Plant-Soil Restoration UUKi Twinning Network opened new horizons for effective bilateral collaboration in the field of Soil-Plant Restoration ecotechnologies.

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