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## **WATER QUALITY STUDY OF ARTIFICIAL LAKE FORMED AFTER GRAVEL MINING IN URBAN AREA**

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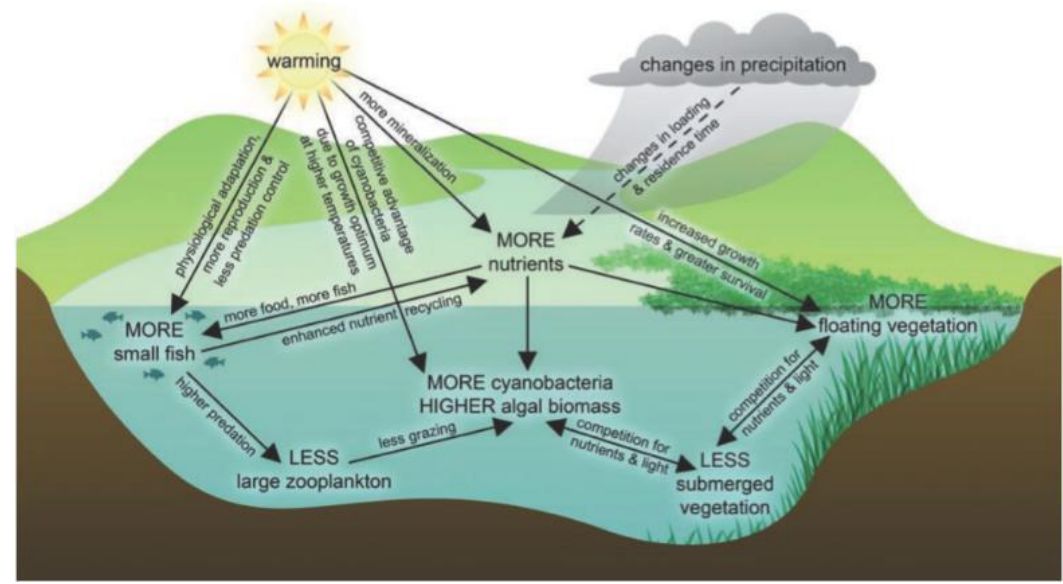
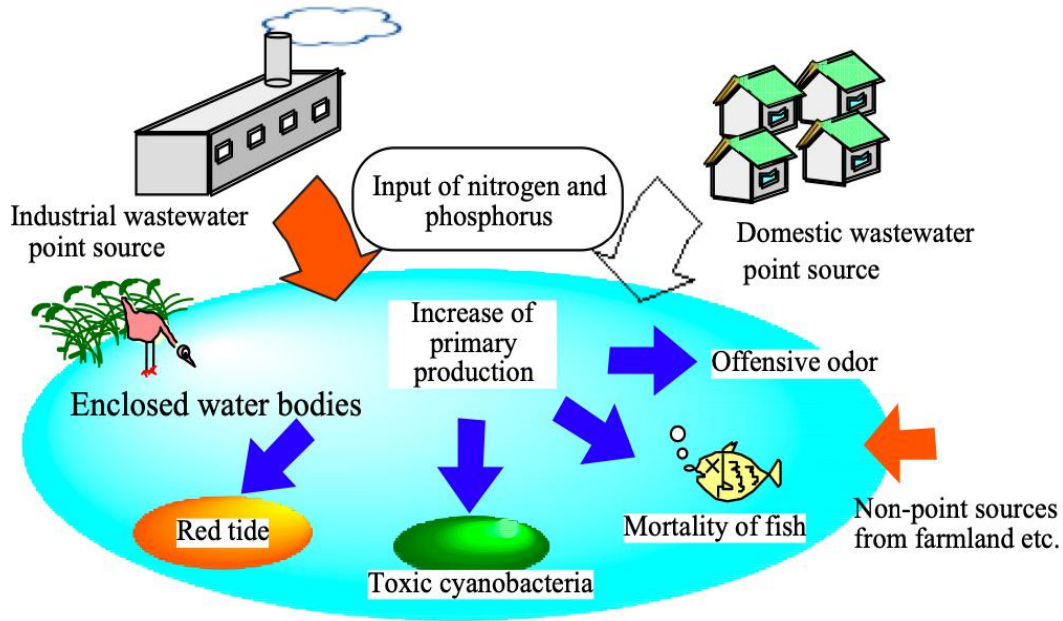
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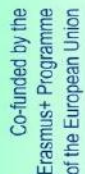
# Background....

Small and shallow lakes are much more vulnerable than deepwater ecosystems because they have a low capacity for contaminants or nutrient loads. (Jorgensen, 1988)



The establishment of thermal stratification was strongly related to the onset of DO depletion in the lower hypolimnion. As a result of a progressively earlier onset of stratification and later overturn, the duration of stratification increased by  $38 \pm 8$  days over the 41 years. (Brian Foley, 2012)

- The shallow water Lake Hulun the concentration of COD is abnormally high and reaches about 59 mg C/L (Tang et al. 2009) – average depth 4.5m
- The COD concentration was observed  $4.38 \pm 0.72$  mg/L in Taihu Lake. (Yun, Y. 2013) – average depth – 2.12m



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## The objective of the research:

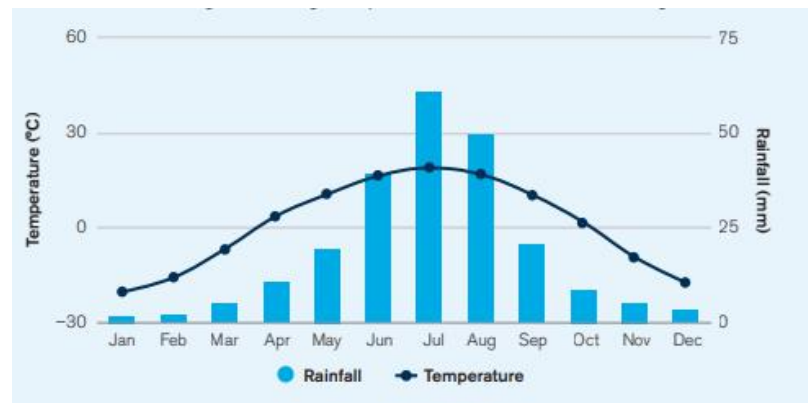
The objective of the research:

Evaluation of nutrient concentration level and its seasonal variation at the freshwater lake to identify the factors on eutrophication in freshwater ecosystem.

1. Spatial and temporal variation of nutrient concentration in the water in lower Kharaa basin
  - Lower reaches of Kharaa river and Lake Bulan
2. Water column characteristics of nutrient concentration in lake environment.

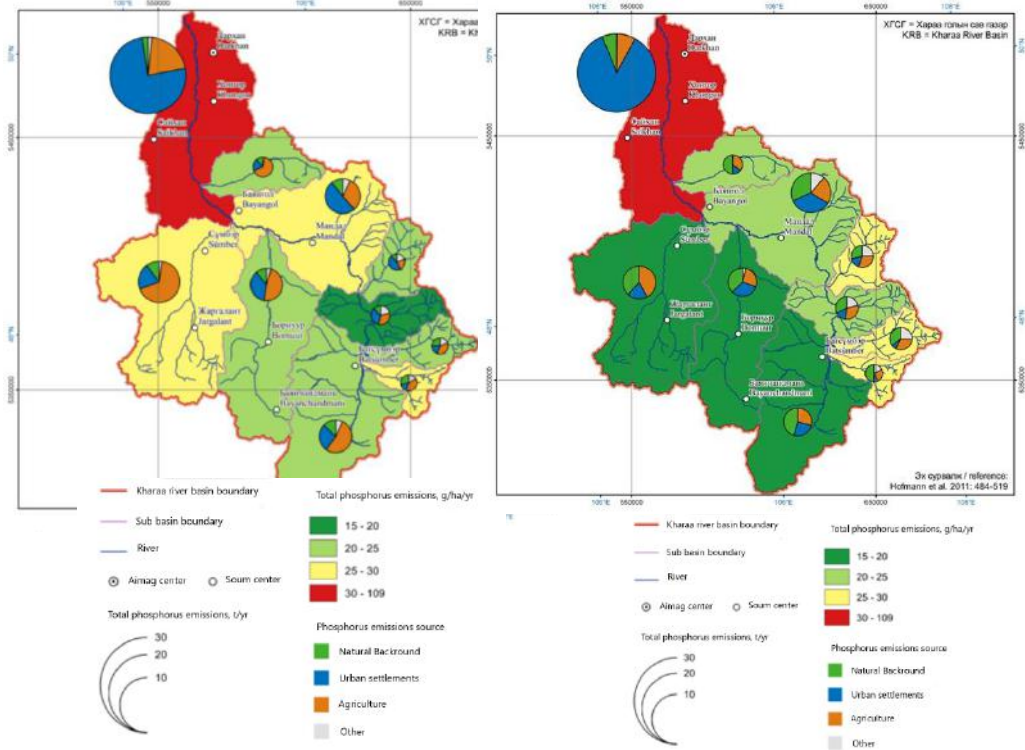
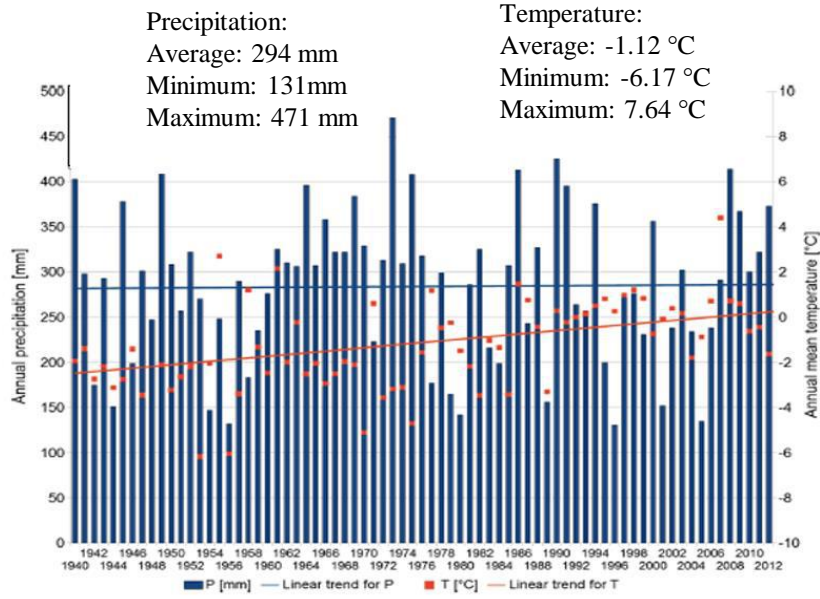


# Nitrogen emissions and source allocation (KRB, 2006-2008)



Source: WBG Climate Change Knowledge Portal (CCKP, 2020). Climate Data: Historical.

## Meteorological condition in Kharaa river basin

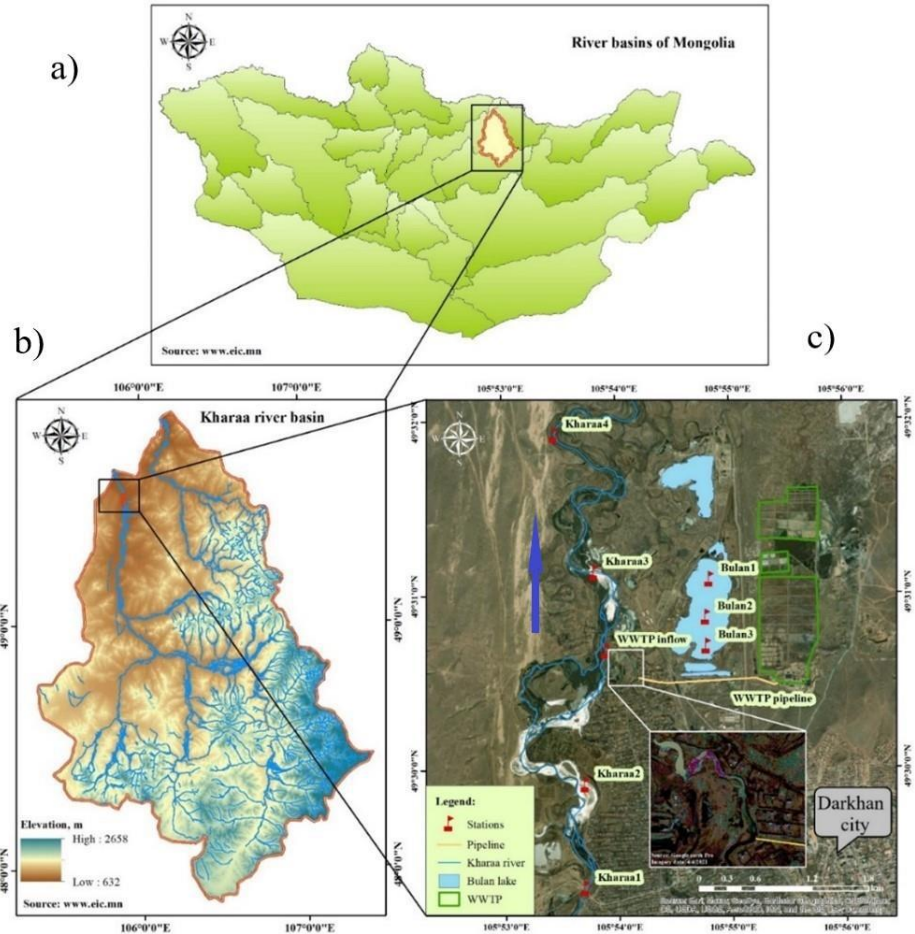


Total nitrogen emissions >500 g/ha/yr and 80% was from urban area

Total phosphorus emissions 30-109 g/ha/yr and 75% was from urban area

Source: Kharaa Yeree river basin atlas, 2017

# Methods: Sampling location

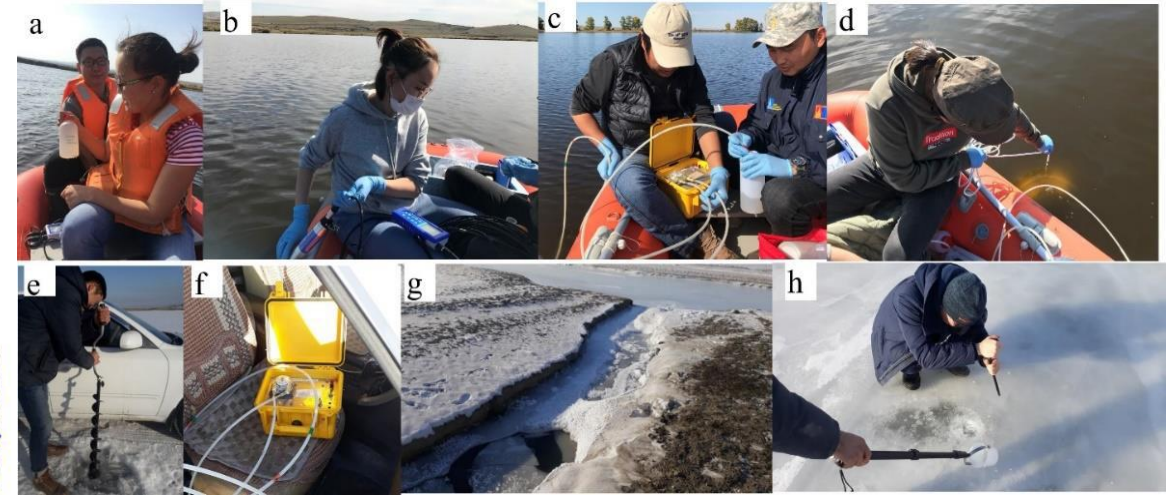
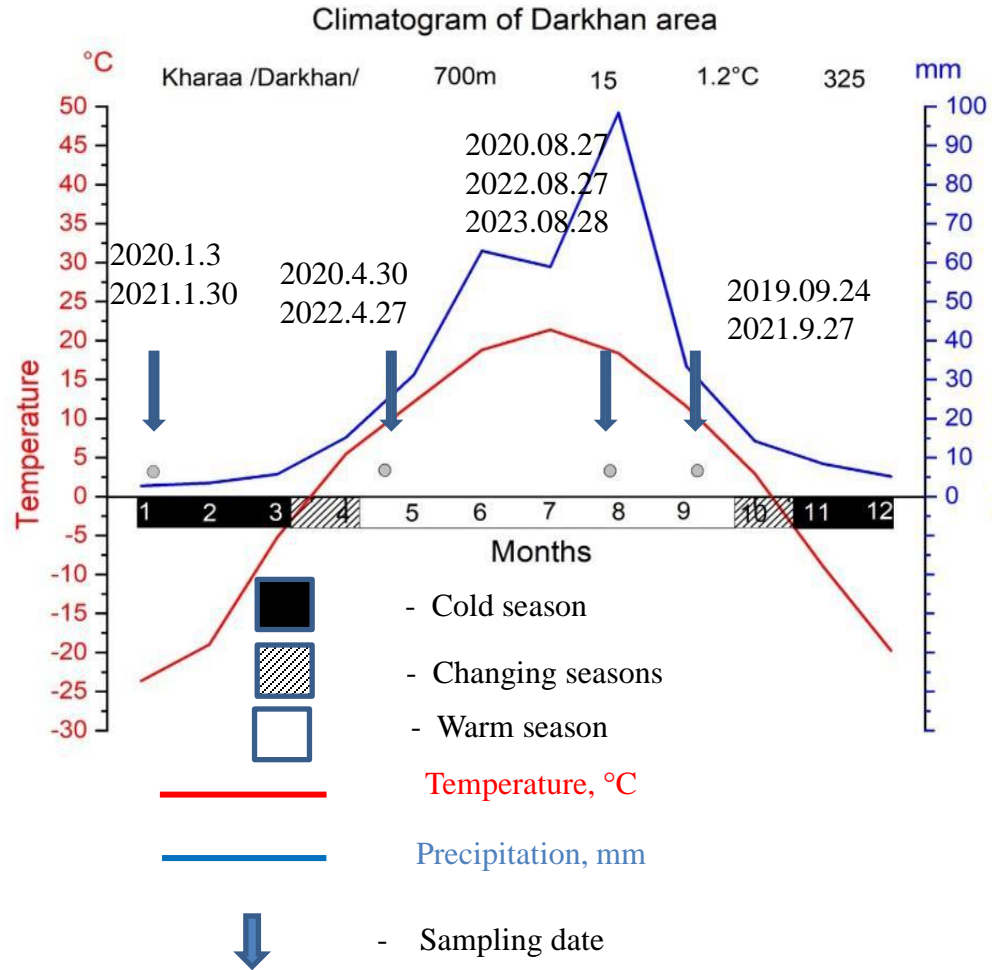


Research area: a) River basins in Mongolia; b) Elevation map of Kharaa river basin; c) Lake Bulan sampling sites. The arrow indicates flow direction of the Kharaa River

Station name	Coordinate		Description
<b>Bulan1</b>	49°31'5" N	105°54'49" E	7 m water depth
<b>Bulan2 *</b>	49°30'52" N	105°54'47" E	9 m water depth
<b>Bulan3</b>	49°30'42" N	105°54'47" E	7 m water depth
<b>Kharaa1</b>	49°31'07.75" N	105°53'48.71" E	Darkhan bridge
<b>Kharaa 2</b>	49°30'39.60" N	105°53'54.29" E	Before inflow WWTP
<b>Kharaa 3</b>	49°29'55.95" N	105°53'47.17" E	After inflow WWTP
<b>Kharaa 4</b>	49°30'40.93" N	105°53'55.06" E	Downstream of Darkhan city
<b>WWTP</b>	49°30'40.9" N	105°53'53.8" E	Inflowing point of wastewater treatment (WWTP) from the Darkhan city

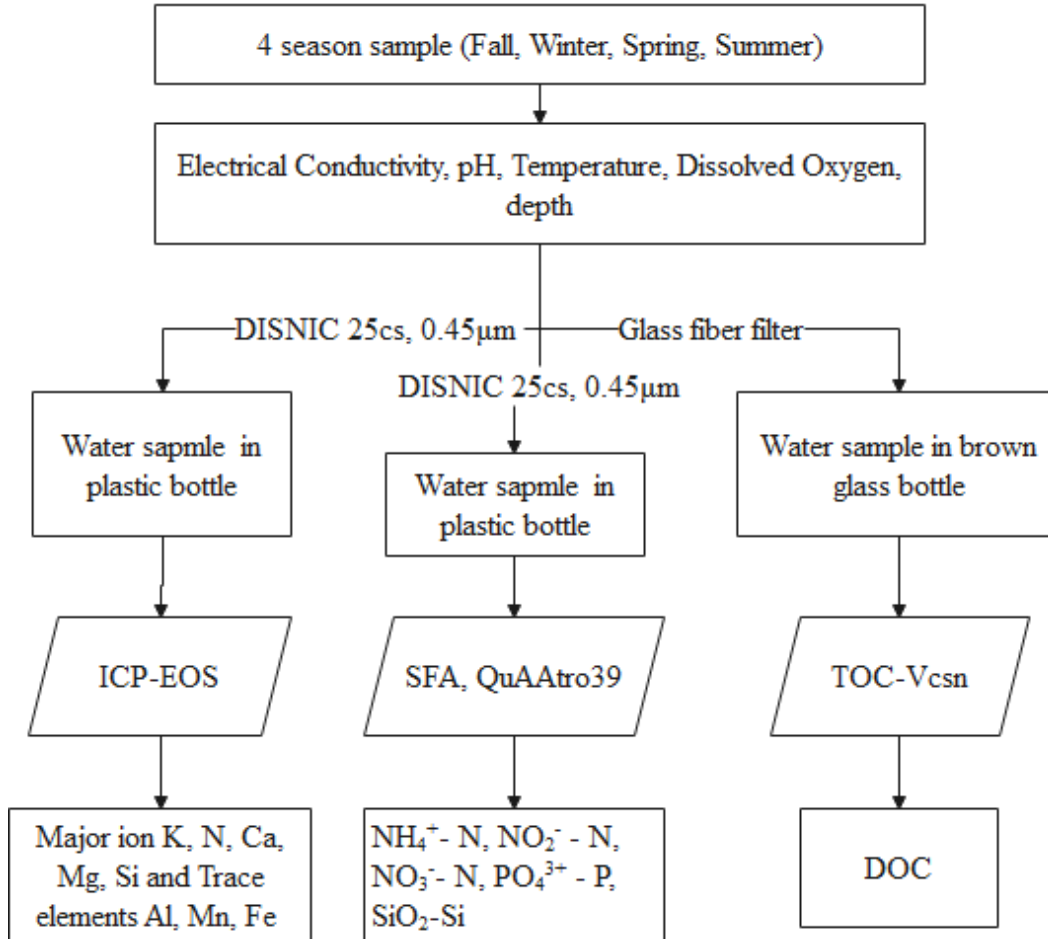
- Lake Bulan is an artificial freshwater lake formed from open cast sand and gravel mining during the construction of Darkhan city in the 1960s.
- Eutrophic green color, permanent water body; surface area of 0.45 km<sup>2</sup> and depth of 6–15 m; 1.1 km long and 0.6 km wide; and elevation of 678 m a.s.l.
- Lake Bulan is a lentic water body without inflow or outflow water courses.
- The main recharge sources are precipitation and groundwater from the Kharaa River valley.
- Ice forms on the lake surface at the beginning of November. The lake is poor in terms of floating and bottom species /Ch. Ayushsuren, 2018/

# Water sampling plan /2019-2023/



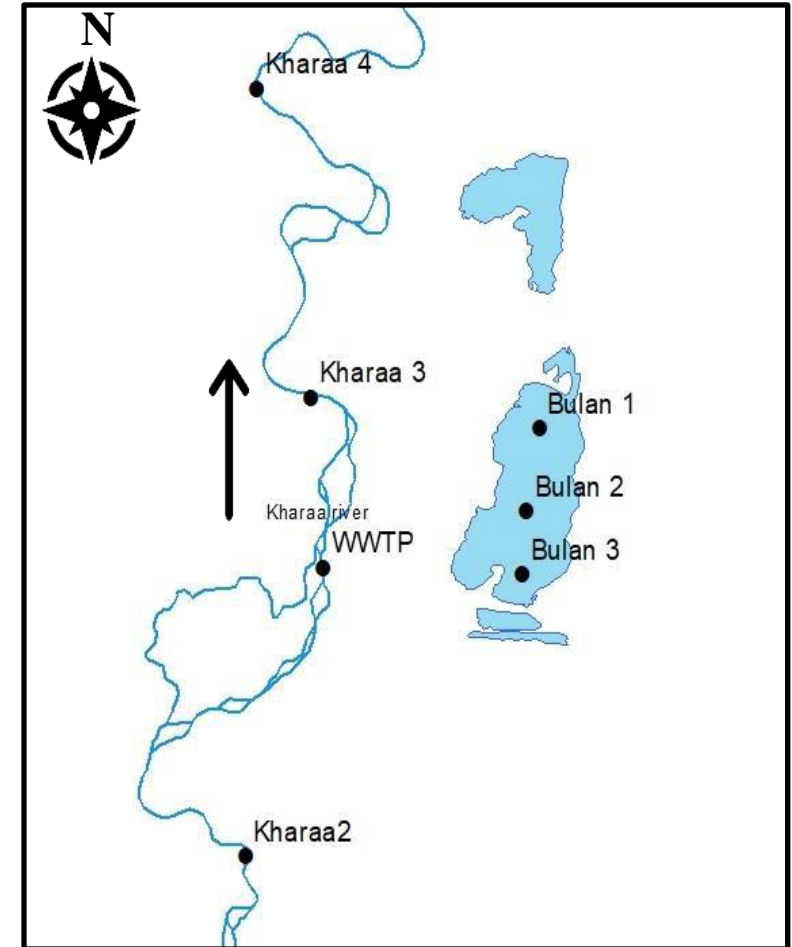
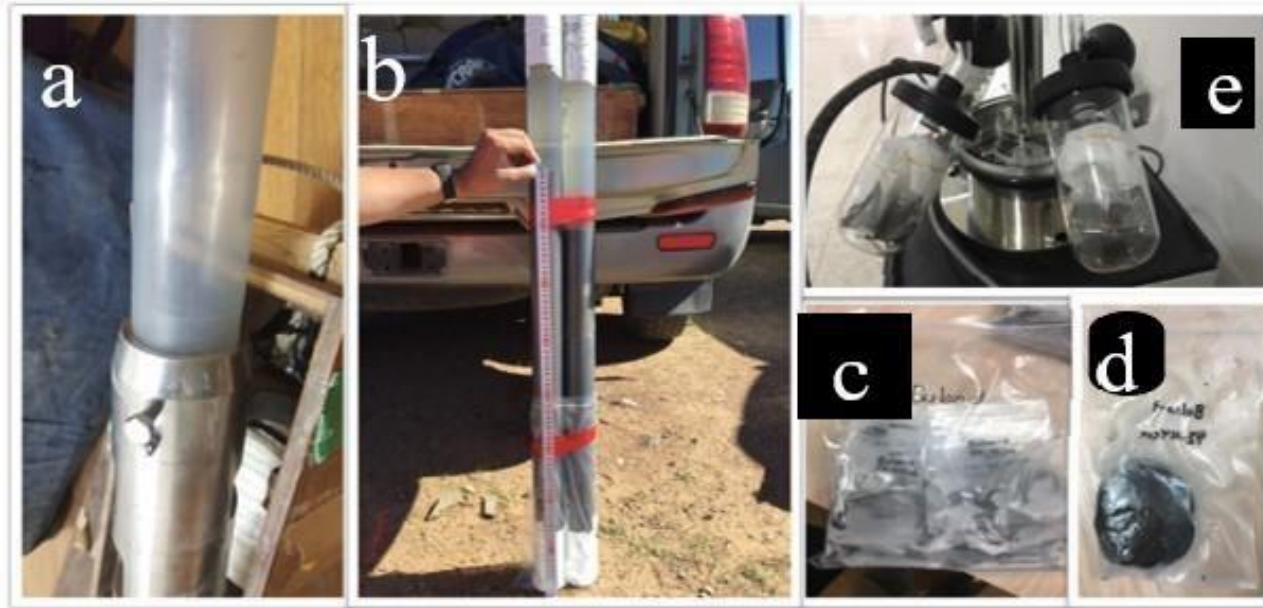
Water sampling: open water season sample, a- surface water collecting, b – WQP measurement, c – a pumping process of a depth water sample, d – transparency measurement by Secchi desk; Winter season: e – Lake ice cover drilling, f – pumping, g – inflow stream from WWTP, h- river ice cover drilling

# Research methods: Analytical method



The concentration of total nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_4^+ - \text{N}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^- - \text{N}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^- - \text{N}$ ), phosphorus ( $\text{P} - \text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) and silicate ( $\text{SiO}_2 - \text{Si}$ ) were analyzed by the segmented flow analyzer (SFA, QuAAtro39) and the total concentrations of dissolved organic carbon were measured using TOC analyzer (Shimadzu, TOC-V SCN). The concentrations for main ions ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ), trace metals (Fe, Mn, Al) were measured using inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES, Varian-710).

# Research methods: The sediment analyse in Lake Bulan

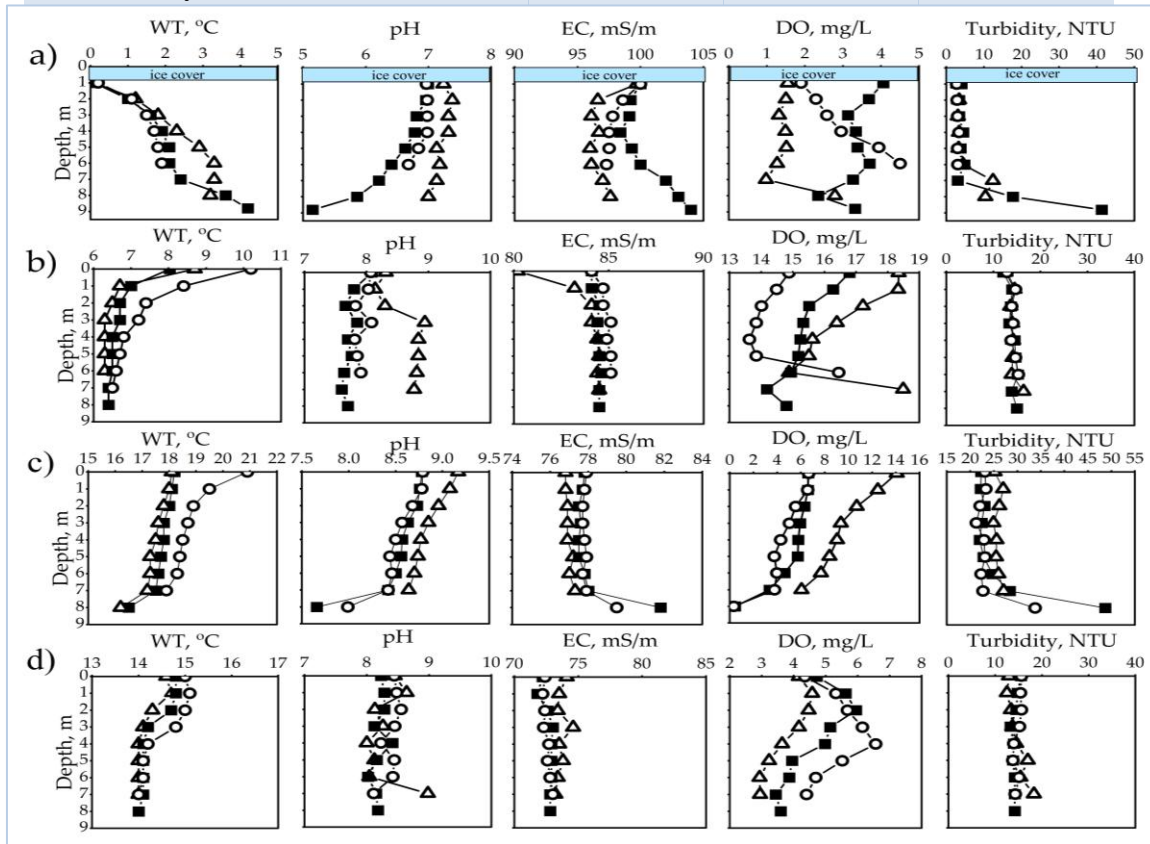


After removal of stone and plant fragments. The dried sediments were sieved through a 2 mm sieve and grounded in an agate mortar. The obtained samples were stored in a desiccator and used for chemical and mineralogical analyses. Then inorganic carbonates were removed with 1M HCl, rinsed with Milli-Q water, and dried again to analyze particulate organic carbon (POC), nitrogen (PN), and stable isotopic components ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ).

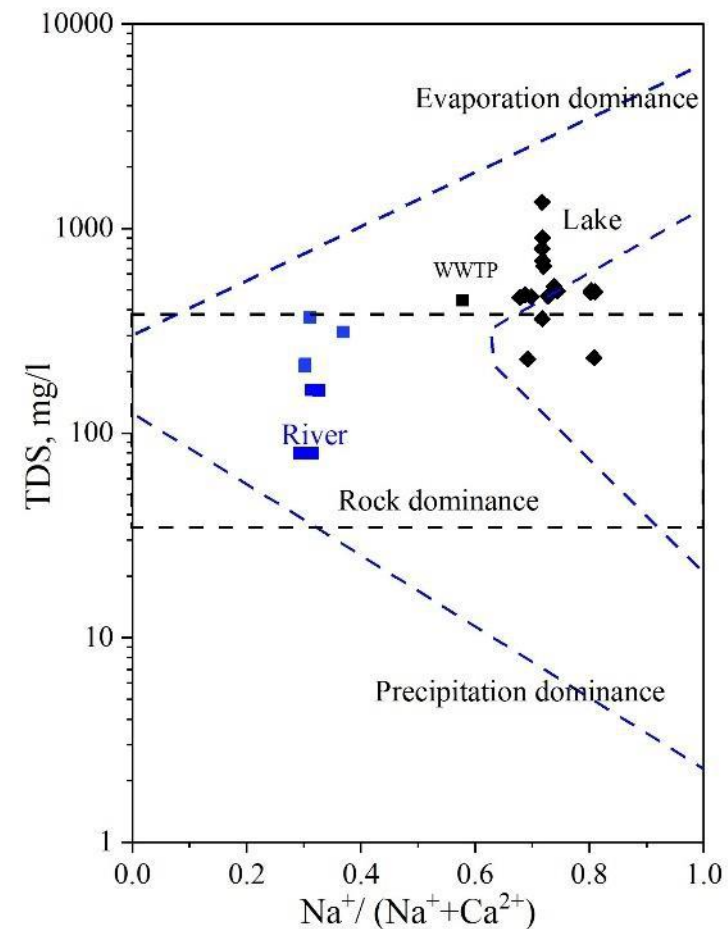


# Result...

Parameter	30 Ap. 2022	27 Au. 2020	24 Sep. 2021	25 Feb. 2022
WT, °C	8.03 *	20.1	14.8	0.1
pH	8.08	9.06	8.23	6.99
DO, mg/L	16.8	2.78	4.72	4.00
EC, mS/m	84.1	76.6	72.2	100
Turbidity, NTU	12.1	-	15.5	4.00



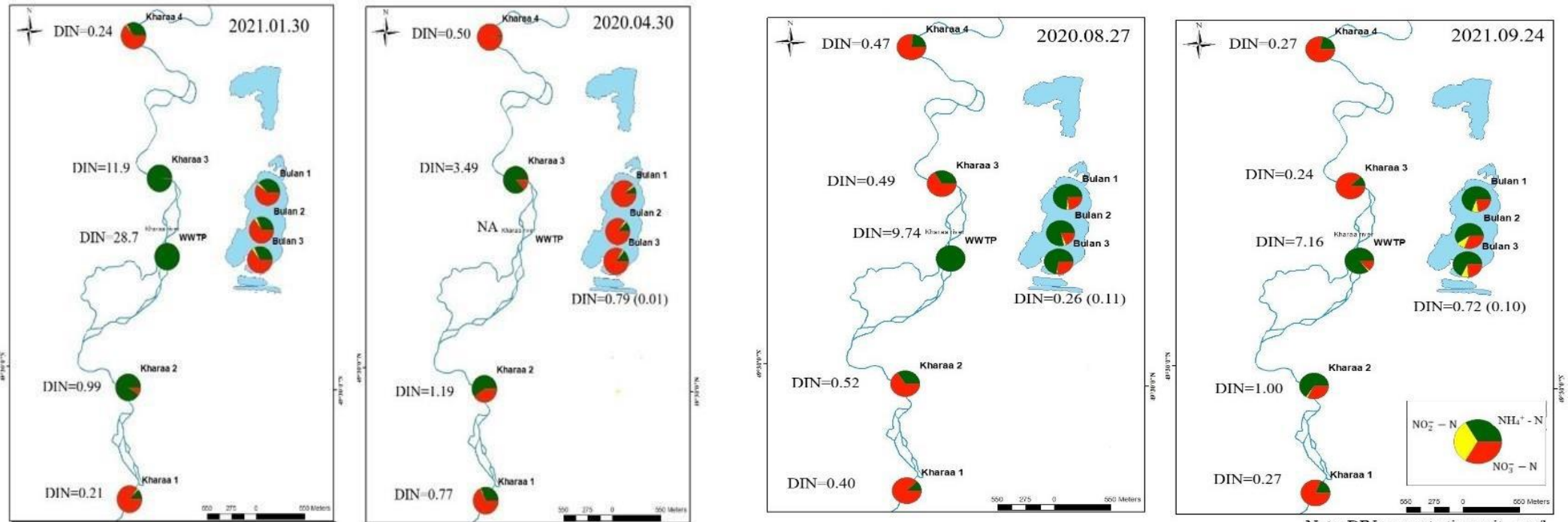
Note: (a) winter (25 February 2022), (b) spring (30 April 2022), (c) summer (27 August 2020), and (d) autumn (26 September 2021);



Gibbs plot of surface and bottom water samples from Lake Bulan. Note: closed circles - the ratio of cations  $[(Na^+)/ (Na^+ + Ca^{2+})]$  against TDS in water Lake Bulan

# Results....

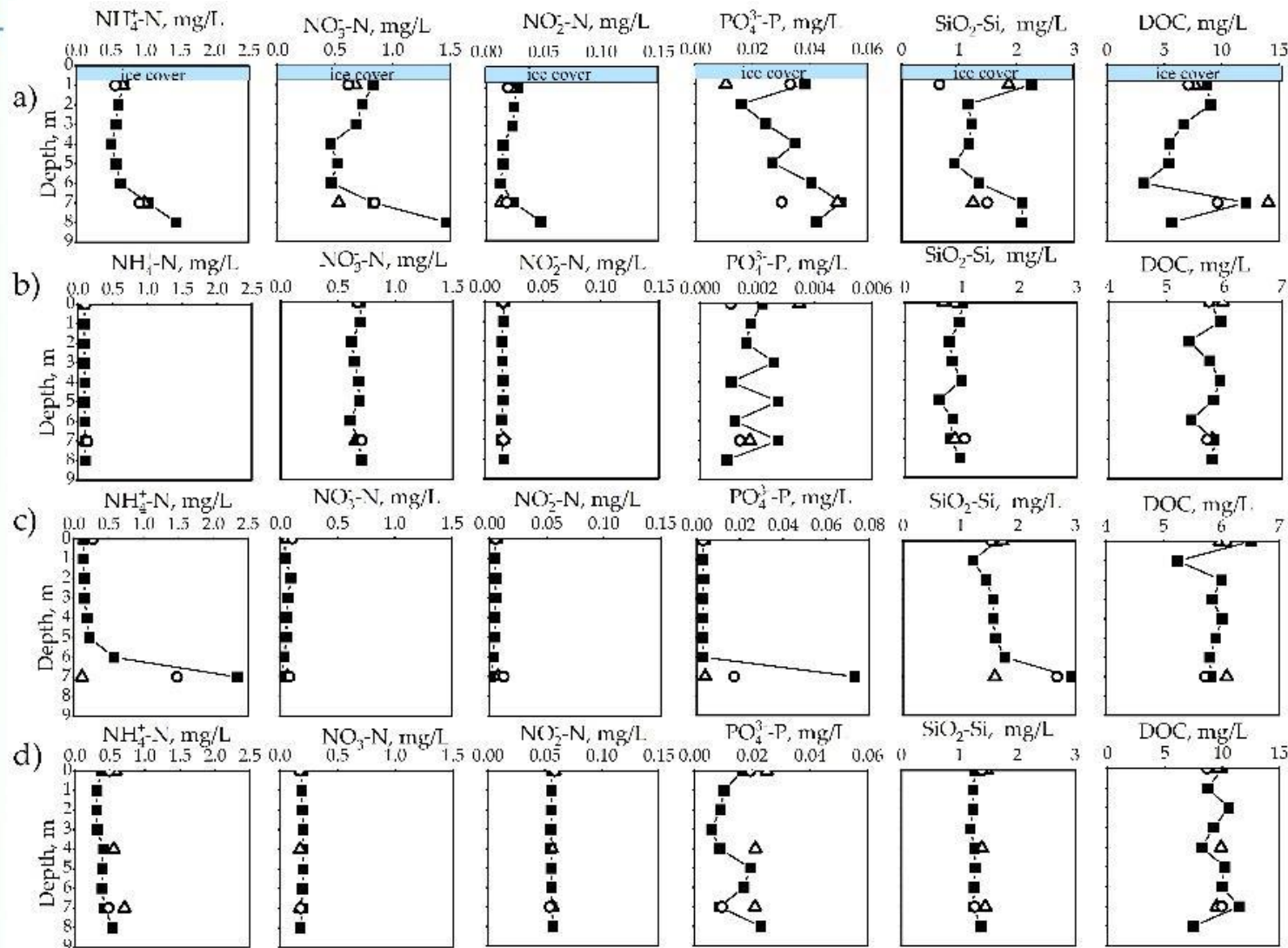
A percentage  $\text{NH}_4^+ : \text{NO}_3^- : \text{NO}_2^-$  of DIN in the water Lake Bulan and River Kharaa



Note: DIN concentration unit - mg/l. Lake's DIN in average, bracket values are S.D.

The amplitude of seasonal fluctuations in the level of nitrates and their percentage can serve as indicators of the eutrophication of a water body. In unpolluted surface waters, the concentration of nitrate ions does not exceed values of the order of tens of micrograms per liter. ( Stepanova, 2015)

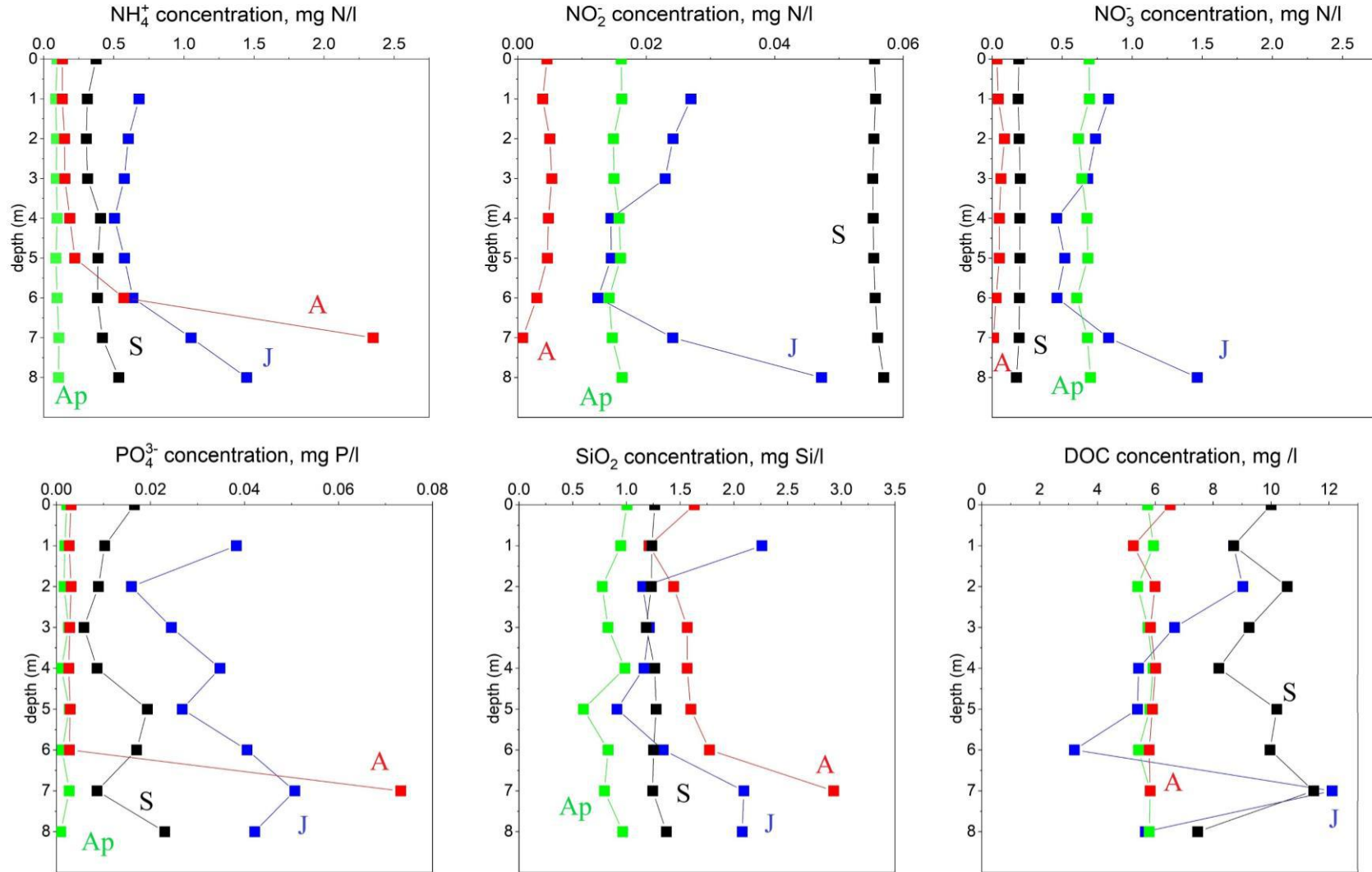
# Result: Spatial variation and vertical profiles of nutrient, and DOC concentrations in Lake Bulan



open triangle—Bulan 1,  
closed square—Bulan 2,  
open circle—Bulan 3;

Note: (a) winter (25 February 2022), (b) spring (30 April 2022), (c) summer (27 August 2020), and (d) autumn (26 September 2021);

# Vertical profiles of nutrient, and DOC concentrations at Bulan 2



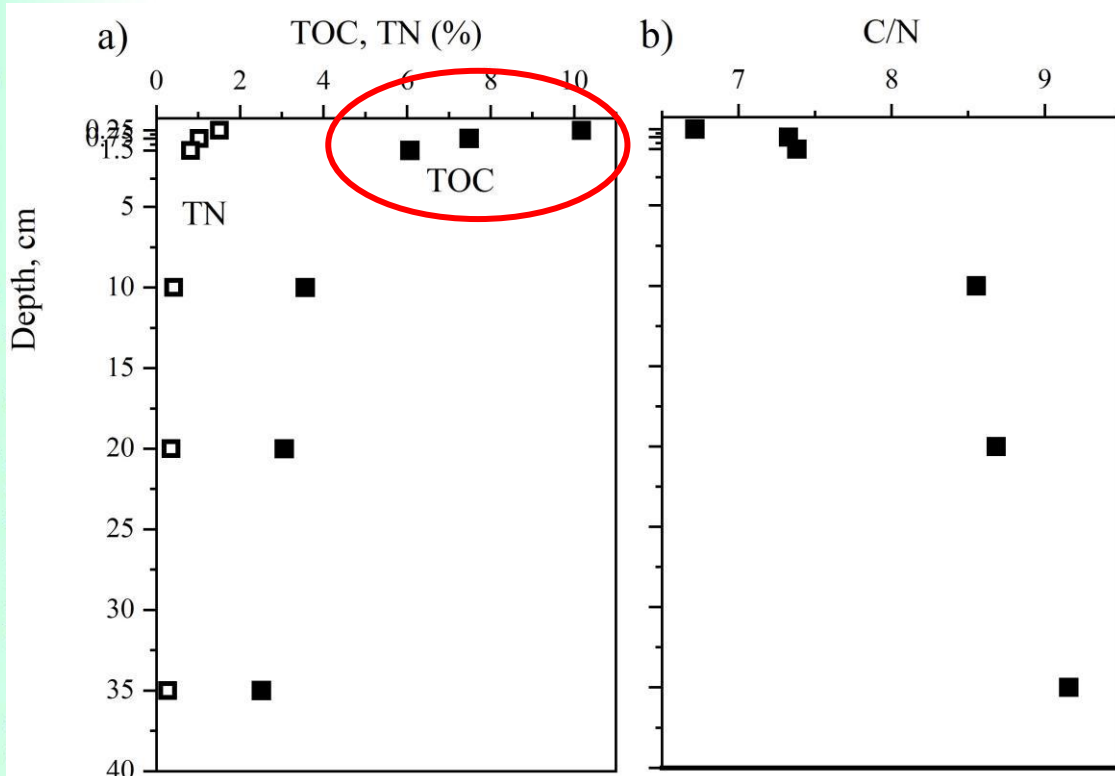
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# Total N and total organic C content, and their isotope ratios in Lake Bulan sediment



Sediment analyses result, a) TOC and TN, b) C/N ratio

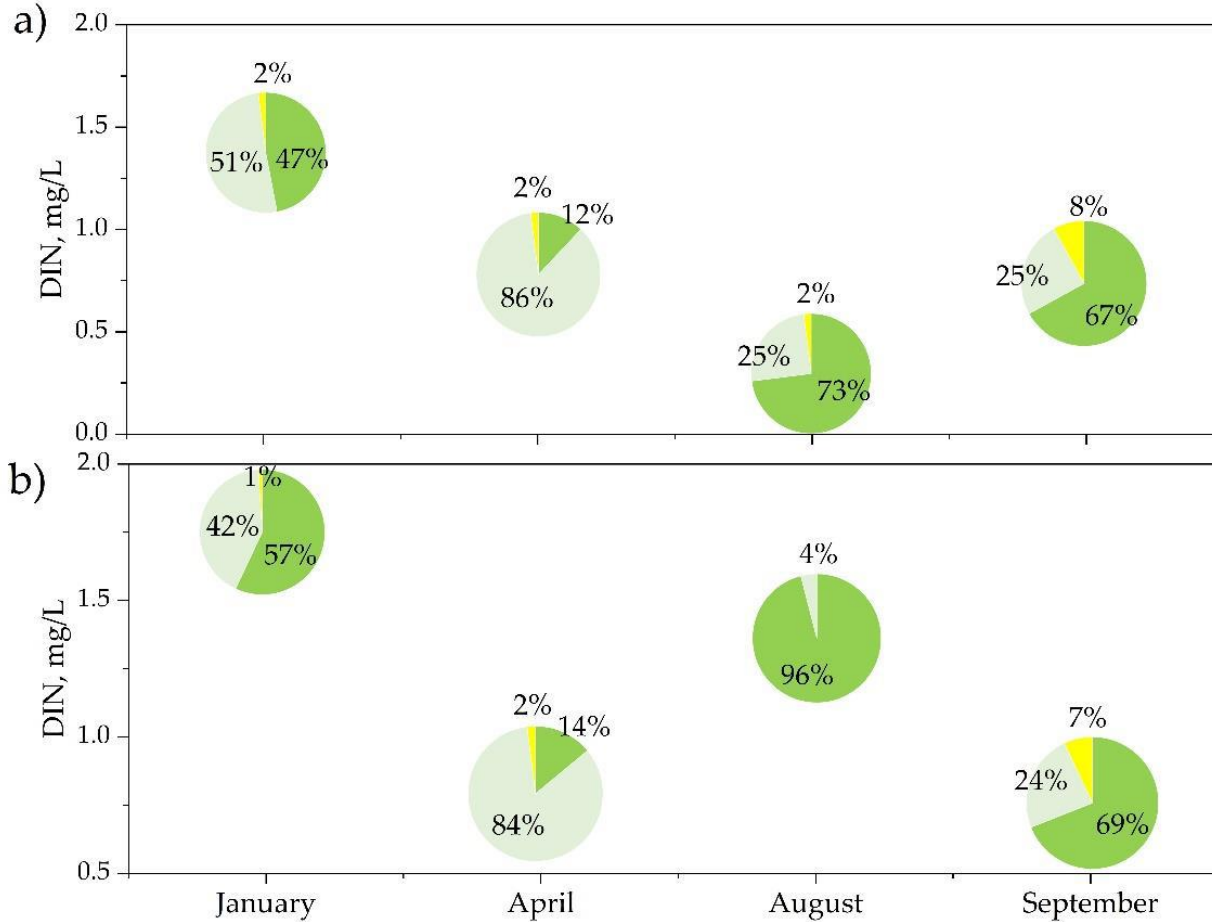
C/N ratio were measured from 6.0 to 9.2 which indicated freshly deposited OM (Mahapatra, D.M., 2011).

Bulan	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -VPDB, ‰	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ -Air, ‰	TN, %	TOC, %	C/N
0 - 0.5 cm	-28.7	10.8	1.51	10.2	6.9
1 - 2 cm	-29.0	10.7	1.02	7.49	7.3
2 - 3 cm	-28.6	10.7	0.822	6.07	7.4
10 - 12 cm	-28.1	10.1	0.416	3.56	8.6
18 - 20 cm	-28.0	8.10	0.352	3.06	8.7
34 - 36 cm	-27.0	7.15	0.274	2.51	9.2

Extremely high TOC content was observed in 0 - 0.5 cm - 10.8% and 0.5-1 cm – 7.49% while its content fluctuated from 1.8 to 4.3 % in freshwater Lake Bosten, China (Z.T.Yu, 2015) and from 2.86 to 7.32 in freshwater lake Kibagata, Japan (H.T. Bui, 2017).

Results of surface sediment analyses indicate high eutrophication process is occurring in Lake Bulan

# Discussion....



Percentages of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N (green), NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N (light green), and NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>-N (yellow) in total DIN concentrations in the water from three sites at Lake Bulan; **(a)** surface and **(b)** bottom layer (7 m depth).

1. Phytoplankton growth: Lower DIN concentration in August shows phytoplankton bloom, which occurs in late growth season in the Mongolian plateau region (Chengxue Ma, 2019, Ye Jin, 2020)

2. Water turbulence: Water turbulence during spring and autumn seasons in temperate lakes allow the mixing of water mass. Turbulent mixing controls the vertical transfer of heat, gases and nutrients in stratified water bodies, shaping their response to environmental forcing (Castro B. F., 2021)

3. Thermal stratification: Early formation of thermal stratification will cause the long strong summer stratification (Brian Foley, 2012)

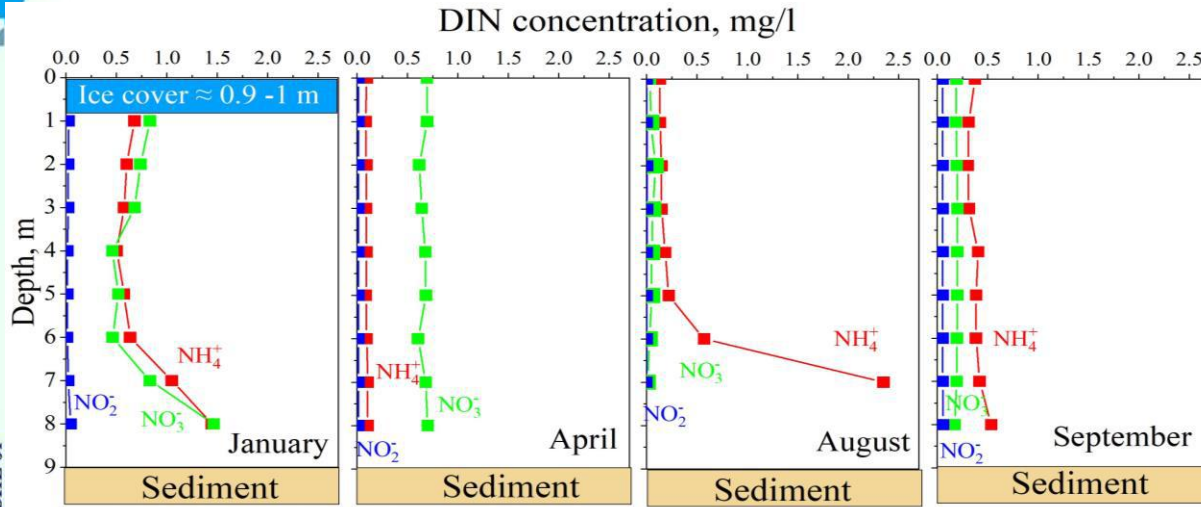


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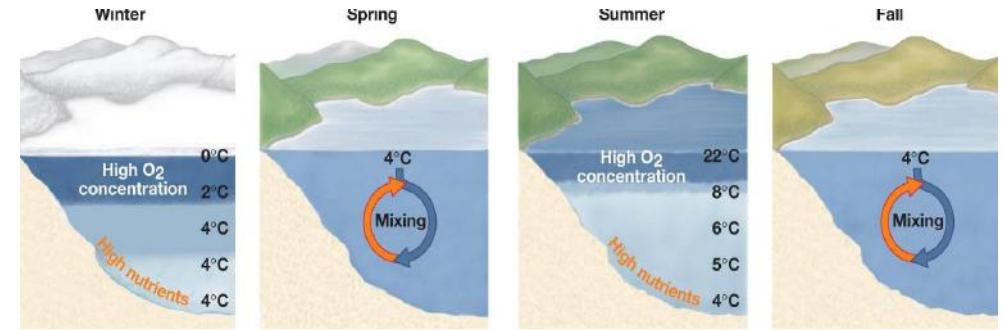
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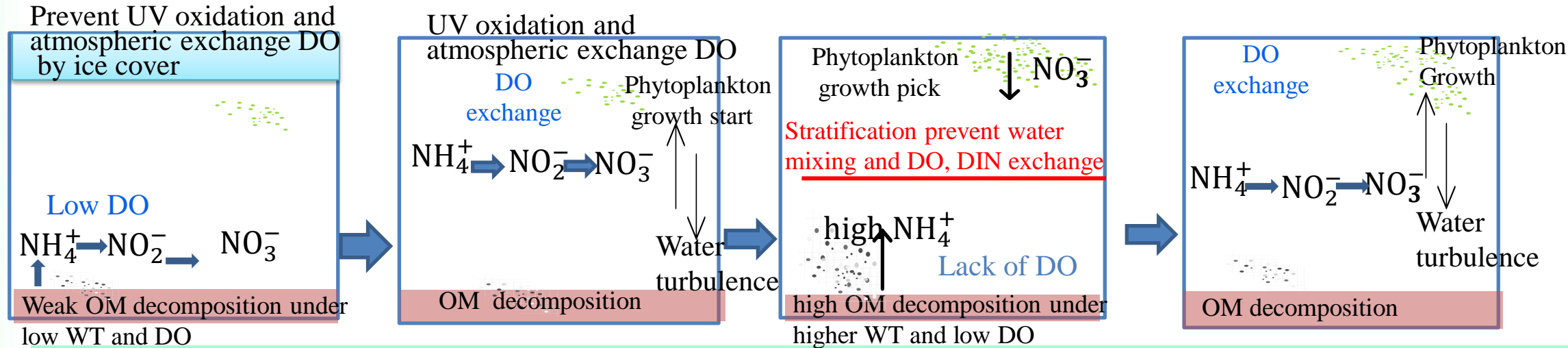


## Lake turnover



Source: Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

## Factors controlling profile of DIN concentration



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# Conclusion

Winter profile data of nutrients in small freshwater lakes has not yet been undertaken in Mongolia, which is sensitive to global warming. The following results were obtained.

The concentrations of nutrients ranged widely over four seasons. Higher concentrations of DIN and  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  were observed in January ( $1.37 \pm 0.08$  mg N/l,  $0.08 \pm 0.07$  mg P/l) and September ( $0.72 \pm 0.10$  mg N/l,  $0.02 \pm 0.01$  mg P/l).

The vertical profiles of DIN concentrations were different in each season.

Spring and autumn: constant with water depth due to vertical mixing of water mass.

Summer: higher concentration of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  was observed at the bottom layer.

Winter: higher concentration of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  was observed at the bottom layer. The  $\text{NO}_3^-$  concentration and its vertical profile were similar to those of  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , suggesting active metabolism in lake bottom water in winter.



The water stratification was one of the factors controlling nutrient concentration in Lake Bulan. This is reflected the phytoplankton production in spring and autumn in lake, and basic important information to understand and predict the effects of global warming on ecosystem in ice-covered lakes.





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**Abstract:** This is the first seasonal observation study on nutrient dynamics undertaken in a small freshwater lake with eutrophication in Mongolia. The vertical profile and seasonal fluctuation of nutrients are crucial to understanding the biogeochemical cycles in aquatic systems. In this study, field research was carried out at a small and shallow lake, Lake Bulan, in the lower Kharaa River basin. The area has been receiving increased nutrient loads from the water catchment area for the last 20 years. Water samples were collected seasonally from the lake from 2019–2022 and analyzed for nutrients, major cations, trace metals, and dissolved organic carbon. The average concentration of dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) in the surface lake water had a wide seasonal variation from  $0.26 \pm 0.11$  mg N/L in August to  $1.44 \pm 0.08$  mg N/L in January. Seasonal differences were also

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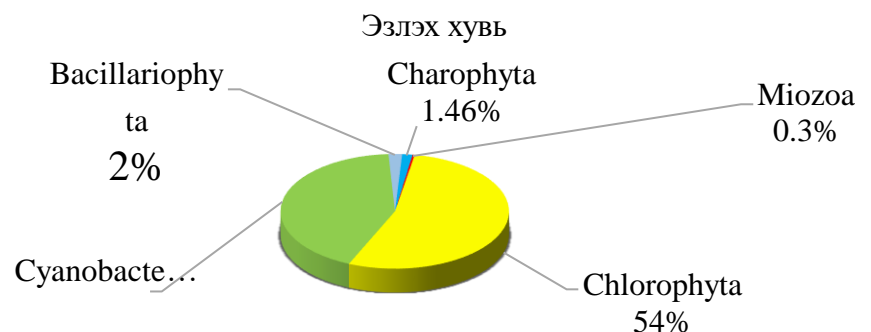
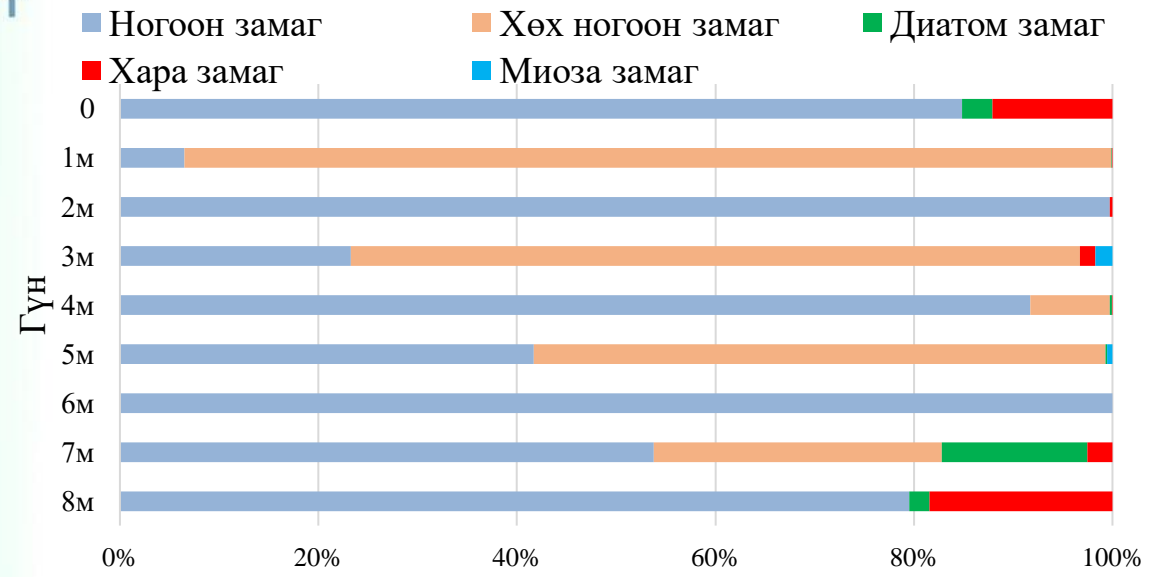


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Баялаг байдал	Хүрээ	Төрөл (sp)	Эзлэх хувь
9	Ногоон замаг (Chlorophyta)	<i>Chlorella</i>	35.93
		<i>Microspora</i>	9.07
		<i>Scenedesmus</i>	3.88
		<i>Acutodesmus</i>	3.32
		<i>Acutodesmus (dimorphus)</i>	1.21
		<i>Actinastrum</i>	0.25
		<i>Monoraphidium</i>	0.10
		<i>Parapediastrium</i>	0.01
		<i>Selenastrum</i>	0.002
7	Хөх ногоон замаг (Cyanobacteria)	<i>Microcystis 1</i>	27.85
		<i>Anabaenopsis</i>	8.82
		<i>Microcystis 2</i>	2.38
		<i>Gloeobacter</i>	2.09
		<i>Anabaenopsis</i>	1.26
		<i>Merismopedia</i>	0.06
		<i>Gomphosphaeria</i>	0.02
6	Диатом замаг (Bacillariophyta)	<i>Staurisirella</i>	1.78
		<i>Amphora</i>	0.10
		<i>Nitzschia</i>	0.01
		<i>Planothidium</i>	0.01
		<i>Synedra</i>	0.004
		<i>Navicula</i>	0.004
3	Хара замаг (Charophyta)	<i>Klebsormidium</i>	0.86
		<i>Euastrum</i>	0.47
		<i>Staurastrum</i>	0.12
2	Миоза замаг (Miozoa)	<i>Ceratium</i>	0.30
		<i>Gyrodinium</i>	0.002

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1m	0.75	0.36	0.23	0.87
2m	0.22	0.163	0.07	0.99
3m	1.27	0.58	0.24	0.59
4m	0.30	0.19	0.23	0.84
5m	0.99	0.48	0.23	0.5
6m	0	0	0	1
7m	1.19	0.74	0.24	0.39
8m	0.73	0.45	0.17	0.66

Шаннон, Маргалейф олон янз байдал бага байгаа нь бусад биотик хүчин зүйлсээс гадна антропоген нөлөөллөөс үүдэлтэй байгаль орчны доройтол, төрөл зүйлийн тоо багатай холбоотой байна .

Булан нуурын 7 метр гүнд Шэннон-Уинерийн индекс 1.19 байсан бөгөөд Нюрнбергийн судалгаагаар гүехэн нуурын ёроол хэсэгрүү индекс нэмэгдэх нь уг хэсэгт исэлдэх процесс буурсан ч уусмал фосфорын ялгаралт нь фитопланктоны өсөлт, хөгжлийг дэмжих шим тэжээл болж буйтай холбоотой гэжээ.

Гүн, м	Шэннон-Уинер индекс	Жигд тархац-ын индекс	Маргалейфийн индекс	Симпсо-ны индекс
0	Ядмаг	Тогт	Нөл/Өр	Дан
1	Муу	Стр	Нөл/Өр	Дан
2	Муу	Стр	Нөл/Өр	Дан
3	Ядмаг	Тогт.г	Нөл/Өр	Дунд
4	Муу	Стр	Нөл/Өр	Дан
5	Муу	Стр	Нөл/Өр	Дун
6	Муу	Стр	Нөл/Өр	Дан
7	Ядмаг	Тогт.г	Нөл/Өр	Ол
8	Муу	Стр	Нөл/Өр	Дан

*Тайлбар: Тогт- тогтвортой, Стр-стресс өртсөн, Нөл/өр – нөлөөлд өртсөн, Дан-дангаар нэг төрөл голчлон тархсан байна. Дунд- төрлүүдийн холилдож тархах нь дундаж хэмжээнд, Ол-харьцангуй олон бүлэг тархсан байна.*

Усны чанар буурснаар экосистемийн бүтцэд өөрчлөлт орж, фитопланктоны олон янз байдлыг бууруулдаг ба бохирдсон нуур нь байгалийн нууртай харьцуулахад зүйлийн олон янз байдлын индекс утга бага байдаг.

# Булан нуурын эрүүл ахуйн үнэлгээ (биологийн олон янз байдлын түвшин)

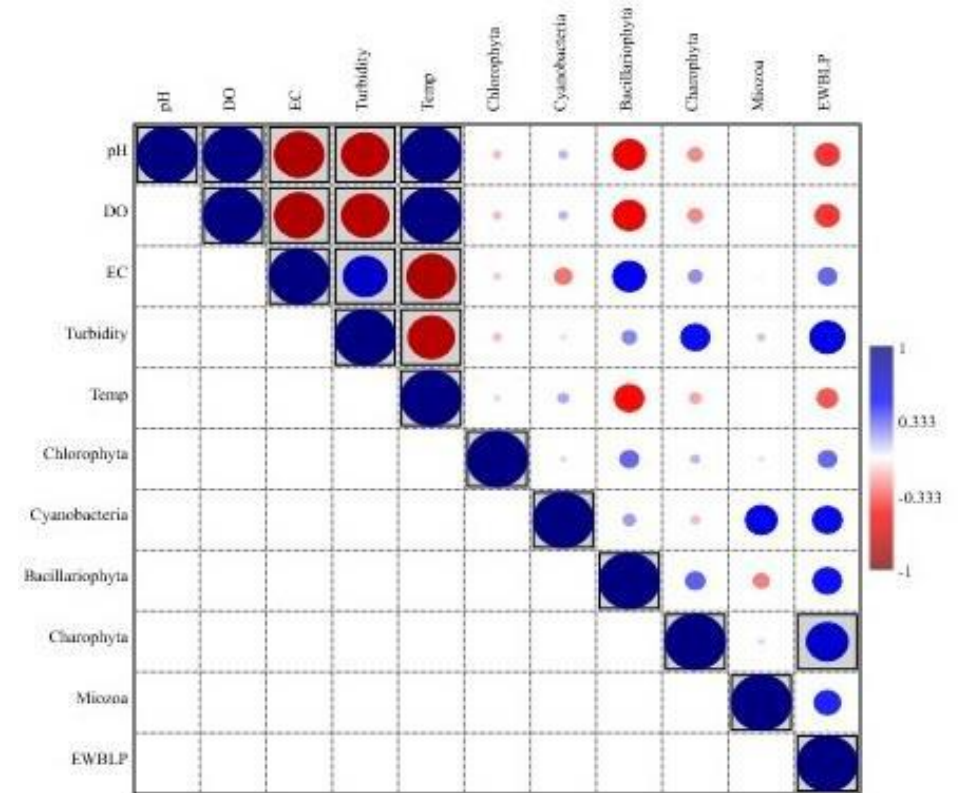
Булан нуур нь үүсмэл нуур тул түүнд бий болсон фитопланктоны төрөл, зүйлийг байгалийн нууртай шууд харьцуулах боломжгүй гэж үзээд Омаио нарын 2019 оны арга зүйгээр нуурын эрүүл ахуй, түүний биологийн олон янз байдлын түвшнийг үнэлсэн.

Гүн, м	Хүрээлэн буй орчны эрүүл ахуй буюу биологийн олон янз байдлын түвшин (EWBLP)
0	44.8
1	49.5
2	48.7
3	57.4
4	47.2
5	54.7
6	29.4
7	68.8
8	50.6±10.7%

Нуурын эрүүл ахуй, биологийн төрөл зүйлийн түвшний дундаж үнэлгээ 50.6±10.7%,

УЧҮ болон нуурын эрүүл ахуйн үнэлгээний үзүүлэлтийн хамаарал

P < 0.05



Нуурын эрүүл ахуй, биологийн төрөл зүйлийн түвшний үнэлгээ нь рН, ууссан хүчилтөрөгч, булингартай сөрөг хамааралтай байгаа бол бусад үзүүлэлтүүдтэй эерэг хамааралтай байна.

# Ongoing study....



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