**Sultanate of Oman** 

**Ministry of Education** 

**Umm Al Hakam bint Al Zubair School for Basic Education (1-10)** 



# White Algae disappearing & Effects on The Properties of Quraiyat Falajes



Done by:

- Ritaj Ahmed Abdullah Al Gassani
  - OhoodAmurSalim Albattashi
- Mayaar Mohmmed Saif Al Mawali

Umm Al Hakam bint Al Zubair School for Basic Education (1-10)

Supervised by: Shaikha Abdullah Mohamed Al Maawali

### **Mars 2021**

# **Table of Contents**

Page No.	Subject		
3	Abstract		
4	Scientific Terms		
4	Research Questions		
4	Introduction & Review of Literature		
4-5	Methodology		
6	Study Site		
7	Data collection & Analysis		
8-17	Results		
17	Discussion		
18	Conclusion		
19	Acknowledgment		
19	References		

# Abstract:

This research aims to study white algae **disappearing** & effects on the properties of Quraiyat falajes in order to answer the following questions:

## **Research Questions:**

- 1. What are the reasons of the of **disappearing** white algae in Al-Saih and Al-Jezeer falajes in Quraiyat?
- 2. What are the properties of water before and after treating white algae in the affected flajes?

This study was implemented in Quraiyat. Measurements of the coordinates from the site were taken and examinations of samples of the falajes. Examiners compared the properties of water before and after treating white algae by applying water protocol. Results showed that the salinity, acidity and conductivity ratio are high before treatment.

Coordination was done with the specialists of Center for Marine Research and Fisheries to visit the site of the affected falajes. Samples of algae were taken and tested. Results showed that the type of the affected algae is chlorophyte. In addition, it showed presence of blue-green algae from anabena type in very large quantities. It is worth mentioning that this type is considered to be toxic and harms living organisms, which explains the reason behind algae being stained white (Appendix 1).

An interview was done with Abdullah Al-Furi, to identify the reasons of such type of algae emergence. Due to the contamination of water with the remains of dead animals, and the dam has not been opened for almost a year, the water has become stagnat.

The recommendations that has been reached are the necessity of conducting a periodic examination of water falajes, addressing the competent authorities to treat this type of toxic algae, and educating the citizens not to drink and get shower in the affected falajes due to the high percentage of salts in them which affect their health.

# Scientific Terms:

Algae: primitive plants that live in soil, water and swamps, and are considered to be among the oldest plants. (Haddad, Khaled. 2006)

Blue-green algae: prokaryotic bacterial organisms capable of fixing nitrogen. (Bonnie. 1998)

Anabena: A type of bacterium that converts nitrogen to ammonia and turns green

algae to white (Mahmoud, Mohamed, and Fahmy. 2009)

# **Research Questions:**

- 1. What are the reasons of the **disappearing** of white algae in Al-Saih and Al-Jezeer falajes in Quraiyat?
- 2. What are the properties of water before and after treating white algae in the affected flajes?

## Introduction & Review of Literature:

Flajes in the Sultanate of Oman were considered as a main source for crops irrigation in the past. This unique water system has achieved the prosperity of agriculture; Therefore, Royal Decree No. 39/2007 has been issued specially for regulating and protecting falajes.

It was necessary to search and investigate to find out the reasons of the algae being stained white. Interviews with specialists were done regarding this field and it has been pointed out that the reason of such algae presence is the dead organisms fallen in the dam water. Gases in the water decay these animals' bodies. Therefore, Wadi Deiqa is a nutrition source for Al-Seih and Al-Jazeea falajes which, as a result, leads to the formation of blue-green algae of the anabena, a type of cyanobacteria that abound in fresh water. This causes algae being stained white.

We concluded that water can be classified based on the presence of algae in it. When the blue-green algae become prevalent, this indicates the saturation of water with organics. One of the factors that contribute to the prosperity of this type of algae in the water is the availability of nutrients such as phosphorous and nitrogen (Gudrun.2010).

### **Methodology:**

First: The research plan:

- 1. Selecting a research problem.
- 2. Coordinating with Center for Marine Research and Fisheries of Muscat.
- 3. Interviewing Abdullah Al-Furi.
- 4. Applying water protocol and take measurements
- 5. Comparing the results, analyzing them graphically using Excel program and writing recommendations.

The timeline for conducting the research was as follows:

Period of Time	Task
September	Selecting a research problem, designing a period of time for the research, dividing the tasks and coordinating with the staff of Center for Marine Research and Fisheries
October	Coordinating with the General Directorate of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources in Muscat Governorate to test the samples from Al-Saih and Al-Jazeer falajes, and the dam's water
September & November	Applying water protocol in the study sites
January	Interviewing Abdullah Al Furi, analyzing data and writing recommendations
February	Writing, proofreading and presenting the reaserch

Table (1): The timeline for conducting the research

# Dividing the roles among the research team according to preparing tools and field application:

Students	Task
Mayaar &Ohood	Writing the research problem clearly, specifying the required tools
	and preparing them
Mayaar& Ritaj	Data collection and analysis through applying the planned protocols
	inside and outside the school, and entering data in the website
All	Writing results through the collected data, summary and the research
Tak	ale (2): Dividing the roles among the research team

Table (2): Dividing the roles among the research team

# **Study Site:**

The research plan was implemented in (Sultanate of Oman – Muscat Governorate), Quraiyat, Al Mazari village, September, hot weather (42 C), by applying water protocol.

September, Hot weather (42  $^{\circ}$  C), and by applying the water protocol.

The maps below show this geographical area:

The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry
Set elevation	Source of Coordinates Data *
Source of Coordinates Data *	GPS Other
GPS Other	
المزادع	
	المرارع
	Alar
المع سد وادی ضبقه	
	🄶 🖟 🤈 🌐
♠ 4 ? ⊕	♠ 4 ? ⊕
من ۱۰:۳۷ SOMANTEL	الله: ۲۹ کې ۲۰:۳۹ کې MANTEL II
The GLOBE Program	۰۰۰۳۹ ۲۹۵ می که ۲۹٪ است ۲۹ 🐨 ۲۹٪ 🖛 ۲۹٪ است The GLOBE Program
Science Data Entry	Science Data Entry
alceeh falaj	Al Jzeer Area
Site ID 100978	Site ID 105811
Coordinates	Coordinates
Coordinates	
Get My Device's Lat/Lon/Elevation	Get My Device's Lat/Lon/Elevation
	Latitude *
Latitude *	
23.082938 °	23.087207 °
O North South	O North South
Longitude *	Longitude *
58.849669 °	58.860930 °
O East West	O East West
east vvest	
Elevation *	Elevation *
121 m	119 m
♠ & ? ⊕	n 4 ? 💬
No Service ♥ 0 8:42 PM @ ♥ 56% ●	10 MI 010 M 00 M 010%
🗙 🔪 قرية السيح ،مزارع، قريات 📰	📉 , قرية الجرير ،مرارع ، قريات 📰
DUstHeat/Da	
All Charles I and	
All and the second of the	A REAL PARTY AND A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL PR
No the set of the set	and the second
	The state of the s
CO DESERVO	
Coogle	Changella

	6	

# **Data collection & Analysis:**

An official address to Center for Marine Research and Fisheries to visit the site and take samples from the falajes and do an interview with Ms. Ahlam Al Kharousi. Acidity was measured. It was 7.8.



Pictures of the specialists of the Center taking samples from the falajes





An interview with Mr. Abdullah was conducted to coordinate with the General Directorate of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources to examine samples from the falajes and the water's dam and compare between their characteristics.

## **Results:**

Results reached through this research are indicated in the following report:

بناءاً على البلاغ الوارد لمركز العلوم البحرية والسمكية من مدرسة أم الحكم للتعليم الإساسي بقرية المزارع الوافعة بولاية قريات، حول موضوع تضرر بعض القاطنين بالقرية من از دهار الطحالب في بعض الأفلاج بشكل كبير وتصبغ بعضها باللون الأبيض؛ وتعرض بعض الأطفال بالحساسية الجلدية وظهور الحبوب على الجلد وذلك أثناء السباحة في الأفلاج المذكورة أعلاه، على ضوء ذلك تحرك فريق من المركز للمعاينة الميدانية، وتم مقابلة أحد المعلمات القاطنات بالمنطقة وكذلك مع أحد العاملين في تلك الأفلاج، اتضبح أن هذه المشكلة قد ظهرت منذ شهر تقريباً، وصاحبها ظهور رائحة شديدة ولكنها بدأت بالإنخفاض تدريجياً. و عند المعاينة، لم يكن للرائحة وجود ، أما بالنسبة لإنتشار الطحالب فقد كان كثيفاً في أفلاج قريتي السيح و الجزير، أما فلج قرية الغبيرة والتي تقع في وسط قريتي السيح والجزير، فلم نلاحظ از دهار لهذه الطحالب فيها . وقد قام الفريق بأخذ عينات من الماء والطحالب، وتم قياس نسبة الحموضة ووجدت أنها متعادلة (7-8). و تم أخذ بعض الصور للأفلاج المتضررة وصور الطحالب . ثم قام الفريق بزيارة سد وادي ضيقة وهو المصدر المغذي لمياه الأفلاج في المنطقة . وتم مقابلة أحد العاملين بالسد من أجل السماح لنا بمعاينة السد وأخذ عينة ماء منه ، ولم بالحظ أى تواجد لهذه الطحالب كذلك وكان معدل الحموضة متعادل (7). وقد قام المختصون بقسم البيئة البحرية وعلوم المحيطات بتحليل عينات الطحالب والتعرف على الأنواع و أوضحت النتائج أن نوع الطحالب المتضررة هي مجموعة كلورفايت، كما أتضح تواجد الطحالب الخضراء المزرقة من نوع Anabaena sp. بكميات كبيرة جدا ، مع العلم أن هذا النوع يعتبر من الأنواع السامة جدا والتي لها أضرار كبيرة على صحة الأنسان و الحيوان، و يرجح هذا النوع كان السبب وراء تصبغ الطحالب باللون الأبيض. أما بالنسبة لتحاليل الماء للكشف عن مستويات العناصير الكيميائية وأنواع البكتيريا و الفطريات فلم يتمكن المختصون بإجراءها نظرا لعدم توفر الأجهزة اللازمة ا

Appendix (1): A report of testing water samples from Center for Marine Research and Fisheries ensures the problem and that drinking and bathing are not allowed

properties of water after	properties of water before	Sample of Al Saih falaj
treating	treating	
25	25	Temperature
6.48	9.49	(PH) Acidity
248ppm	565ppm	Salty
307us	1011us	Conductivity

### First: properties of Al Saih falaj water before and after treating



Table (3): Data of Al Saih falaj water

Diagram (1): proprieties of Al Saih falaj water

## First: properities of Al Jazeer falaj water before and after treating

properties of water after	properties of water before	Sample of Al jazeer falaj
treating	treating	
25	25	Temperature
8.61	11.2	(PH) Acidity
250ppm	751ppm	Salty
307us	870us	Conductivity

Table (3): Data of Al Jazeer falaj water



Diagram (2): proprieties of Al Jazeer falaj water

9
9

properties of	properties of	properties of Al	The	elements and
the dam's	Al Saih falaj	Jazeer falaj	maximum	compounds
water falaj	water after	water after	percentage	
water after	treating	treating	of water	
treating			presence	
3.14mg/l	3.13 mg/l	3.07mg/l	-	Potassium
				carbonate
21.25mg/l	20.86mg/l	20.83mg/l	-	Calcium
385.23mg/l	332.69mg/l	407.82mg/l	1000	Dissolved solids
8.65	8.72	8.69	6.5-9.9	Acidity
9.13mg/l	9.02mg/l	8.92mg/l		Silicon
273.28mg/l	163.48mg/l	361.12mg/l		CO2
206.38mg/l	202.11mg/l	202.86mg/l	500	Stiffness
0.98mg/l	1.24mg/l	1.03mg/l	11.29	Nitric acid
0.0mg/l	000mg/l	0.00mg/l	1.5	Fluoride
0.51 /1	0.40 /1	0.40 /1		compound
0.51mg/l	0.49mg/l	0.49mg/l		Strunchium
41.84mg/l	42.07mg/l	23.89mg/l	400	Sodium
36.78mg/l	35.99mg/l	36.14mg/l	150	Magnesium
0.09mg/l	0.08mg/l	0.09mg/l	0.7	Barium
4.34mg/l	4.29mg/l	4.24mg/l		Silicon
224mg/l	134.00mg/100	296.00mg/l		Alkalinity
60mg/l	62.67mg/l	59.54mg/l	600	Chloride
73.08mg/l	70.82 mg/l	71.07mg/l	400	Sulfate
4.34mg/l	5.50mg/l	4.58mg/l	50	Nitrates
574 us/cm	569.00 us/cm	570.00us/cm		Conductivity
	able (5), propert			

# Third: A comparison of the results of Al Saih and Al Jazeer falajes, and the dam's water

 Table (5): properties of water samples in dams' laboratories





Parameter	Result	Specification	Parameter	Result	Constantio
Pottasium	3.07 mg/l		Sodium	23.89 mg/l	Specification Max. 400
Calcium	20.83 mg/l		Megnasium	36.14 mg/l	Max. 150
Theoretical TDS	407.82 mg/l	Max. 1000	Barium	0.09 mg/l	Max. 0.7
pH	8.69	Min. 6.5 Max. 9.0	Silicon	4.24 mg/l	Max. U.I
Silicon as SiO2	8.92 mg/l		Total Alkalinity	296.00 mg/l	
Bicarbonate	361.12 mg/l		Chloride	59.54 mg/	No. 600
Total hardness as	202.66 mg/l	Max. 500	Sulphate	the second s	Max. 600
Nitrate (N)	1.03 mg/l	Max. 11.29	Nitrate as NO3	71.07 mg/l	Max. 400
Fluoride	0.00 mg/l	Max. 1.5	Conductivity	4.58 mg/l	Max. 50
Strontium (Sr)	0.49 mg/l		Consudential	570.00 µS/cm	

Appendix (2): A report of properties of Al Jazeer falaj water

Water Assessment Department

Customer email Specifications

Max\_levelDrinkWater

# ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Result	Specification	Sodium	41.84 mg/l	Max. 400
1.14 mg/l			36.78 mg/l	Max. 150
21.25 mgA			10.09 mg/l	Max. 0.7
385.23 mgA				
8.65	Min. 6.5 Max. 9.0			
9.13 mg/l				Max. 600
273.28 mg/l				Max. 400
206.38 mg/l	Max. 500	Contract and the second second		Max. 50
0.98 mg/l	Max. 11.29			
0.00 mg/l	Max. 1.5	Conductivity	014.00 00.00	
0.51 mg/l		_		
				0110
N 13 10 10 11	1.25 mg/l 86.23 mg/l 1.65 9.13 mg/l 273.28 mg/l 206.38 mg/l 0.98 mg/l 0.98 mg/l 0.00 mg/l 0.51 mg/l	1.25 mg/l           86.23 mg/l         Max. 1000           8.65         Min. 6.5 Max. 9.0           3.13 mg/l         273.28 mg/l           206.38 mg/l         Max. 500           0.98 mg/l         Max. 11.29           0.00 mg/l         Max. 1.5           0.51 mg/l	14 mg/l         Magnasium           1.25 mg/l         Magnasium           86.23 mg/l         Max. 1000           86.23 mg/l         Max. 1000           8.65         Min. 6.5 Max. 9.0           3.13 mg/l         Total Alkalinity           273.28 mg/l         Chloride           206.38 mg/l         Max. 100           0.98 mg/l         Max. 1.5           0.00 mg/l         Max. 1.5	14 mg/l         Southin         36.78 mg/l           1.25 mg/l         Magnasium         36.78 mg/l           1.25 mg/l         Magnasium         36.78 mg/l           86.23 mg/l         Max. 1000         Barium         0.09 mg/l           86.53 mg/l         Min. 6.5 Max. 9.0         Silicon         4.34 mg/l           3.13 mg/l         Total Alkalinity         224.00 mg/l           273.28 mg/l         Chloride         60.04 mg/l           206.38 mg/l         Max. 500         Sulphate         73.08 mg/l           0.98 mg/l         Max. 1.29         Nitrate as NO3         4.34 mg/l           0.00 mg/l         Max. 1.5         Conductivity         574.00 µS/cm

# Appendix (2): A report of properties of the dam's water

		AINALLI	ICAL RESULT	2	
Parameter	Result	Specification	Parameter	Result	Specification
Pottasium	3.13 mg/l		Sodium	42.07 mg/l	Max. 400
Calcium	20.86 mg/		Magnasium	35.99 mg/l	Max. 150
Theoretical TDS	332.69 mg/l	Max. 1000	Barium	0.08 mg/l	Max. 0.7
pH	8.72	Min. 6.5 Max. 9.0	Silicon	4.29 mg/l	
Silicon as SiO2	9.02 mg/l		Total Alkalinity	134.00 mg/l	1
Bicarbonate	163.48 mg/l		Chloride	62.67 mg/l	Max. 600
Total hardness as	202.11 mg/l	Max. 500	Sulphate	70.82 mg/l	Мах. 400
Nitrate (N)	1.24 mg/l	Max. 11.29	Nitrate as NO3	5.50 mg/l	Max. 50
Fluoride	0.00 mg/l	Max. 1.5	Conductivity	569.00 µS/cm	
Strontium (Sr)	0.49 mg/l				

# Appendix (4): Properties of Al Saih falaj water

First: Data of Al Saih falaj water before treating

<b></b>	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entr		COM XVY & CO	The GLOBE P Science Dat	rogram	. OMANTEL 184	C	The GLOBE I Science Dat	Program	
Wat Transpa	er - Expand/Collaps	e   🗙 Remove		bint alzubair par Integrated Hyd		1.	Salinity m	ethods		
iranspa	areney		Integ	grated H	ydrolo	ogy		Hydrometer		
Secchi Di			Measur (24hr)	ed at date an	d time	0	Hydrome	Titration Sa	mples	
Distance from observer to  Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear.		2019-04:00	-09-23			1				
to water s	urface		90	Gancoun	ent UTC	Dime	Temp.	of water samp	ole in 500	0mL tube
	he bottom of the wat	er site *		C time conve ne is 2019-09			35	_	°C	
0.50	m		Water t	ody state			Specif	ic Gravity		
		Add	Norm	al State			Salinit	0.565		ppt
Transpare	ency Tube Test 1			8000	00	000	-			Remove
120	cm									Add
A	₿?	۲	<b>•</b>	-	?	•	A	\$	?	۲

۲۰۲۲ می The GLOBE Pro Science Data			۲۳۲۹ من The GLOBE Pro Science Data E		6	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	
* indicates required section	ens or fields	🚱 pH	- Expand/Col	llapse   🗙 Remove	Conductivit	y of standard	
O Air - Expand/Co	oliapse   X Remove	Measured	vith: pH Meter	*	1011	µ8/om	
Temperature		pH Paper		1			
Current Temperature		*	pH Meter		Conducti	ivity	
39.2 °C	D	1			1011	µ5/	cm
Comments		pH 9.45	ded, conductivit	μS/cm	Commenta		Add
Relative Humidity	ollapse   🗙 Remove	Value of bu		Add	<ul> <li>Salinity</li> </ul>	- Expand/Collapse	X Remove
A 🖁 1	?	A	8 ?	<b>)</b>	<b>A</b>	8 ?	0

# Second: Data of Al Saih falaj water after treating

CERVIE OF CONTENTS ON ANTEL IN The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	C XVI II II O OF TATA C OMANTEL IN The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	C ZVE & ANTA OMANTEL II. The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry
Data Entry Home / Um alhakam bint alzubair pasic school / alcoeh falaj / Integrated Hydrology	Water - Expand/Collapse X Remove	manufacturer
Integrated Hydrology		Salinity methods
Measured at date and time	Secchi Disk Test 1	Hydrometer Samples
(24hr)	Distance from observer to	Titration Samples
2019-11-17 <b>E</b> 04:00 <b>O</b>	Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear.	Hydrometer Samples
O UTC Get Current UTC Time	to water surface	1
Local	0.20 m	
Your UTC time converted to Local (+04) time is 2019-11-17 08:00	depth to the bottom of the water site *	Temp. of water sample in 500mL tube
Water body state	0.50 m	25 °C
Normal State	Add	Specific Gravity
	Add	Salinity 0.248 ppt
	Transparency Tube Test 1	Remove
♠ ቆ ? ⊕	♠ ቆ ? ⊕	♠ ₺ ? ⊕

The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	C XVI B @ Alim
pH - Expand/Collapse   X Remove	\Lambda Alkalinity 🐼 Nitrate	Expand/Collapse   X Remove
Measured with: pH Meter *	* indicates required sections or fields	Electrical Conductivity
pH Paper		Temperature of water sample being
pH Meter	U Air - Expand/Collapse   X Remove	tested
*	Temperature	25 °C
If salt added, conductivity	Current Temperature	Conductivity of standard
μS/cm pH 6.48	25 °C	1*
Add Value of buffers used	Comments	Conductivity 307 µS/cm
Comments		Add
♠ ቆ ? ⊕		🕇 🕯 ? ⊕

# Third: Data of Al Jazeer falaj water before treating

Science Data Entry	Water Transpare	- Expand/Collap	se   X Remove	🔥 🖉	Mustala Alteria
*	Iranspare				Alkalinity 🛞 Nitrate
Measured with: pH Meter		ncy			
pH Paper					required sections or fields
pH Meter	Secchi Disk 1			U Air - Expand/Collapse   X Remove	
1*		observer to Disk reaches the lisappear.	e bottom and	Tempera	ture
If salt added, conductivity	to water surfa	ice		Current Temp	perature
µS/cm	0.20	m		25	°C
pH 11.2	depth to the b	oottom of the wa	ter site *		
Pro ( 1 1100	0.50	m			
Add Add ØpH4 ØpH7 ØpH10			Add	Comments	
Comments	Transparency		10		
♠ ∦ ? ⊕	120	cm روز کړ	<b>(</b>		

The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	CMANTEL II. The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry
Expand/Collapse   X Remove	Salinity methods	U Water - Expand/Collapse   X Remove
Electrical Conductivity	Hydrometer Samples	Temperature
Temperature of water sample being	Titration Samples	Measured with: Probe *
tested	Hydrometer Samples	Alcohol-filled Thermometer
25 °C	1	Probe
Conductivity of standard	Temp. of water sample in 500mL tube	1*
870 µS/cm	25 °C	Temperature
1*	Specific Gravity	25 °C
Conductivity	Salinity 0.751 ppt	
870 µS/cm	Remove	Comments
Comments	Add	
♠ ቆ ? ⊕	♠ 🌡 ? ⊕	♠ ቆ ? ⊕

# Forth: Data of Al Jazeer falaj water after treating

The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry
Water - Expand/Collapse   X Remove	Expand/Collapse   X Remove	Salinity methods
Transparency	Salinity	Hydrometer Samples
		Titration Samples
Secchi Disk Test 1 Distance from observer to	Tide Information Time of High or Low Tide before Salinity Measurement (24hr)	Hydrometer Samples
Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear.	Time	1
to water surface	High Tide	Temp. of water sample in 500mL tube
0.20 m	Low Tide	25 °C
depth to the bottom of the water site *	Time of High or Low Tide after Salinity Measurement (24hr)	Specific Gravity
0.50 m	Time	Salinity 0.250 ppt
Add	High Tide	Remove
	Low Tide	
Transparency Tube Test 1	Location of tide	Add
120 cm		
♠ ♣ ? ●	A & ? O	♠ & ? ⊕

The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry	The GLOBE Program Science Data Entry
pH - Expand/Collapse   × Remove	U Water - Expand/Collapse X Remove	Expand/Collapse X Remove
Measured with: pH Meter *	Temperature	Electrical Conductivity
pH Paper	Measured with: Probe *	Temperature of water sample being
pH Meter	Alcohol-filled Thermometer	tested
*	Probe	25 °C
<u></u>	1*	Conductivity of standard
If salt added, conductivity	·	307 µS/cm
μS/cm	Temperature	*
pH 8.61	25 °C	1
		Conductivity
Add	Add	307 µS/cm
Value of buffers used	Comments	
🖸 pH 4 🛛 pH 7 🖉 pH 10		Add
Comments		Comments
A & ? @	▲ £ 2 m	A & ? @
<b>n</b> 🌢 : 🐨	<b>n o :</b> 🐨	

# The interview:

An interview was done with Head of the operation and maintenance section of Wadi Deiqa Dam. We concluded the following:

- The reasons of the white algae emergence is the interaction of melting the residues of dead animals into the water of the dam.
- The effect is simple. It causes itchy and sensitive skin. Warning has been done not to drink the water or bath in it.



• To solve the problem, a radical solution will be reached to eliminate the white algea. The dam was opened and we got rid of the stagnant water.

Another interview was done with a resident of Al-Saih village, Ali Al-Niri. He indicated that this phenomenon has started first in July at the first time of constructing Al-Saih falaj. He was one of the affected people from the falaj.

He recommended exploiting the dam by making a fountain as an attractive marketplace for tourists to renew the water and not to allow bacteria and parasites accumulate and multiply in it.

## Discussion:

### The first question was answered:

It was revealed through appendix (1) that Anabena algea was found in very large quantities in the falajes water. It is worth mentioning that it is a toxic species that has great harm to human and animal health.

### The second question was answered:

It was found that the value of acidity, conductivity and salinity in the falajes is greater before treatment. This indicates the accumulation of organic materials, which contributed to the spread of more green blue algae of the type of Anabena and water properties were changed as shown in table (3) and (4) and the graph (1) and (2).

Laboratory results from the General Directorate of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources, as stated in table (5), the chart (3) and the appendices (2, 3 and 4) when testing the samples and comparing them: the characteristics of the falajes, and the dam's water were affected by the presence of the Anabena bacteria despite their treatment. This effect is represented in:

First: A decrease in the percentage of some elements and compounds, such as: Dissolved solids, nitric acid, fluoride, sulfate, chloride, sodium, magnesium and

17	

nitrate, which indicates that these elements are food for this type of algae.

Second: An increase in the percentage of some elements and compounds, such as: Alkalinity, acidity, conductivity, salinity and bicarbonate, which increase provided favorable conditions for the growth of this type of algae.

When comparing the three samples, it is concluded that the ratio of salinity, alkalinity, conductivity, elements, and compounds in the sample of Al Jazeera falaj water is greater. This indicates the presence and spread of blue-green algae of the anabena type in Al Jazeera falaj more. This is an evidence that the water in the falaj was saturated with organic materials which is confirmed by our results during applying the water protocol at the study site.

It has been observed that there has been a noticeable decline in the growth pattern with respect to the main isolation, intrinsic parasitism and induced mutations. Also, a decrease in the percentage of nitrogen-fixing vesicles was observed in conditions of saline stress. As for protein, an increase in the amount of protein was observed in conditions of salt stress as it helps the organism to resist salinity, while an increase in the production of beta-creatinoid dye that helps to withstand salinity has been observed along with its role in the absorption of the necessary radiation in the photosynthesis process. As for the pigments of Vicopleoprotein, a slight increase in its production has been observed to help with the tolerance of the salinity organism. Continuing awareness of farmers to monitor falajes cleaning should be done.

# **Conclusion:**

We thank God for completing this research through which we recognized that the reasons of the white algea emergence in the falajes of the anabena type caused algae being stained white. In addition, the water protocol, testing samples in coordination with the General Directorate of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources as well as the laboratory of Center for Marine Research and Fisheries have contributed in conducting the research succefully. Intensive efforts should be made to educate people not to use water because of its drawbacks,We adreesed the staff of the dam department and theministry to implement remedial measures for the problem and empythe water of the contaminated dam,so that these algae has been phased out.

Sources of errors in the results of acidity, conductivity and salinity due to the different devices used in the school and the laboratory center. Strengths were obtaining vital results after examining the water in the laboratories center. Weaknesses were not giving the results of falajes water analysis before treatment and not stating the substances that were added to eliminate white algae. This research can be applied to the possibility of using blue-green algae to make biofuels.

1	Q
4	0

# Acknowledgements:

We are pleased to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this research:

- 1. Nadhira Al-Harthiya
- 2. All faculty and principal of the school
- 3. Majed Al Busafi
- 4. Abdullah Al-Furi
- 5. Center for Marine Research and Fisheries of Muscat
- 6. The General Directorate of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources in Muscat Governorate
- 7. Ali Al Niri

# **References:**

- ✤ Arabic references
  - حداد،خالد.(٢٠٠٦).الموسوعة الثقافية للناشئة عالم النبات) ط. ٢٤).سوريا:دار الإرشاد للنشر.
    - محمود، محمد ،و فهمي. ٢٠٠٩. أساسيات علم النبات العام. مصر :دار الفكر العربي.
      - السعدي،حسين،و سليمان،نضال.(٢٠٠٦).علم الطحالب.الأردن:دار الفكر العربي.
      - بوني، أ.د. (١٩٩٨). العوالق النباتية) ط. (65. السعودية: مطابع جامعة الملك سعود .
    - وزارة البلديات الإقليمية وموارد المياه.(٢٠١٥). سد وادي ضيقة .دائرة التوعية والإعلام.
      - کایا،ز کریا.(۲۰۰۰).موسوعة مملکة النبات(ط.(6.لبنان :دار الراتب الجامعیة.
      - البلوشي ،يعقوب.(٢٠١٦).شرح بروتوكولات الماء للبرنامج التدريبي لمعلمي برنامج
         GLOBE البيئي.مكتب البرامج التعلمية الدولية .
  - وديان ،محمد. (٢٠٠٠). در اسة تأثير الإجهاد الملحي على الطرز الوظيفية للطحلب الأخضر -المزرق(الأنابينا). الأردن: دار المنظومة.
    - Retrieved from Htt://ar.wikipedia.org/wiki on 8 Feb. 2020
    - Retrieved from <u>https://search.mandumah.com/Record</u> on 9 Feb. 2020 •
- English references
  - Den aller kaldaste havstraumen.(Sylte,Gudrun Urd.(2010)