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## Study the effectiveness of using pottery in improving the quality of natural drinking water

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## Study the effectiveness of using pottery in improving the quality of natural drinking water

### Abstract:

We wondered whether pottery actually had an impact on drinking water . Also many articles mentioned importance of drinking alkaline water, and that" it is the most suitable for the human body we also wondered (Does pottery affect the pH of water?). In order to identify the effects of pottery pots on drinking water, we use GLOBE hydrology protocols (temperature. Salinity, electrical conductivity and pH) of five natural samples from different wells before they were placed in and after pottery container. We found that the natural water readings changed after they were placed in the pottery container . The most noticeable thing is the increase thet happened in the PH ) We made sure of the result in collaboration with the technical lab Mrs. Tahani Mohammed AlMeshiki Laboratory Technician in the WATER QUALITY DEPARTMENT, and we came through our experience and confirmatory experience that the water in pottery containers is not as it is outside.

We concluded that the pottery affects the quality of the water , the pH became high enough for the human body and it cools the water.

We recommend to return to using pottery to save water, so we will drink water with a suitable pH number for our bodies and cool, while minimizing the economic value of chemical treatment of water and cooling.

Key words :

Drinking Water: water that human use without causing health problems.

PH: The measurement that determines whether the fluid is acidic, alkaline or neutral.

Pottery: A solid material produced by grilling the clay with ovens after forming.

### **Research questions:**

- 1. How do pottery affect the qualities of natural drinking water?
- 2. What is the effect of pottery on water pH?

#### Introduction and literature review:

According to WHO statistics "In 2015, there are 844 million people in this world who do not have safe drinking water"

Ahmad al-Harbi in Al-Sharq newspaper in an article entitled "Bottled Water and its Risk to Our Health." said "Plastic bottles made of materials interact with Water at a certain temperature between 15-20 degrees Celsius. In our summer temperatures reach more than forty degrees Celsius and water trucks circulate our streets in the summer loaded with water bottled in plastic bottles, and this in itself is a risk that is feared to be exacerbated. " as this article shows the risk of using plastic bottles there is a project has been done "the Water and Health Project" in the province of Limpopo South Africa in 2010. the citizens found effective results in water purification and the design was easy and practical.

Perhaps instead of all these things we should go back and use the wisdom of parents and grandparents. As pottery industry is popular in the Sultanate of Oman and also conservation of water in pottery has a positive impact on the quality of drinking water, as we found through this study, so we can in Oman get the global most desirable alkaline water that regulates metabolism and helps to support the immunity of the body and decrease the resistance to cancer and has properties of disinfectant of the colon.

#### search methods:

First: Research Plan:

In order to answer the research questions we first search for the theoretical information related to the effect of pottery on the water and then we conducted two experiments:

• The first experiment (aims to find out water qualities are affected by its conservation in pottery):

**Tools:** Pottery - Five samples of water from different wells - thermometer - PH scale - conductivity and salinity meter

Steps :

-Take water sample data (temperature - conductivity - salinity – pH).

-Enter Data in the GLOBE website

-Put the water in the pottery container for a full day

-Take the water data again after placing it in the container

-Repeat steps for the rest of the samples

• The second experiment (aiming to ascertain the effect of conserving water in pottery for several days on the pH in particular:)

**Tools:** Pottery - a sample of water well - thermometer - PH scale - conductivity and salinity meter

Steps :

-Take water sample data (temperature - conductivity - salinity - pH.(

-enter Data in the GLOBE website

-Put water in pottery container .

-Take the water data again after putting it in the pot for several consecutive days.

And then an interview with Mr. Abdulla bin Salem Al-Ghailani, water desalination specialist from the General Authority for Water and Electricity and showing him the results.



### Second: Study Location:

The study site (Sultanate of Oman, South Eastern Province), Jalan Bani Hassan, moderate atmosphere (28-30) C, hydrology protocols.



Sites of samples of the first experiment (Jalan Bani Bani Hassan



Sample site of the second experiment (Alkamil wal Wafi)

## **Results:**

## (The first experiment)

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	ELECTRICAL	1520	1640
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 Table (2) Results of pH after placing in a pot for consecutive days (second experiment

# (Data entry forms at the GLOBE site)

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**Discussion of results:** 

•In order to answer the first question, it is clear from Table (1) that the water measurements have changed after being placed in the pottery container . the temperature has decreased and the conductivity and the T.D.S have increased. Indicating that pottery affects the qualities of natural drinking water. While presenting the results to Mr. Abdullah Al-Ghailani, he said: "Through the results that your experiment shows that pottery works to increase the pH of water and increase the content of salts and these qualities of the water after conservation in pottery is the most appropriate for the human body"

•To answer the second question, it is clear from schema 2 that there is a change in pH .it has increased after conservation in pottery. Table (2) shows the pH of the water and it's indicating that the water after placing it in the pottery increases its alkalinity.

A study was conducted during the year 2016 on (100) people showed clear differences in blood viscosity after the use of alkaline water compared to normal water after exercise. The blood viscosity of people who used alkaline water was 6.3% and 3.36% for people who used standard drinking water, indicating that people who used alkaline water would have blood with a suitable viscosity that would provide more oxygen to the body.

## **Conclusion:**

Through our application of the salinity, conductivity and pH measurement of samples of water wells before and after they were stored in a pottery vessel and monitored for several days, we concluded that the pottery affects the quality of the natural water and its validity so that the pH is high enough for the human body. the mineral salts have increased and also the electrical conductivity, while we can not get this feature when using plastic container.

### •Recommendations:

-The research can be applied in different ways to confirm and prove the importance of water conserved in pottery to the health of the individual and we can add some of the GLOBE protocols such as dissolved oxygen protocol.

- wecan make a Research based on the effect of pottery on the conductivity of water and the effect of water conductivity on the human body.

-Implementing this design for the pottery filter in our community to provide us with pure cold water then perhaps we will be able to decrease the economic value of water treatment and cooling.



## Suggested design for pottery filter

The strengths of the study : our findings, the use of the hydrology protocol, and weaknesses of the studr : lack of

information resources and previous local studies in the same topic .

### Thanks and appreciation:

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## Annex (1)

Message of the Directorate General of Education in the South Governorate of the General Authority for Water and Electricity

7 8.15.20 193. 421 21 MA 29 مكت الاشراف التربوي بجعلان الفاضل/ مدير دائرة الكهرباء والمياه الحترم بمحافظة جنوب الشرقية السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته الموضوع/عمل بحث علمي حول المياه المستخدمه في المدرسة بداية نشكر جهودكم ونثمن دوركم الذي تلمسه من خلال العمل الذي تقومون به والمشاركة في تنمية وطننا العزيز وتقديم وتسهيل الخدمات والإجراءات لمدارس الخافظة وبالإشارة الى الموضوع أعلاه منود إفادتكم بأن مدرسة الرفعة للعليم الأساسي التابعة لولاية جعلان بني بوحسن تقدمت الينا بمخاطبتكم وذلك لأجواء بجث علمى حول المياه المستخدمه في المدرسة لمعرفة مدى ملاءمتها مع الاستخدام اليومي لها وذلك ضمن جهود وأنشطة المدرسة يرنامج GLOBO البيثي العالمي وعليه نرجو أيعاز الموضوع للمختصين لديكم لاستكمال اجراء البحث ، لذلك تنمى إعطاء الموضوع جل اهتمامكم الشخصي شاكرين ومقدرين جهودكم المبذولة في مساعدة المدارس بتوفير بيئة تساعد بالتهوض بالمستوى المحصيلي والعلمي للطلاب شاكرين لكم حسن تعاونكم. وتفضلوا بقبول فانق الاحترام ،، المدير المساعد في حمد السنيدي المدير المساعد في محمد الشراف التربوي بجعلان