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One of the most pressing problems, both for the drainage basin of Lake Baikal and for the natural waters of the entire country, is pollution with biogenic elements (urea, ammonium, nitrates, phosphates, etc.), surfactants (surfactants) and often containing detergents. An increase in the concentration of nutrients, surfactants and detergents can initiate the eutrophication of water bodies. The subsequent dying off of the phytomass, followed by rotting and a sharp decrease in oxygen, has a negative effect on biota organisms.

In recent years, a very high hyperproduction of filamentous algae has been observed on Lake Baikal. This process, according to a number of researchers, is associated with the intensive development of the tourism business on the shores of Lake Baikal and, accordingly, an increase in anthropogenic pressure on the ecosystem of Lake Baikal. Every year Baikal is visited by about 1.5-2 million tourists, as a result of which about 780 thousand tons of waste are generated.
Research Objective:

*Elodea canadensis* was collected in the Angara River (Irkutsk) in the spring-autumn period of 2020. Before the experiments, elodea was incubated in laboratory conditions for three days at a temperature of 8 °C under intense illumination.
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In the experiments, a 20 g / l sample of *E. canadensis* was incubated in the tested solutions of biogenic elements (2-4 mg / l NH$_4^+$) and surfactants (1 10-5 M, 1 10-4 M, 2 10-5 M, 5 10-5 M Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate (SDS)) for 3 days. The change in the concentration of these substances under the influence of macrophytes was assessed by a photometric method.

The determination of the mass concentration of ammonia and ammonium ions (with Nessler's reagent) was carried out according to GD 52.24.486-2009. The concentration of surfactants in aqueous media was determined according to 14.1:2:3:4.10-04. The experimental results were compared with the kinetics of the content of the studied compounds in the absence in plants, which could change, in particular, in the natural processes of oxidation by air oxygen or biodegradation under the influence of microorganisms.
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Changes in the concentration of sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) under the influence of the plant E. canadensis (concentration in% of the initial).

![Graph showing the concentration of SDS over time](image-url)
Conclusions

The experimental studies carried out are part of an extensive block of work on the study of the processes of interaction of aquatic plants with surfactants and nutrients in their joint presence in aquatic environments. The described preliminary materials demonstrate the promising nature of *E. canadensis* as a possible object for use in phytoremediation technologies for purifying waters with complex pollution - biogenic elements and surfactants.

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