

WORKSHOP #5
WATERSHEDS AND POLLUTANTS
ECOTOXICOLOGY PROCEDURES AND DATA SHEET

STEP 1: PERFORM YOUR OWN SERIAL DILUTION (SEE INSTRUCTION SHEET)

Experimental Results

STEP 2: EXAMINE YOUR CONTROL BEAKER (0 G SALT/100 ML WATER)

Together with your partner observe the zooplankton and record your observations below.

DESCRIBE the size(s) and color(s) of your zooplankton. _____

Do you think that you have more than one species? _____

STEP 3: EXAMINE THE BEAKER CONTAINING THE “CONTAMINANT”

A. What experimental treatment (salt concentration) do you have [*circle correct concentration*]?

3.5 g/100 ml 2.6 g/100ml 1.9 g/100 ml 1.4 g/100 ml

B. What is the behavior of the zooplankton in your salt solution?

STEP 4: COUNT THE ZOOPLANKTON IN BOTH YOUR BEAKERS (CONTROL AND SALT SOLUTION)

1. Together with your partner, count the **ZOOPLANKTON** in both your control beaker and your contaminant beaker.
2. As you count zooplankton in one beaker, your partner will count zooplankton in the other.
3. Count the number of zooplankton that are **ALIVE**, as well as the number that are **DEAD**.
4. Then **SWITCH BEAKERS** with your partner and **REPEAT** the counts. Record your data below, and share your data with your partner.
5. Record your results in the tables on the back of this data sheet.

CONTROL (NO SALT)								
Number counted	1 st count MY COUNT	+	2 nd count MY PARTNER'S COUNT	=	Sum	Divide sum by 2	=	Average
ALIVE		+		=		÷ 2	=	
DEAD		+		=		÷ 2	=	
TOTAL		+		=		÷ 2	=	

EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT ("CONTAMINATED")								
Number counted	1 st count MY COUNT	+	2 nd count MY PARTNER'S COUNT	=	Sum	Divide sum by 2	=	Average
ALIVE		+		=		÷ 2	=	
DEAD		+		=		÷ 2	=	
TOTAL		+		=		÷ 2	=	

STEP 5: DETERMINE THE PROPORTION OF ZOOPLANKTON THAT ARE STILL ALIVE

For each treatment (control and "contaminated"), divide the average number of zooplankton that are still alive by the average total number of zooplankton you counted (alive + dead). Use the last columns in the tables above:

	CONTROL	PROPORTION SURVIVING	=		CONTAMINATED	PROPORTION SURVIVING	=	
$\frac{\text{AVERAGE \# ALIVE}}{\text{AVERAGE TOTAL \#}}$								

STEP 6: GRAPH YOUR RESULTS BELOW. Use data from **YOUR Control** and **Contaminated** treatments.

