Monthly changes in physicochemical parameters of the groundwater in Nida valley, Poland

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Materials and methods

A total of 84 water samples were collected at 7 sampling sites during 12 months period from June 2021 to May 2022. Sampling frequency was once per month.

Physical parameters: temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), electric conductivity (EC), pH, total dissolved solids (TDS)

Chemical parameters: total nitrogen (TN), total phosphorus (TP), chloride (Cl-), sulfate (SO42-), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), zinc (Zn), cadmium (Cd), lead (Pb), copper (Cu) and chemical oxygen demand (COD)









| | Objectives | Data and statistical analysis | Results |
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| 1 | Assessment of groundwater quality | Comparison with regulations of MMEIN 2019 (Ministry of Marine Economy and Inland Navigation) | High values Mn, Fe were found over regulation |
| 2 | Assessment of changes in physicochemical properties of groundwater | Shapiro-Wilk test (α = 0.05), ANOVA test and Post-hoc Tukey test, Kruskal-Wallis test and Wilcoxon (Mann Whitney) test (α = 0.05) | The significant difference between months for temperature, DO, pH, TN, TP, Cl ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , Zn, Cd and COD |
| 3 | Evaluation of relationship between physicochemical parameters of groundwater | Pearson correlation analysis (α = 0.01 and 0.05) | A very strong correlation was found between TN and Cl-, Mn and temperature, Mn and DO, Fe and pH, temperature and DO |
| 4 | Evaluation of relationship between sampling months through physicochemical parameters | Principal component analysis (PCA) | A strong dissimilarity between January and November, June and September, January and December and strong similarity between June, July and August |

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