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Abstract

The study is conducted to explore the potential of bamboo charcoal (BC) as an adsorbent to remove cesium from aqueous solution. Low temperature carbonized BC (500°C) is prepared and the surface of the BC is modified with 70% concentrated boiling nitric acid (BC-AC). Specific surface area, field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM), fourier transform infra-red (FTIR) spectroscopy, and point of zero charge (pH_{pzc}) of BC and BC-AC have been investigated in this study. The results demonstrate that BC-AC is enriched with oxygen-containing functional groups but its porous structure and surface

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