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11	Abstract
12	This study aims to evaluate how plant species, influent loads and salinity levels
13	affect the removal of nutrients from saline wastewater using constructed wetlands
14	(CWs). CWs planted with Canna indica showed the greatest removal percentages
15	among the four tested species for nitrogen (N) (~ 100%) at both low and high influent
16	loads, and ~ 100% and 93.8% for phosphorus (P) at low and high influent loads,
17	respectively at an electrical conductivity (EC) of 7 mS/cm (25 $\Box$ ). The influence of
18	different salinity levels on plant assimilation of N and P varied with their respective
19	concentrations; salinity (e.g., EC at 7, 10 and 15 mS/cm) even enhanced plant

21 selected species can be used for the removal of N and P under a range of different

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absorption of N and P under specific conditions. In conclusion, CWs planted with

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