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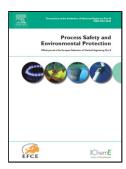
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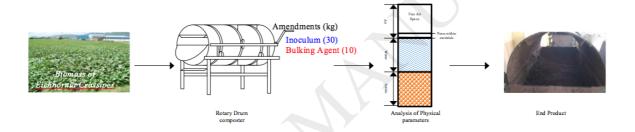
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### **Graphical abstract**



#### **Highlights**

- Thermophilic phase was retained for 6 days.
- Volume reduction was observed to be 90% after composting.
- Free air space and bulk density are linearly correlated.
- Bulk density and moisture content are negatively correlated.

#### **Abstract**

The composting is a proven technology to manage various organic wastes and reduces organic matter, heavy metals and harmful pathogens. The current research work provides the insight on the physics involved in composting of lignocellulose aquatic waste amended with inoculum and the bulking agent that plays a crucial role in handling, management, and

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