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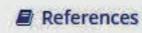
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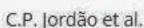
Large volumes of wastewater in the Ugandan capital Kampala have seriously polluted Lake Victoria, from which the city draws its freshwater. Untreated effluent drains directly into this lake. In tropical temperatures, oxidation ponds are used for wastewater treatment, especially for organic matter. This technology should be the focus of work to improve its efficacy, and thus to secure the sustainability of the lake and its freshwater fish which are marketed worldwide. A pilot scale plant was set up comprising an anaerobic tank, a facultative pond and four fibre-glass maturation tanks. The total nitrification rates in the tanks T₁-T₄ were 5.5, 7.5, 10.1 and 6.4 (±0.4) mg-N///day, respectively. For more efficient wastewater treatment stabilisation pond systems, a modification similar to that in T₃ should be considered. T₃ was constructed with biofilm attachment surfaces in a manner which allowed effluent to be channelled round them, contrary to direct T₁ flow which is currently in use.

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