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**THE ELEMENT CONTENTS IN SOFT TISSUES AND SHELLS  
OF THE BIVALVE *ANADARA KAGOSHIMENSIS* (TOKUNAGA, 1906)  
FROM THE BLACK SEA AND SEA OF AZOV**

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In the ecosystems of the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, the invasive bivalve mollusc *Anadara kagoshimensis* is a poorly studied species. This clam is a valuable object in fishery and mariculture. Currently, there is little information about the element contents in soft tissues and shells of the mollusc living in these two seas. The aim of this work is comparative analysis of the elemental composition of *A. kagoshimensis* from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov. The elemental analysis was carried out using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry. The study presents data on the elemental contents in soft tissues and shells of this clam from the two seas. Noticeable differences in contents of elements were found between the sampling areas. These elements include: K, Rb, Cs, Ca, and Ba from the s-element family; the p-elements Al, Ga, Ge, P, As, Bi, and Br; the d-block elements Zn, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, Fe, Ir, and Au; and the f-block elements Pr and Nd. The elemental composition of *A. kagoshimensis* is determined not only by the composition of seawater, which contains mainly s-elements, but also by mollusc adaptation processes in which p- and d-elements are predominantly involved. In soft tissues of the clam from the Black Sea, concentrations of K, Rb, and Cs are significantly higher than in tissues of *A. kagoshimensis* from the Sea of Azov, while the concentration of K is one (the Sea of Azov) to two orders of magnitude (the Black Sea) higher in soft tissues than in shells. In shells of the clam inhabiting the Black Sea, Ca content is significantly higher, and these shells are stronger. Against the high calcium content, relatively low phosphorus content is noted in samples of soft tissues and shells from both seas. In soft tissues of *A. kagoshimensis* from the Black Sea, the contents of P, Al, Ga, Bi, and some heavy metals (Pb and Cd) are significantly higher. The contents of toxic elements in the mollusc from both seas do not exceed the maximum permissible levels. Zn and Mo are accumulated in soft tissues, and Fe is more concentrated in shells. In soft tissues of *A. kagoshimensis* from the Sea of Azov, Zn content is higher than in this clam from the Black Sea. Rare earth elements (Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, and Yb) are more concentrated in soft tissues of the mollusc from both seas than in shells, with Pr and Nd contents in specimens from the Sea of Azov being significantly higher than in those from the Black Sea. *Anadara* is capable of concentrating elements depending on their contents in the environment; therefore, the element accumulation in individuals of the same species is primarily a function of the biotope conditions.

**Keywords:** *Anadara kagoshimensis*, chemical element concentrations, mass spectrometry, Black Sea, Sea of Azov

In the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, the bivalve *Anadara kagoshimensis* (Tokunaga, 1906) is an invasive and poorly studied species. Due to favorable feeding conditions, high growth rate of anadara is registered [Sahin et al., 2006]. This clam is valuable as a fishing and mariculture target. Specifically, in Thailand, its production reaches 80 million tons *per year* [Suwanjarat et al., 2009].

The content of chemical elements in molluscs is known to be determined by their taxonomic affiliation and genetics [Wala et al., 2016]. The concentration of chemical elements in soft tissues and shells is also dependent on a complex of factors: temperature, salinity, water quality, level of water pollution, *etc.* [Moniruzzaman et al., 2021], with salinity being considered as one of the main environmental parameters altering the functional state of animals [Deaton, 2009]. For example, the concentration of rare earth elements in seawater depends on depth [Elderfield, 1988], and the data on Ce and Eu content indicate the saturation of the marine environment with oxygen and nutrients [Kasper-Zubillaga et al., 2010; Webb, Kamber, 2002]. In soft tissues of mussels sampled in Sevastopol Bay, the concentration of most of the elements considered (54 out of 72) depended on the sampling area [Kapranov et al., 2023].

Levels of chemical elements in molluscs reflect their habitat conditions in different biotopes. The chemical composition of soft tissues characterizes the short-term state of the environment, while the content of chemical elements in shells indicates conditions of the entire life cycle of these hydrobionts [Ravera et al., 2007]. Therefore, when monitoring the metal pollution in the water environment, studying shells of bivalves has methodological advantages compared to the analysis of tissues [Pourang et al., 2014]. At the same time, shells act as accumulators for some metals [Richardson et al., 2001]. Various elements, including heavy metals, can be concentrated in soft tissues and shells of molluscs, and this allows using them as bioindicators of environmental pollution [Hossen et al., 2014]. For example, studies of the content of chemical elements in soft tissues of *Anadara* spp. from the coast of Vietnam showed the following features: As, Sr, Mo, Sn, and Pb contents in clams from the central coastal zone were higher than in clams from other water areas studied, which differences are due to different anthropogenic load [Tu et al., 2011]. Trace element concentrations were within the safe levels for human consumption. Agriculture and fishing are known to result in heavy metals entering the marine environment and affecting the biota [Wijaya et al., 2019]. To date, there is little information on the accumulation of chemical elements in a bivalve *A. kagoshimensis* inhabiting the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The aim of this work is to carry out a comparative analysis of concentrations of chemical elements in soft tissues and shells of anadara from these seas.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The object of research is a bivalve *A. kagoshimensis* from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov (Fig. 1) sampled during the period of its relative sexual maturation resting, when the cellular composition of the gonads does not undergo any changes [Suwanjarat, 1999]. In our work, one hundred mollusc individuals from each sea were used, with the weight ( $17.6 \pm 1.9$ ) g and the shell length ( $30.5 \pm 1.0$ ) mm. In the Black Sea, clams were sampled by divers from the collectors of the marine farm in Karantinnaya Bay, Sevastopol ( $44^{\circ}61'83.46''N$ ,  $33^{\circ}50'33.80''E$ ), in October 2022. The sampling depth was 2–3 m, the water temperature was +8 °C, and the salinity was 18‰. In the Sea of Azov, live molluscs were sampled immediately after the storm in Tatarskaya Bay ( $45^{\circ}26'51''N$ ,  $35^{\circ}50'46''E$ ) in October 2022. The sea water temperature was +15 °C, and the salinity was 14.83‰. After the mechanical cleaning of clam shells from fouling, they were washed in clean seawater taken from the sampling site. Tissues lining both shells were excised with a plastic scalpel and blotted with filter paper. Soft tissues and shells were dried at +105 °C.

Quantitative elemental analysis was carried out using an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer PlasmaQuant MS Elite (Analytik Jena, Germany) with parameters indicated in the paper [Kapranov et al., 2021]. All laboratory vessels were kept for 24 h in a 2% solution of purified nitric acid and rinsed with deionized water. Pre-dried biological samples were mineralized in PTFE tubes by digesting in purified 65% nitric acid and then diluted with deionized water so that the dilution was in the range of 1,000–2,000 mg·L<sup>-1</sup> (on dry weight basis). Calibration curves were plotted using solutions of a multielement standard IV-ICPMS-71A-D (Inorganic Ventures, the USA, 10 mg·L<sup>-1</sup>). Samples of the certified reference material (0.1 g) were digested in extra pure nitric acid and diluted with deionized water according to the procedure described above. Coefficients of determination of linear regressions for all calibration plots were no lower than 0.998. The error of quantitative determination in the semi-quantitative analysis of ICP-MS is < 50% [Chen et al., 2008; Krzciuk, 2016]. Two-factor analysis of variance was performed using the PRIMER 6.1.16 and PERMANOVA+ 1.0.6 software.



**Fig. 1.** Map of the study area with sampling stations

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Differences in the content of chemical elements in anadara from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov are statistically significant (Table 1). These elements include: K, Rb, Cs, Ca, and Ba from the s-element family; the p-elements Al, Ga, Ge, P, As, Bi, and Br; the d-elements Zn, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, Fe, Ir, and Au; and the f-elements Pr and Nd. The differences are due not only to the composition of seawater which contains chiefly the s-elements, but also to physiological and biochemical characteristics of the molluscs. The p- and d-elements with atomic numbers 24 to 33 are known to be involved in the functioning of cells of marine organisms as minor constituents of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and enzymes [Takarina et al., 2013]. Changes in the chemical composition of clams are likely to result from the effect of the combination of internal and external factors [Osibona et al., 2009]. Sedentary living and filter feeding require relatively small energy costs. Apparently, these molluscs have only two processes related to a significant expenditure of energy: reproduction and linear growth. Therefore, during spawning and growing, the concentration of elements in anadara soft tissues and shells can increase.

**Table 1.** Elemental concentration in *Anadara kagoshimensis* soft tissues and shells ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{kg}_{\text{dw}}^{-1}$ ). The differences are significant ( $p < 0.05$ ;  $n = 10$ ): \*, between soft tissues and shells of the mollusc from both the Black Sea and Sea of Azov; A or B, between soft tissues and shells of *A. kagoshimensis* from either the Sea of Azov (A), or the Black Sea (B); T, between soft tissues of the clam from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov; S, between shells of *A. kagoshimensis* from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov

Element	Black Sea		Sea of Azov	
	Soft tissues	Shells	Soft tissues	Shells
<b>s-elements</b>				
Li <sup>AS</sup>	501 ± 379	812 ± 499	320 ± 290	14 ± 9
Be <sup>*TS</sup>	11 ± 5	6 ± 3	9 ± 8	8 ± 7
Na <sup>*S</sup>	12,178,992 ± 2,536,968	3,234,141 ± 288,151	13,146,503 ± 2,746,341	1,125,903 ± 273,410
Mg <sup>*S</sup>	2,875,832 ± 333,062	878,669 ± 668,271	2,503,012 ± 454,165	60,642 ± 15,355
K <sup>*TS</sup>	3,742,846 ± 474,396	83,002 ± 20,095	2,057,008 ± 227,175	29,845 ± 24,088
Ca <sup>*TS</sup>	8,311,674 ± 5,209,732	186,445,736 ± 21,517,954	25,067,443 ± 14,688,981	114,796,479 ± 7,733,846
Rb <sup>*TS</sup>	5,160 ± 1,083	509 ± 191	2,681 ± 322	67 ± 24
Sr <sup>*S</sup>	56,665 ± 27,128	951,807 ± 113,927	117,496 ± 55,074	560,106 ± 51,275
Cs <sup>*TS</sup>	44 ± 16	70 ± 32	4.2 ± 3.9	2.6 ± 2.5
Ba <sup>*TS</sup>	12,768 ± 4,952	17,767 ± 4,834	4,786 ± 2,288	7,375 ± 3,547
<b>p-elements</b>				
B <sup>*TS</sup>	14,713 ± 2,132	6,626 ± 2,093	11,754 ± 2,206	448 ± 363
Al <sup>*TS</sup>	173,714 ± 69,956	321,109 ± 113,933	44,931 ± 21,499	24,076 ± 7,625
Si <sup>*S</sup>	177,381 ± 38,679	298,780 ± 197,663	208,800 ± 54,020	30,776 ± 29,529
P <sup>*TS</sup>	4,845,357 ± 301,948	245,141 ± 72,786	3,777,277 ± 510,623	55,807 ± 10,943
Ga <sup>*TS</sup>	179 ± 24	59 ± 25	351 ± 61	14 ± 17
Ge <sup>*TS</sup>	499 ± 151	1,143 ± 275	807 ± 309	508 ± 261
As <sup>*TS</sup>	15,756 ± 2,543	1,583 ± 230	8,936 ± 1,505	2,756 ± 130
Se <sup>*</sup>	5,035 ± 1,729	1,425 ± 954	5,738 ± 1,125	682 ± 488
Br <sup>*TS</sup>	356,136 ± 126,346	176,248 ± 51,213	218,655 ± 44,940	23,736 ± 7,763
In <sup>BT</sup>	3 ± 2.9	1.2 ± 0.8	0.7 ± 0.6	0.8 ± 0.5
Sn <sup>S</sup>	266 ± 185	311 ± 253	139 ± 94	9 ± 5
Sb <sup>AS</sup>	53 ± 25	57 ± 42	41 ± 10	12 ± 6
Te <sup>ATS</sup>	9 ± 6	10 ± 6	42 ± 19	23 ± 7
I <sup>BTS</sup>	31,028 ± 5,276	55,587 ± 17,313	10,552 ± 6,001	7,728 ± 1,904
Tl <sup>BT</sup>	9 ± 3	2 ± 1	3 ± 2	2 ± 1.8
Pb <sup>*TS</sup>	1,526 ± 682	776 ± 213	650 ± 408	64 ± 39
Bi <sup>*TS</sup>	101 ± 80	100 ± 73	5 ± 3	1.3 ± 1.1
<b>d-elements</b>				
Sc <sup>ATS</sup>	1,056 ± 374	945 ± 396	409 ± 80	66 ± 54
Ti <sup>AS</sup>	3,843 ± 1,266	4,885 ± 2,442	500 ± 200	2,000 ± 400
V <sup>*TS</sup>	3,433 ± 1,522	1,634 ± 508	4,227 ± 918	1,530 ± 407
Cr <sup>TS</sup>	9,906 ± 6,920	7,820 ± 4,605	2,115 ± 261	175 ± 97
Mn <sup>*</sup>	29,278 ± 10,694	35,069 ± 18,156	19,325 ± 10,248	22,933 ± 17,129
Fe <sup>*TS</sup>	293,751 ± 67,269	1,564,344 ± 325,172	1,216,741 ± 599,529	5,057,068 ± 2,329,125
Co <sup>BS</sup>	1,367 ± 976	2,195 ± 147	1,134 ± 283	1,083 ± 137
Ni <sup>BTS</sup>	4,635 ± 4,164	31,218 ± 4,999	10,943 ± 3,576	8,531 ± 2,079
Cu <sup>AS</sup>	61,323 ± 20,518	74,990 ± 36,886	47,554 ± 15,261	14,424 ± 5,599
Zn <sup>*TS</sup>	115,934 ± 59,902	8,268 ± 8,851	181,026 ± 57,602	1,151 ± 649

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Element	Black Sea		Sea of Azov	
	Soft tissues	Shells	Soft tissues	Shells
Y <sup>BT</sup>	1,549 ± 1,212	215 ± 81	608 ± 144	144 ± 48
Zr <sup>TS</sup>	312 ± 140	345 ± 155	107 ± 48	56 ± 25
Nb <sup>TS</sup>	9 ± 3	25 ± 19	6 ± 3	3 ± 2
Mo <sup>TS</sup>	2,239 ± 1,645	1,008 ± 704	971 ± 285	55 ± 35
Ru <sup>BS</sup>	1 ± 0.5	8 ± 3	2.2 ± 1.7	3 ± 2
Rh <sup>S</sup>	28 ± 8	163 ± 42	43 ± 14	134 ± 11
Pd <sup>T</sup>	191 ± 57	1,193 ± 379	596 ± 107	1,058 ± 100
Ag	780 ± 448	588 ± 252	815 ± 243	569 ± 465
Cd <sup>T</sup>	15,290 ± 10,450	192 ± 114	6,183 ± 2,524	147 ± 59
La <sup>B</sup>	1,076 ± 1,002	284 ± 113	759 ± 187	231 ± 153
Hf <sup>AT</sup>	7 ± 3	4 ± 2	12 ± 9	2 ± 1.5
Ta <sup>TS</sup>	1 ± 0.5	0.3 ± 0.2	5 ± 4	0.6 ± 0.4
W <sup>AS</sup>	152 ± 134	73 ± 31	64 ± 17	7 ± 4
Re <sup>AT</sup>	0.6 ± 0.3	0.6 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.5	0.3 ± 0.2
Os <sup>AT</sup>	2 ± 1.5	1.6 ± 1.2	20 ± 14	1.9 ± 0.5
Ir <sup>TS</sup>	0.2 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.04	1.2 ± 1.1	0.2 ± 0.1
Pt <sup>A</sup>	3 ± 2	3 ± 2	5.4 ± 5.3	1.1 ± 0.8
Au <sup>TS</sup>	15 ± 3	21 ± 6	172 ± 86	2 ± 1
Hg <sup>*</sup>	160 ± 90	20 ± 11	193 ± 59	11 ± 6
<b>f-elements</b>				
Ce <sup>T</sup>	736 ± 490	184 ± 76	1,100 ± 293	473 ± 308
Pr <sup>TS</sup>	85 ± 66	22 ± 8	158 ± 39	52 ± 34
Nd <sup>TS</sup>	384 ± 239	89 ± 32	662 ± 142	200 ± 121
Sm <sup>T</sup>	65 ± 46	19 ± 7	126 ± 31	32 ± 21
Eu <sup>A</sup>	27 ± 15	16 ± 5	32 ± 13	15 ± 9
Gd <sup>T</sup>	84 ± 63	19 ± 6	160 ± 45	38 ± 24
Tb <sup>T</sup>	13 ± 9	3 ± 1	21 ± 9	4 ± 3
Dy <sup>*</sup>	61 ± 45	15 ± 5	88 ± 22	15 ± 11
Ho <sup>*</sup>	11 ± 8	3 ± 1	9 ± 3	2 ± 1
Er <sup>*</sup>	33 ± 23	8 ± 3	44 ± 14	7 ± 6
Tm <sup>BT</sup>	5 ± 3	1 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 1.1	0.7 ± 0.6
Yb <sup>T</sup>	19 ± 12	6 ± 2	29 ± 10	7 ± 5
Lu <sup>BT</sup>	4 ± 3	1 ± 0.4	1 ± 0.9	1 ± 0.7
Th	90 ± 68	84 ± 60	45 ± 35	91 ± 82
U <sup>T</sup>	51 ± 16	75 ± 25	122 ± 18	72 ± 17

The **s-elements** are distributed differently in *A. kagoshimensis* (Table 1). Noticeable differences in concentrations of K, Ca, Ba, Rb, and Cs were recorded between soft tissues and shells of the clams from both the Black Sea and Sea of Azov. The content of K, Rb, and Cs in tissues of the molluscs from the Black Sea is significantly higher than in individuals from the Sea of Azov, which is mediated by the level of dissolved nutrients in these water areas. In the Black Sea, there is a special type of coastal currents: upwelling. In the areas of upwelling, higher biological productivity is observed due to the remobilization of nutrients from the bottom to surface waters. Most likely, Rb and Cs replace K in its compounds. K plays a key role in the formation of the membrane potential of cells; therefore, K concentration is one (the Sea of Azov) or two (the Black Sea) orders of magnitude higher in anadara

soft tissues than in its shells. In addition, K can affect the thickness of the mollusc shells, and K deficiency leads to a decrease in the thickness of shells [Elegbede et al., 2023]. Thus, shells of the clams from the Black Sea are stronger. This fact should be taken into account when processing soft tissues and shells to produce food supplements, animal feed, mineral fertilizers, etc.

A relatively high content of Ca, Na, Mg, and Sr was recorded in *A. kagoshimensis* shells from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov. These are the elements whose compounds make up mollusc shells. Ca content in shells of the clams from the Black Sea is significantly higher than that for the hydrobionts from the Sea of Azov. The higher the Ca content, the stronger the mollusc shell [Dickson, 2013]. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and other Na compounds possess binding and moisturizing properties, regulate pH, and provide the shell layers with the ability to stick together and form a compact structure. In our study, against high calcium content in *A. kagoshimensis* soft tissues and shells, relatively low phosphorus concentration was recorded, just as it was established for *Anadara senilis* from Guinea [Elegbede et al., 2023].

The concentration of Li in shells of the anadara from the Sea of Azov is an order of magnitude lower than in shells of the hydrobiont from the Black Sea. Li enters natural springs from sediments; its content in underground waters is consistent with its concentration in sedimentary rocks through which they circulate [von Strandmann, 2020].

Significant differences were revealed between the content of the **p-elements** in *A. kagoshimensis* soft tissues (Table 1). The concentration of P in soft tissues of the Black Sea clams sampled from hanging cages on the mussel-and-oyster farm is higher than that in individuals from the Sea of Azov, and it may evidence for a more intensive metabolism in hydrobionts inhabiting the Black Sea. *Anadara* grows faster in the water column than in bottom settlements [Acarli et al., 2012]. Al is capable of forming insoluble compounds with P [Haynes, Mokolobate, 2001]; accordingly, Al concentration is significantly higher in soft tissues of the Black Sea clams. Aluminum is considered a toxic element [Toxicological Profile for Lead, 2020].

In soft tissues of *A. kagoshimensis* from the Black Sea, Ga and Bi concentrations are higher than the values for the molluscs from the Sea of Azov. As the occurrence of Ga in water is related to the anthropogenic load, it does not play a noticeable biological role in the life of hydrobionts. The higher content of Bi in soft tissues of the Black Sea clams is likely to result from the higher salinity of the Black Sea water.

Concentrations of P, S, Cl, Pb, Al, Ge, Br, B, Si, Sn, I, Bi, and Sb in shells of anadara from the Black Sea are significantly higher than those for the individuals from the Sea of Azov (Table 1). Probably, shells can concentrate elements in dependence on their content in biotopes, which fact indicates the variability of the elemental composition in both soft tissues and shells of *A. kagoshimensis*.

This species can serve as a bioindicator of environmental pollution with heavy metals. Pb and Cd concentrations significantly differ in soft tissues and shells of clams from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov (Table 1). In general, the content of toxic elements in water from both seas is below the maximum permissible levels established by the requirements of Technical Regulation of the Customs Union 021/2011 [2011]: Pb, 10.0; Cd, 2.0; and Hg, 0.2 mg·kg<sup>-1</sup>. The main sources of Pb in the marine environment are stormwater runoff from inland areas and wastewater inflow from land [El-Sorogy, Youssef, 2015; El-Sorogy et al., 2012; Peters et al., 1997]. High concentrations of heavy metals Pb, Cd, and Hg pose a threat to molluscs [Dabwan, Taufiq, 2016; Isoni, Maulida, 2022].

Concentrations of such **d-elements** as Zn and Mo are higher in *A. kagoshimensis* soft tissues, while Fe content is higher in its shells (Table 1). Iron is important for the metabolism of molluscs [El-Sorogy et al., 2013]. Fe is evenly concentrated in the outer organic layer of the shell, the periosteum,

and is uniformly distributed across the aragonite layers [Duncan et al., 2009] with accumulation in the periostracum. The concentration of Zn is higher in soft tissues of the clams from the Sea of Azov than from the Black Sea. Zinc is required for the activity of 90 enzymes involved in animal metabolism and is an essential trace element for all living organisms [Astuti et al., 2022]. Zn concentration in hydrobionts is higher than in terrestrial organisms. Zn is concentrated in tissues of hydrobionts in the form of insoluble inclusions or bound with macromolecules [Pourang et al., 2014].

Currently, there is little information about the content of rare earth elements in the marine environment, their accumulation in living organisms, and their effect on the biota. Differences in concentrations of rare earth elements (Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, and Yb) between the molluscs from the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov are obvious (Table 1). On average, their content is higher in *A. kagoshimensis* soft tissues than in its shells. Only Pr and Nd concentrations in tissues and shells differ significantly, as well as the content in the *Anadara* tissues and shells from the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. Pr and Nd concentrations in the clams from the Sea of Azov are higher. Like many other rare earth metals, Pr and Nd do not play a key biological role in living organisms. Their occurrence may be related to different anthropogenic load on the water areas studied. Molluscs of the genus *Anadara* are filter feeders; therefore, the concentration of rare earth elements, as a rule, is higher in soft tissues than in shells. These elements can enter the body of clams with bacteria. Bacteria are shown to be able to accumulate metals and, accordingly, affect their transfer in water column [Beveridge, Doyle, 1989].

**Conclusion.** Concentrations of chemical elements in soft tissues and shells of molluscs depend primarily on environmental conditions. At the same time, the differences in the content are determined not only by the composition of seawater which includes mainly s-elements, but also by physiological processes of mollusc adaptation, since most of the statistically significant differences in this work were revealed among p- and d-elements. It is p- and d-elements that are involved in the functioning of cells of organisms as minor components of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and enzymes. Molluscs consume macro elements and trace elements from water and accumulate them in tissues and shells adapting to conditions of their habitat, including salinity. The element contents in *Anadara kagoshimensis* soft tissues and shells are not constant, and the role of certain elements in physiological processes can increase depending on the physiological state of animals. Not all elements accumulated in soft tissues and shells are essential. The process of their accumulation is closely related to the anthropogenic load on the water area.

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**СОДЕРЖАНИЕ ХИМИЧЕСКИХ ЭЛЕМЕНТОВ  
В ТКАНЯХ И РАКОВИНАХ ДВУСТВОРЧАТОГО МОЛЛЮСКА  
*ANADARA KAGOSHIMENSIS* (ТОКУНАГА, 1906)  
ИЗ ЧЁРНОГО И АЗОВСКОГО МОРЕЙ**

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В Чёрном и Азовском морях двустворчатый моллюск *Anadara kagoshimensis* является инвазивным и малоизученным видом. Моллюски — ценный объект промысла и марикультуры. В настоящее время мало сведений об особенностях содержания элементов в тканях и раковинах анадары, обитающей в этих морях. Цель данной работы — провести сравнительный анализ элементного состава тканей и раковин *A. kagoshimensis* Чёрного и Азовского морей. Элементный анализ проводили с помощью масс-спектрометра с индуктивно-связанной плазмой. В работе приведены данные о концентрациях элементов в тканях и раковинах анадары из двух морей. Обнаружены значимые различия концентраций следующих элементов в анадаре из Чёрного и Азовского морей: K, Rb, Cs, Ca и Ba из семейства s-элементов; Al, Ga, Ge, P, As, Bi и Vg из числа p-элементов; Zn, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, Fe, Ir и Au из семейства d-элементов; Pr и Nd из числа f-элементов. Содержание элементов в тканях и раковинах *A. kagoshimensis* обусловлено не только составом морской воды, куда входят в основном s-элементы, но и адаптационными процессами в моллюсках, в которых преимущественно участвуют p- и d-элементы. В тканях анадары из Чёрного моря концентрации K, Rb и Cs достоверно выше, чем в тканях особей из Азовского моря, при этом концентрация K на один (Азовское море) или два порядка (Чёрное море) выше в тканях, чем в раковинах. В раковинах *A. kagoshimensis* из Чёрного моря содержание Ca достоверно выше. Раковины анадары из Чёрного моря прочнее. На фоне высокого содержания кальция в образцах тканей и раковин *A. kagoshimensis* из обоих морей зарегистрировано относительно низкое содержание фосфора. В тканях анадары из Чёрного моря концентрация P, Al, Ga и Bi, а также тяжёлых металлов (Pb и Cd) достоверно выше. Содержание токсичных элементов в анадаре из обоих морей не превышает предельно допустимых концентраций. Содержание Zn и Mo выше в тканях, Fe — в раковинах. В тканях *A. kagoshimensis* из Азовского моря концентрация Zn выше, чем в тканях особей из Чёрного моря. Концентрации редкоземельных элементов (Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm и Yb) выше в тканях анадары из обоих морей, чем в раковинах. В *A. kagoshimensis* из Азовского моря концентрации Pr и Nd значимо выше, чем в моллюске из Чёрного моря. Анадара способна концентрировать элементы в зависимости от их содержания в среде, поэтому концентрация элементов в моллюсках, принадлежащих к одному виду, в первую очередь зависит от биотопа.

**Ключевые слова:** двустворчатый моллюск *Anadara kagoshimensis*, концентрация химических элементов, масс-спектрометрия, Чёрное море, Азовское море