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Vermicomposting of two types of coconut wastes employing Eudrilus eugeniae: a comparative study

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Background: While the increase in the number of coconut-based industries in Malaysia supports economic growthpositively, it affects the environment negatively by generating large amounts of coconut wastes. This study hasendeavored to assess the possibility of vermicomposting different types of coconut wastes and, in doing so, evaluated the potential of using the African nightcrawler (Eudrilus eugeniae) to decompose coconut wastes. Thestudy was conducted over a 50-day duration using two different types of coconut wastes: coconut husk (CH) andspent coconut flakes (SCF). The nutrient content of the vermicompost at various stages of treatments wasdetermined. Three different percentage ratios were used: {C1-W or B1-W (100% waste), C2-W or B2-W(70% waste + 30% goat manure), and C3-W or B3-W (50% waste + 50% goat manure)}. Twenty healthy adultE. eugeniae (each 0.02 to 0.03 kg) were introduced to each treatment. Results: Results showed that the degradation process was very fast in the spent coconut flakes which needed only16 days for complete decomposition, while that in the coconut husk needed 2 months. Available phosphorous (P)and total potassium (TK) values declined in CH. The available P and TK in C3-W (50% waste + 50% goat manure)were less than the initial values by 26.6% and 53.69%, respectively. Moreover, P and TK values increased in SCF at the final stage as in B2-W (70% waste + 30% goat manure) which .was 69.3% more than the initial level. The weightsof the worms were recorded throughout the experimental period

کلمات کلیدی: Agrowaste, Coconut waste, Eudrilus eugeniae, Vermicomposting

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