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| Journal Name: | [**International Journal of Environment and Climate Change**](https://journalijecc.com/index.php/IJECC) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_IJECC\_133750** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Evaluating the potential of aquatic macrophytes (Pistia stratiotes L and Eichhornia crassipes) for phytoremediation of metal pollution (Cadmium and Lead).** |
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