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Impact of War on Ukrainian Soils

In the article, we discussed the impact of the war in Ukraine on the environment, specifically focusing on soil degradation. The war is causing significant ecological destruction. Toxic substances are contaminating water and air, but the upper layers of fertile soil are suffering the most.

Consequences for Agriculture

This degradation poses serious threats to agriculture and food security. The contamination of soil can lead to a decrease in both the quantity and quality of crops, raising health concerns for those consuming food grown on polluted land

Solution

Interestingly, we discovered that growing energy crops, such as willow, poplar, millet, and various grasses, can significantly help in cleaning contaminated soils. These plants not only restore soil quality but are also capable of thriving in highly polluted environments, providing an effective solution to this pressing issue.

The Challenge of Collaborating

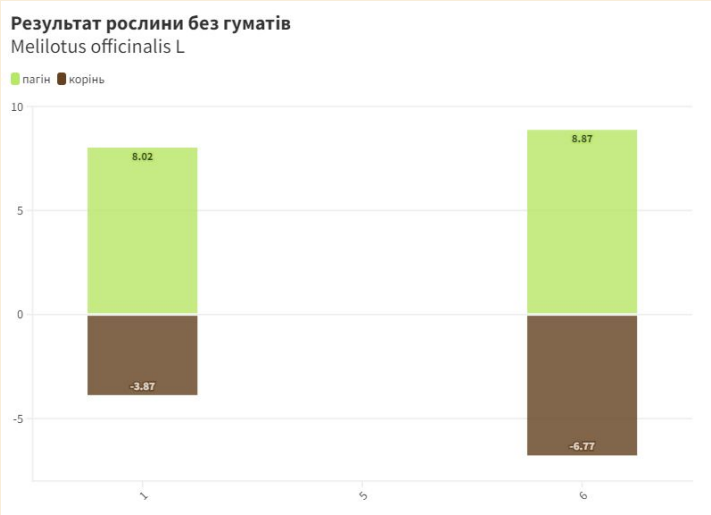
Together with an ecologist, I worked on creating a text. This collaboration brought its own set of challenges, as we came from different professional backgrounds—journalism and science.

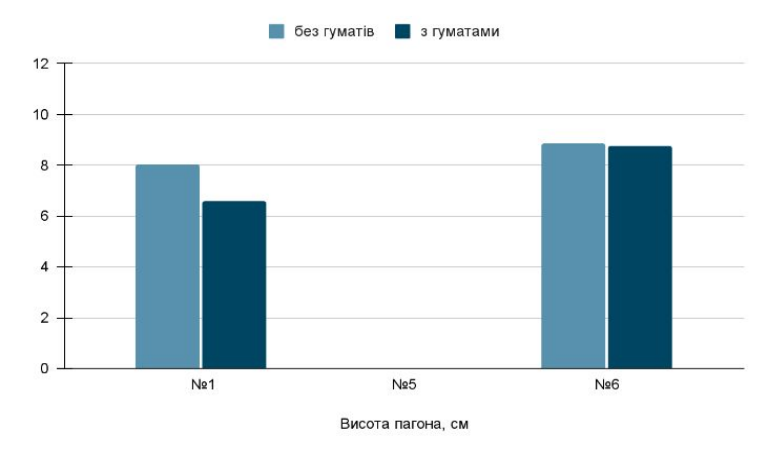
Struggling to Find a Common Ground

I focused on presenting the material in a clear and simple way for a broad audience. However, my co-author, an ecologist, wanted to maintain a more scientific approach. In the end, we decided that simplicity, though less detailed, would help more people understand the issue.

Visuals

My co-author proposed using graphs to represent the data, but they were too complex for non-ecologists. After considering different options, we agreed to remove the visuals entirely and focus on explaining the information through text.





What I Learned from This Process

Throughout the collaboration, I learned a lot about scientific terminology. I also discovered how important it is to explain complex terms in a way that can be understood by a broader audience, without losing the key message

Despite Challenges…

Despite the difficulties in balancing simplicity and scientific accuracy, the final product turned out balanced, engaging, and informative. This collaboration taught me the value of accessible communication in raising awareness about ecological issues.

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