

# Half-cell potential Measurement of Concrete Resistivity of Exudates Layered Reinforcement in Chloride threshold Corrosive Environment

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**Abstract:** The fundamental concept of corrosion inhibition is the development of a stable compound with the metal surface and the formation of an adsorption complex with the metal oxide. This study evaluated the effect of salt water on reinforced concrete structures located in the costal marine environment. Corrosion accelerated simulated process was performed on non-coated and khaya senegalensis exudates / resins coated specimens for 150 days period and evaluate the actions of half cell potential, concrete resistivity and tensile strength of reinforcing steel embedded in concrete and exposed to corrosion. Results of concrete resistivity  $\rho$ ,  $k\Omega\text{cm}$  against potential  $E_{\text{corr}}$ ,  $\text{mV}$  relationship showed averaged potential  $E_{\text{corr}}$  control percentile average value of 30.33509% and percentile difference -69.6649% over 235.1921% corroded specimen. Results of concrete resistivity  $\rho$ ,  $k\Omega\text{cm}$  percentile average value of 183.4935% and percentile difference 83.49351% over -30.1921% corroded specimen. Mechanical properties “ultimate strength” of control specimen value of 93.71429% and percentile difference -6.28571% over 7.138101% corroded specimen. Mechanical properties “weight loss of steel” of control percentile average value of 53.50441% and percentile difference -46.4956% over 91.49347% corroded. Mechanical properties “cross- section area reduction” of control specimen with percentile average value of 118.5055% and percentile difference 18.50551% over -15.6157% corroded specimen. Control specimens result showed no corrosion potential due to the presence of inhibitory exudates / resins that acted as an insulator to reinforcing steel embedded in corrosive environment

**Keywords:** Corrosion, Corrosion inhibitors, corrosion potential, concrete resistivity and Steel Reinforcement.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

When steel corrodes the initial corrosion product formed can slightly improve the bond, but increasing the level of corrosion will often result in cracking and decrease in bond at the steel/concrete interface (Cabrera [1], Chung et al. [2]). The formation of rust involves a substantial volume increase (a factor of about 4) which causes cracking, spalling and staining of concrete, and reduces the effective cross-sectional area of reinforcing bars and weakens the bond between reinforcement and concrete, seriously affecting the durability, and the service-life of structures (Almusallam et al [3], Rashid et al.[4]). The fundamental concept of corrosion inhibition is the development of a stable compound with the metal surface and the formation of an adsorption complex with the metal oxide. Inhibitors are of three basic types: anodic, cathodic, and mixed. Anodic inhibitors function by arresting the reaction at the anode. In ideal situations, they react with existing corrosion products to form a highly insoluble film that adheres tightly to the metal surface. This film can act as a barrier to metal dissolution by preventing the metal surface from contacting the corrosive electrolyte.

Charles et al. [5] investigated the electrochemical processes that led to the electron transfer in the corrosion process of steel reinforcement in the harsh marine environment with a high level of chloride. Corrosion tests were conducted on high tensile reinforcing steel bars of 12mm diameter. Specimens with rough surfaces were treated with *Symphonia globulifera* linn resin extracts with layered thicknesses of 150µm, 250µm and 350µm, polished and embedded into concrete slabs. Control, non-inhibited and resin-inhibited specimens were cured for 28 days and then subjected to an accelerated corrosion process with Sodium Chloride for 119 days with 14-day intervals for readings. When compared to corroded samples, the resin-inhibited samples showed 70.1% increased values of potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV and 38.8% decreased values of concrete resistivity, yield stress against ultimate strength in comparison to corroded samples as 100% nominal yield stress decreased from 103.06% to 96.12% and weight loss at 67.5% against 48.5% and 47.80% to 94.82% cross-sectional diameter reduction, both showed decreased values of corroded compared to coated specimens.

Charles et al. [6] investigated the corrosion potential, concrete resistivity and tensile tests of non-corroded, corroded and coated reinforcing steel of concrete slab members. Direct application of corrosion inhibitors of *dacryodes edulis* resins with thicknesses of 150µm, 250µm, 350µm were coated on 12mm diameter reinforcement, embedded into concrete slabs and exposed to a severe corrosive environment for 119 days for accelerated corrosion tests, half-cell potential measurements, concrete resistivity measurements and tensile tests. When compared to corroded samples, the resin-inhibited samples showed 70.1% increased values of potential and 38.8% decreased values of concrete resistivity, yield stress against ultimate strength in comparison to corroded samples as 100% nominal yield stress decreased from 100.95% to 96.12% and figures 3.5 and 3.6 respectively presented weight loss at 67.5% against 48.5% and 98.7% to 94.82%, cross-sectional diameter reduction, both showed decreased values of corroded compared to coated specimens.

Macdonald [7] carried out the investigation of inhibitors in solutions of alkaline and extracts from cement. The extracts from cement experiments revealed that corrosion was inhibited using sodium nitrite in the presence of chlorides while sodium benzoate did not. Furthermore, the initiation of corrosion was delayed with sodium nitrite, with the delay increasing with inhibitor content.

Charles et al. [8] investigated the effects of chloride attack on reinforcing steel embedded in reinforced concrete structures built in the marine environment. An experimental work simulated the quick process by acceleration on non-inhibited and inhibited reinforcement of *acardium occidentale* l. resin extracts with polished thicknesses of 150µm, 250µm and 350µm, embedded in concrete slabs and immersed in sodium chloride (NaCl) and accelerated for 119 days using Wenner four-probe method. When compared to corroded samples, the resin-inhibited samples showed 75.4% increased values of potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV and 33.54% decreased values of concrete resistivity, yield stress against ultimate strength in comparison to corroded samples as 100% nominal yield stress decreased from 108.38% to 90.25% respectively, weight loss at 69.3% against 43.98% and 51.45% to 89.25%, cross-sectional diameter reduction, both showed decreased values of corroded compared to coated specimens.

Novokshchev [9] studied and showed that calcium nitrite is in no way detrimental to concrete properties as seen in the issue of inhibitors based on sodium or potassium [9]. Latter study by Skotinck [10] and Slater [11] showed that considering long-standing accelerated testing, calcium nitrite was of better quality in terms of strength.

Charles et al. [12] investigated corrosion level probability assessment potential through half-cell potential corrosion measurement, concrete resistivity test and tensile strength test mechanical properties of non-corroded, corroded and inhibited reinforcement with *Moringa Oleifera* lam resin paste of tree extract. Specimens were embedded in concrete and accelerated in a corrosive environment medium for 119 days. Average percentile results of potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV, and concrete resistivity are 29.9% and 68.74% respectively. When compared to corroded samples, the resin-inhibited samples showed 70.1% increased values of potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV and 35.5% decreased values of concrete resistivity. Results of computed percentile average values of yield stress against ultimate strength, when compared to corroded samples as 100% nominal yield stress decreased from 105.75% to 96.12% and weight loss at 67.5% against 48.5% and 48.34% to 94.82%, cross-sectional diameter reduction, both showed decreased values of corroded compared to coated specimens.

Charles et al. [13] investigated the use of inorganic inhibitors and Greener approach inhibitors to evaluate the assessment of corrosion potential using *Mangifera indica* resin paste extracts layered to reinforcing steel with coated thicknesses of 150µm, 250µm and 350µm. Average percentile results of potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV, and concrete resistivity are 26.57% and 61.25% respectively. When compared to corroded samples, the resin-inhibited samples showed 70.1% increased values of potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV and 38.8% decreased values of concrete resistivity, yield stress against ultimate strength at summary and average state of corroded slab with nominal values of 100% and decreased in ultimate strength from 105.36% to 96.12%, weight loss

versus cross-section diameter reduction decreased due to attack from sodium chloride from 64.8% to 44.45% and 46.76% to 86.43% respectively.

Charles et al [14] investigated corrosion probability level assessments of three different resins extracts of trees from *dacryodes edulis*, *mangifera indica* and *moringa oleifera* lam using half cell potential corrosion measurement, concrete resistivity measurement and tensile strength test to ascertain the surface condition of the mechanical properties of non-corroded, corroded and inhibited reinforcement coated thicknesses of 150 $\mu$ m, 250 $\mu$ m and 350 $\mu$ m specimens embedded in concrete, exposed to severe and corrosive environment medium for 119 days after 28 days. Arbitrarily and computed percentile average values of yield stress against ultimate strength, when compared to corrode as 100% nominal yield stress decreased from 100.95% to 96.12% *dacryodes edulis* inhibited, 105.36% to 96.12% *mangifera indica* inhibited, and 105.75% to 96.12% *moringa oleifera* lam inhibited and weight loss of *dacryodes edulis* inhibited are 67.5% against 48.5% and 98.7% to 94.82%, cross-sectional diameter reduction, *mangifera indica* inhibited specimen 64.8% to 44.45% and 46.76% to 86.43% cross-sectional diameter reduction and *moringa oleifera* lam inhibited specimen 67.5% against 48.5% and 48.34% to 94.82%, cross-sectional diameter reduction, all showed decreased values of corroded compared to coated specimens.

Charles et al. [15] examined the effectiveness in the utilization of three eco-friendly inorganic inhibitors tree extract exudates / resins of *Symphonia globulifera* linn, *Ficus glumosa* and *Acardium occidentale* l. Non-inhibited and inhibited reinforcements with exudates / resins of 150 $\mu$ m, 250 $\mu$ m and 350 $\mu$ m thicknesses were embedded in concrete slab with exposed sections, immersed sodium chloride solution and accelerated using Wenner four probe method. General and compute percentile average values of yield stress against ultimate strength at in comparison to corrode as 100% nominal yield stress decremented ultimate strength from 103.06% to 96.12% , 112.48% to 89.25%, and 108.38% to 90.25% of *Symphonia globulifera* linn, *Ficus glumosa* and *Acardium occidentale* l respectively, weight loss at of corroded against inhibited *Symphonia globulifera* linn specimens at 67.5% against 48.5% and 47.80% to 94.82%, inhibited *Ficus glumosa* 69.5% to 47.29%, 48.95% to 77.89% and inhibited *acardium occidentale* l. Average percentile results of potential  $E_{corr,mV}$ , and concrete resistivity for *Symphonia globulifera* linn, *Ficus glumosa* and *acardium occidentale* l are 29.9% and 63.6% , 23.75% and 66.48% and 27.45% and 68.45% respectively.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1 Aggregates

The fine aggregate and coarse aggregate were purchased. Both met the requirements of BS 882 [16].

#### 2.1.2 Cement

Portland limestone cement grade 42.5 is the most and commonly type of cement in Nigerian Market. It was used for all concrete mixes in this investigation. The cement met the requirements of BS EN 196-6 [17].

#### 2.1.3 Water

The water samples were clean and free from impurities. The fresh water used was gotten from the tap at the Civil Engineering Department Laboratory, Kenule Beeson Polytechnic, Bori, Rivers State. The water met the requirements of BS 12390-5; 2005 [18].

#### 2.1.4 Structural Steel Reinforcement

The reinforcements are gotten directly from the market in Port Harcourt BS 4449:2005+A3 [19].

#### 2.1.5 Corrosion Inhibitor (Resin / Exudate) *Khaya senegalensis*

The study inhibitor is *Khaya senegalensis* of natural tree resins /exudates substance extracts.

## 2.2 Methods

### 2.2.1 Experimental method

#### 2.2.2 Sample preparation for reinforcement with coated resin/exudates

The corrosion rates were quantified predicated on current density obtained from the polarization curve and the corrosion rate quantification set-up. Fresh concrete mix batch were fully compacted to remove trapped air, with concrete cover of 15mm and projection of 150mm for half cell potential measurement and concrete resistivity tests. The polarization curve

was obtained as the relationship between corrosion potential and current density. The samples were designed with sets of reinforced concrete slab of 150mm thick x 350mm width x 900mm long, uncoated and coated specimens of above thicknesses were embedded into the concrete, spaced at 150mm apart. The corrosion cell consisted of a saturated calomel reference electrode (SCE), counter electrode (graphite rod) and the reinforcing steel embedded in concrete specimen acted as the working electrode. Slabs were demoulded after 72 hours and cured for 28 days with room temperature and corrosion acceleration ponding process with Sodium Chloride lasted for 150days with 14 days checked intervals for readings. Mix ratio of 1:2:3 by weight of concrete, water cement ratio of 0.65, and manual mixing was adopted

### 2.3 Accelerated Corrosion Test

The accelerated corrosion test allows the acceleration of corrosion to reinforcing steel embedded in concrete and can simulate corrosion growth that would occur over decades. In order to test concrete resistivity and durability against corrosion, it was necessary to design an experiment that would accelerate the corrosion process and maximize the concrete's resistance against corrosion until failure. An accelerated corrosion test is the impressed current technique which is an effective technique to investigate the corrosion process of steel in concrete and to assess the damage on the concrete cover. A laboratory acceleration process helps to distinguish the roles of individual factors that could affect chloride induced corrosion. Therefore, for design of structural members and durability against corrosion as well as selection of suitable material and appropriate protective systems, it is useful to perform accelerated corrosion tests for obtaining quantitative and qualitative information on corrosion.

### 2.4 Corrosion Current Measurements (Half-cell potential measurements)

Classifications of the severity of rebar corrosion rates are presented in Table 2.1. If the potential measurements indicate that there is a high probability of active corrosion, concrete resistivity measurement can be subsequently used to estimate the rate of corrosion. However, caution needs to be exercised in using data of this nature, since constant corrosion rates with time are assumed. Half-cell potential measurements are indirect method of assessing potential bar corrosion, but there has been much recent interest in developing a means of performing perturbative electrochemical measurements on the steel itself to obtain a direct evaluation of the corrosion rate.

**Table 2.1: Dependence between potential and corrosion probability**

Potential $E_{corr}$	Probability of corrosion
$E_{corr} < -350\text{mV}$	Greater than 90% probability that reinforcing steel corrosion is occurring in that area at the time of measurement
$-350\text{mV} \leq E_{corr} \leq -200\text{mV}$	Corrosion activity of the reinforcing steel in that area is uncertain
$E_{corr} > -200\text{mV}$	90% probability that no reinforcing steel corrosion is occurring in that area at the time of measurement (10% risk of corrosion)

### 2.5 Concrete Resistivity Measurement Test

Different readings were taken at different locations at the surface of the concrete. After applying water on the surface of the slabs, the concrete resistivity was measured daily at the reference locations, looking for the saturation condition. These locations were chosen at the side of the slabs, since concrete electrical resistivity measurements could be taken when water was on the top surface of the slab. The mean values of the readings were recorded as the final readings of the resistivity in the study. The saturation level of the slabs was monitored through concrete electrical resistivity measurements, which are directly related to the moisture content of concrete. Once one slab would reach the saturated condition, the water could be drained from that slab, while the other slabs remained ponded. Time limitation was the main challenge to perform all the experimental measurements, as the concrete saturation condition changes with time. In the study, the Wenner four probes method was used; it was done by placing the four probes in contact with the concrete directly above the reinforcing steel bar. Henceforth, these measurements will be referred to as the measurements in «dry» conditions. Since each of the slabs had a different w/c, the time needed to saturate each of the slabs was not the same. Before applying water on the slabs, the concrete electrical resistivity was measured in the dry condition at the specified locations. The electrical resistivity becomes constant once the concrete has reached saturation.

**Table 2.2: Dependence between concrete resistivity and corrosion probability**

Concrete resistivity $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm	Probability of corrosion
$\rho < 5$	Very high
$5 < \rho < 10$	High
$10 < \rho < 20$	Low to moderate
$\rho > 20$	Low

## 2.6 Tensile Strength of Reinforcing Bars

To ascertain the yield and tensile strength of tension bars, bar specimens of 12 mm diameter of non-corroded, corroded and coated were tested in tension in a Universal Testing Machine and were subjected to direct tension until failure; the yield, maximum and failure loads being recorded. To ensure consistency, the remaining cut pieces from the standard length of corroded and non-corroded steel bars were subsequently used for mechanical properties of steel.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of the half-cell potential measurements in table 3.1 were plotted against concrete resistivity of table 3.2 for easy interpretation. It used as indication of likelihood of significant corrosion ( $\rho < 5$ ,  $5 < \rho < 10$ ,  $10 < \rho < 20$ ,  $\rho > 20$ ) for Very high, High, Low to moderate and Low, for Probability of corrosion. In the other measuring points, potential  $E_{corr}$  is high ( $-350\text{mV} \leq E_{corr} \leq -200\text{mV}$ ), which indicates a 10% or uncertain probability of corrosion. Results of the concrete resistivity measurements are shown in Table 3.2. It is evident that potential  $E_{corr}$  if low ( $< -350\text{mV}$ ) in an area measuring indicates a 95% probability of corrosion. Concrete resistivity is commonly measured by four-electrode method. Resistivity survey data gives an indication of whether the concrete condition is favorable for the easy movements of ions leading to more corrosion.

### 3.1 Control Concrete Slab Members

Results obtained from table 3.1 of half-cell potential measurements for and concrete resistivity for 7days to 178 days respectively indicated a 10% or uncertain probability of corrosion which indicates no corrosion presence or likelihood and concrete resistivity which indicated a low probability of corrosion or no corrosion indication. The results of averaged potential  $E_{corr}$  control specimens are  $-101.681\text{mV}$ ,  $-104.43\text{mV}$ ,  $-105.038\text{mV}$ , summarized into  $-103.716\text{mV}$ , with percentile average value 29.83364% and percentile difference  $-70.1664\%$  derived from tables 3.1 into 3.1A and plotted in figure 3.1 and 3.1A of sampled slab concrete structures. Concrete resistivity  $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm averaged results are  $11.4222\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$ ,  $11.17887\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$ ,  $11.4522\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$ , fused into  $11.35109\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$  with percentile average value 143.2503% and percentile difference 43.25028% from table 3.2 into 3.2A and plotted in figures 3.2 and 3.2A. Mechanical properties “ultimate strength” of control specimens are  $547.8983\text{N/mm}^2$ ,  $547.5317\text{N/mm}^2$ ,  $547.0983\text{N/mm}^2$ , fused into  $547.5094\text{N/mm}^2$ , with percentile average value 93.33748% and percentile difference  $-6.66252\%$  from table 3.3 into 3.3A and plotted in figures 3.3 and 3.3A. Mechanical properties “weight loss of steel” of control specimens are  $6.858667\text{grams}$ ,  $6.858667\text{grams}$ ,  $6.812\text{grams}$ , fused into  $6.843111\text{grams}$  with percentile average value 52.2211% and percentile difference  $-47.7789\%$  from table 3.4 into 3.4A and plotted in figures 3.4 and 3.4A. Mechanical properties “cross- section area reduction” of control are  $12\text{mm}$ ,  $12\text{mm}$ ,  $12\text{mm}$  and fused into  $12\text{mm}$  with percentile average value 118.5055% and percentile difference 18.50551% from table 3.5 into 3.5A and plotted in figures 3.5 and 3.5A. Control specimens result showed no corrosion potentials, it was tested with clean tap water for controlled results.

### 3.2 Corroded Concrete Slab Members

Average potential  $E_{corr}$  corroded specimens values derived from tables 3.1 into 3.1A are of  $-278.782\text{mV}$ - $358.082\text{mV}$ ,  $-406.082\text{mV}$  fused into  $-347.648\text{mV}$ , with percentile average value 335.1921% and percentile difference 235.1921% against  $-70.1664\%$  and  $-69.6649\%$  of control and coated specimens as presented in figures 3.1 and 3.1A. Obtained results of potential  $E_{corr}$  results of corroded specimens showed indications of high values with ranges of ( $-350\text{mV} \leq E_{corr} \leq -200\text{mV}$ ), which indicates a 10% or uncertain probability of corrosion. Results of concrete resistivity  $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm are  $7.471733\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$ ,  $7.881733$

$\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$ ,  $8.4184\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$ , derived into  $7.923956\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$  with percentile value of 69.80789% and percentile difference of  $-30.1921\%$  against 43.25028% and 83.49351% of control and coated specimens from table 3.2 into 3.2A and plotted in

figures 3.2 and 3.2A. Range of values of corroded specimens showed indication of likelihood of significant corrosion ( $\rho < 5$ ,  $5 < \rho < 10$ ,  $10 < \rho < 20$ ,  $\rho > 20$ ) for very high, high, low to moderate and low, for probability of corrosion. Mechanical properties “ultimate strength” of control specimens are 587.2357N/mm<sup>2</sup>, 585.6023N/mm<sup>2</sup>, 586.9357N/mm<sup>2</sup>, fused into 586.5912N/mm<sup>2</sup>, with percentile value of 107.1381% and percentile difference 7.138101% against -6.66252% and -6.28571% of control and coated specimens from table 3.3 into 3.3A and plotted in figures 3.3 and 3.3A. Results elucidated and indications of low load application with potential of high ultimate yield of corroded specimens to control and coated specimens resulting from corrosion on the mechanical properties of the steel reinforcement with high surface change. Mechanical properties “weight loss of steel” of corroded specimens from table 3.4 into 3.4A and plotted in figures 3.4 and 3.4A are 13.08933grams, 13.08933grams, 13.13367grams, fused into 13.10411grams with percentile average value 191.4935% and percentile difference 91.49347% against -47.7789% and -46.4956% of control and coated specimens. Results of weight loss of steel showed higher percentile values against control and coated specimens resulting from mechanical properties degradation of reinforcing steel from corrosion attack. Mechanical properties “cross- section area reduction” of control specimens are 10.04833mm, 10.04833mm, 10.28167mm and summarized into 10.12611mm with percentile average value 84.38426% and percentile difference -15.6157% against 18.50551% and 18.50551% from table 3.5 into 3.5A and plotted in figures 3.5 and 3.5A. Cross- section area reduction results showed higher percentile reduction values resulting from corrosion attack on mechanical properties of reinforcing steel due to effect of corrosion on the mechanical properties of steel.

### 3.3 Khaya senegalensis Exudate Steel Bar Coated Concrete Slab Members

Average values derived from tables 3.1, 3.1A and figures 3.1, 3.1A of control, corroded and exudates/resin coated specimens of concrete resistivity  $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm against potential  $E_{corr}$ , mV relationship showed averaged potential  $E_{corr}$  control values of -106.175mV, -105.338mV, -104.865mV derived into -105.459mV, with percentile average value 30.33509% and percentile difference -69.6649% over 235.1921% corroded specimen. Results of concrete resistivity  $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm are 14.31883k $\Omega$ cm, 14.5755k $\Omega$ cm, 14.7255k $\Omega$ cm, fused into 14.53994k $\Omega$ cm with percentile average value 183.4935% and percentile difference 83.49351% over -30.1921% corroded specimen from table 3.2 into 3.2A and plotted in figures 3.2 and 3.2A. Mechanical properties “ultimate strength” of control specimens are 548.492N/mm<sup>2</sup>, 549.792N/mm<sup>2</sup>, 550.8753N/mm<sup>2</sup>, derived into 549.7198N/mm<sup>2</sup>, with percentile average value 93.71429% and percentile difference -6.28571% over 7.138101% corroded specimen from table 3.3 into 3.3A and plotted in figures 3.3 and 3.3A. Mechanical properties “weight loss of steel” of control from table 3.4 into 3.4A and plotted in figures 3.4 and 3.4A are 7.0035grams, 7.0035grams, 7.026833grams, fused into 7.011278grams with percentile average value 53.50441% and percentile difference -46.4956% over 91.49347% corroded. Average mechanical properties “cross- section area reduction” of control from table 3.5 into 3.5A and plotted in figures 3.5 and 3.5A are 12mm, 12mm, 12mm and derived into 12mm with percentile average value 118.5055% and percentile difference 18.50551% over -15.6157% corroded specimen. Control specimens result showed no corrosion potential due to the presence of inhibitory exudates / resins that acted as an insulator to reinforcing steel embedded in corrosive environment.

**Table 3.1: Potential  $E_{corr}$ , after 28 days curing and 150 days Accelerated Periods**

Samples	Potential $E_{corr}$ ,mV								
	Time Intervals after 28 days curing								
Durations	AK1 (7days)	AK2 (21days)	AK3 (28days)	AK4 (58days)	AK5 (88days)	AK6 (118days)	AK7 (148days)	AK8 (163days)	AK9 (178days)
<b>Control Concrete slab Specimens</b>									
CSQA1	-100.753	-103.376	-100.913	-106.616	-103.313	-103.36	-105.896	-103.752	-105.465
<b>Corroded Concrete Slab Specimens</b>									
CSQB1	-250.015	-276.215	-310.115	-349.215	-359.015	-366.015	-399.915	-407.115	-411.215
<b>Khaya senegalensis exudates (steel bar coated specimen)</b>									
	<b>(150<math>\mu</math>m) coated</b>			<b>(300<math>\mu</math>m) coated</b>			<b>(450<math>\mu</math>m) coated</b>		
CSQC1	-105.885	-105.555	-107.085	-104.255	-103.195	-108.565	-103.485	-107.255	-103.855

**Table 3.1A : Average Potential Ecorr, after 28 days curing and 150 days Accelerated Periods**

S/no	Samples	Average A{K(7,8,9)}	A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}			Summary Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Average Values A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Difference Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}
<b>Potential Ecorr,mV</b>								
CSQA1	Control Specimens	-101.681	-104.43	-105.038	-103.716	29.83364	-70.1664	
CSQB1	Corroded Specimens	-278.782	358.082	-406.082	-347.648	335.1921	235.1921	
CSQC1	Coated Specimens	-106.175	-105.338	-104.865	-105.459	30.33509	-69.6649	

**Table 3.2 : Results of Concrete Resistivity  $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm Time Intervals after 28 days curing and 150 days Accelerated Periods**

<b>Concrete Resistivity <math>\rho</math>, k<math>\Omega</math>cm</b>									
Samples Durations	Time Intervals after 28 days curing								
	AK1 (7days)	AK2 (21days)	AK3 (28days)	AK4 (58days)	AK5 (88days)	AK6 (118days)	AK7 (148days)	AK8 (163days)	AK9 (178days)
<b>Control Concrete slab Specimens</b>									
CSQA2	11.3422	11.5122	11.4122	11.6422	11.4722	10.4222	11.4422	11.4422	11.4722
<b>Corroded Concrete Slab Specimens</b>									
CSQB2	6.7684	6.9084	8.7384	7.0484	8.2184	8.3784	8.1184	8.5484	8.5884
<b>Khaya senegalensis exudates ( steel bar coated specimen)</b>									
<b>(150<math>\mu</math>m) coated (300<math>\mu</math>m) coated (450<math>\mu</math>m) coated</b>									
CSQC2	14.1255	14.2755	14.5555	14.6855	14.3755	14.6655	14.6155	14.7655	14.7955

**Table 3.2B : Average Results of Concrete Resistivity  $\rho$ , k $\Omega$ cm Time Intervals after 28 days curing and 150 days Accelerated Periods**

S/no	Samples	Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Summary Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}			Percentile Average Values A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Difference Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}
<b>Concrete Resistivity <math>\rho</math>, k<math>\Omega</math>cm</b>							
CSQA2	Control Specimens	11.4222	11.17887	11.4522	11.35109	143.2503	43.25028
CSQB2	Corroded Specimens	<b>7.471733</b>	7.881733	8.4184	7.923956	69.80789	-30.1921
CSQC2	Coated Specimens	14.31883	14.5755	14.7255	14.53994	183.4935	83.49351

**Table 3.3 : Mechanical properties of Control, Corroded and Steel Coated Concrete Slab Time Intervals after 28 days curing**

Samples Durations	AK1 (7days)	AK2 (21days)	AK3 (28days)	AK4 (58days)	AK5 (88days)	AK6 (118days)	AK7 (148days)	AK8 (163days)	AK9 (178days)
<b>Yield Stress (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) for Contro, Corroded and Coated Specimens</b>									
CSQA3	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410
<b>Ultimate strength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)</b>									
<b>Control Concrete slab Specimens</b>									
CSQB3	548.365	549.265	546.065	546.265	550.465	545.865	548.865	546.365	546.065

		Corroded Concrete Slab Specimens								
CSQC3		586.169	587.269	588.269	584.269	588.269	584.269	586.869	584.069	589.869
CSQD3		Khaya senegalensis exudates ( steel bar coated specimen)								
		(150µm) coated		(300µm) coated			(450µm) coated			
		549.392	548.692	547.392	549.792	549.792	549.792	552.492	549.442	550.692

**Table 3.3A :** Average Mechanical properties of Control, Corroded and Steel Coated Concrete Slab

S/no	Samples	Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}			Summary Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Average Values Average A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Difference Average A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	
		<b>Ultimate strength (N/mm2)</b>						
CSQB3	Control Specimens	547.8983	547.5317	547.0983	547.5094	93.33748	-6.66252	
CSQC3	Corroded Specimens	587.2357	585.6023	586.9357	586.5912	107.1381	7.138101	
CSQD3	Coated Specimens	548.492	549.792	550.8753	549.7198	93.71429	-6.28571	

**Table 3.4 :** Mechanical properties of Control, Corroded and Steel Coated Concrete Slab

		Weight Loss of Steel (in grams)								
		<b>Control Concrete slab Specimens</b>								
CSQA4		6.792	6.912	6.872	6.792	6.802	6.992	6.822	6.722	6.892
CSQB4		<b>Corroded Concrete Slab Specimens</b>								
		12.963	13.131	13.174	13.211	13.217	13.219	13.17	13.22	13.011
CSQC4		Khaya senegalensis exudates ( steel bar coated specimen)								
		(150µm) coated		(300µm) coated			(450µm) coated			
		6.9935	7.0035	7.0135	7.0035	7.0435	7.0035	7.0435	7.0035	7.0335

**Table 3.4A :** Average Mechanical properties of Control, Corroded and Steel Coated Concrete Slab

S/no	Samples	Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}			Summary Average A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Average Values Average A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Difference Average A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	
		<b>Weight Loss of Steel (in grams)</b>						
CSQA4	Control Specimens	6.858667	6.858667	6.812	6.843111	52.2211	-47.7789	
CSQB4	Corroded Specimens	13.08933	13.08933	13.13367	13.10411	191.4935	91.49347	
CSQC4	Coated Specimens	7.0035	7.0035	7.026833	7.011278	53.50441	-46.4956	

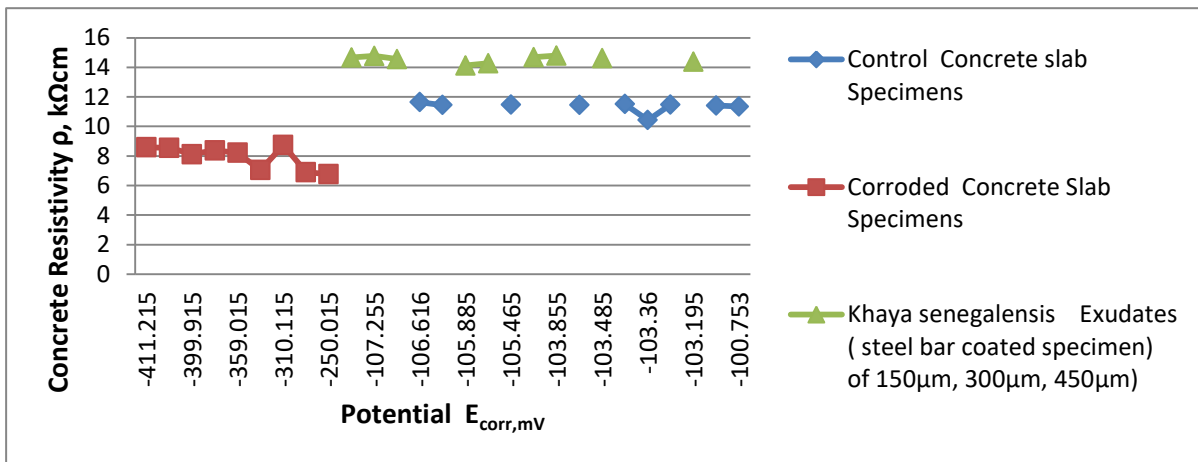
**Table 3.5 :** Mechanical properties of Control, Corroded and Steel Coated Concrete Slab

		Cross- section Area Reduction ( Diameter, mm)								
		<b>Control Concrete slab Specimens</b>								
CSQA5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
CSQB5		<b>Corroded Concrete Slab Specimens</b>								
		10.045	10.045	10.055	10.125	10.155	10.225	10.265	10.275	10.305
		Khaya senegalensis exudates ( steel bar coated specimen)								
		(150µm) coated		(300µm) coated			(450µm) coated			
CSQC5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	

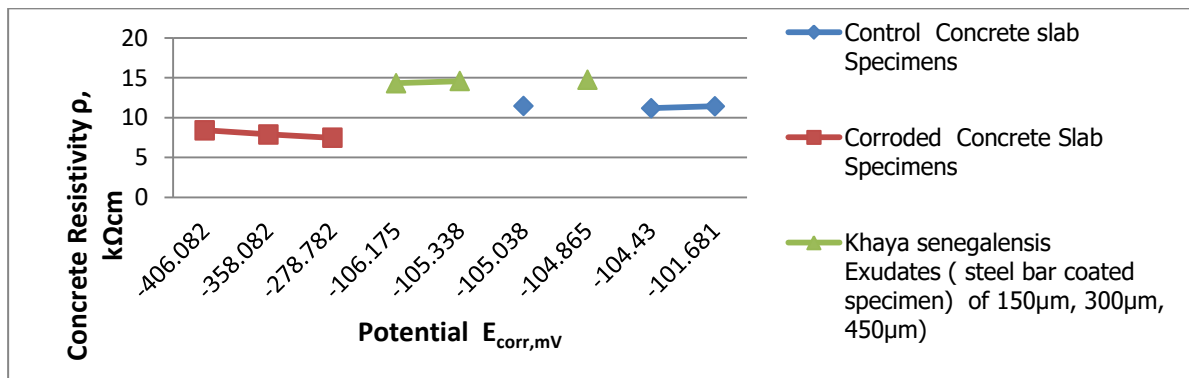


**Table 35 :** Average Mechanical properties of Control, Corroded and Steel Coated Concrete Slab

S/no	Samples	Average A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6), A{K(7,8,9)}				Summary A{K(1,2,3)},(4,5,6), A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Average Values A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}	Percentile Difference Average A{K(1,2,3)}, (4,5,6)}, A{K(7,8,9)}
CSQA5	Control Specimens	12	12	12	12		118.5055	18.50551
CSQB5	Corroded Specimens	10.04833	10.04833	10.28167	10.12611		84.38426	-15.6157
CSQC5	Coated Specimens	12	12	12	12		118.5055	18.50551



**Figure 3.1: Concrete Resistivity versus Potential Relationship**



**Figure 3.1A: Average Concrete Resistivity versus Potential Relationship**

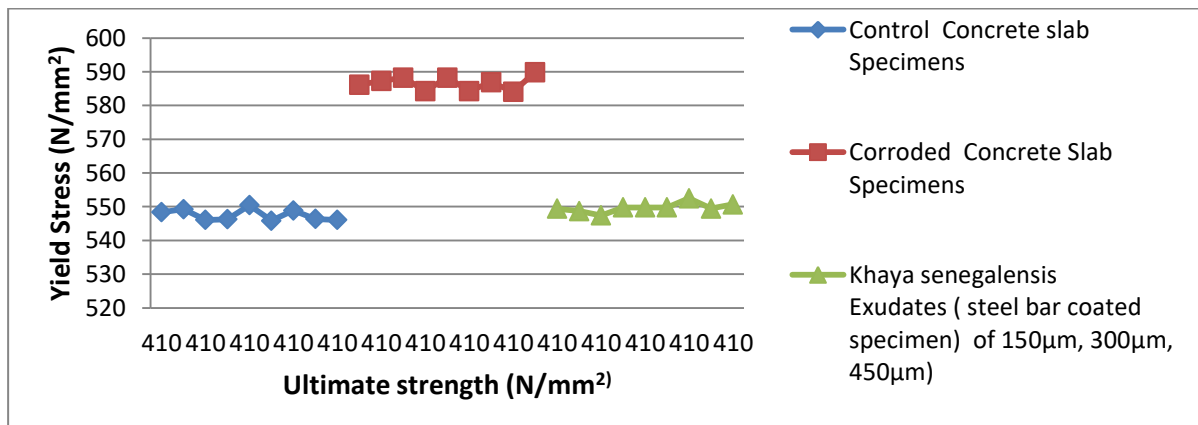


Figure 3.2: Yield Stress versus Ultimate strength

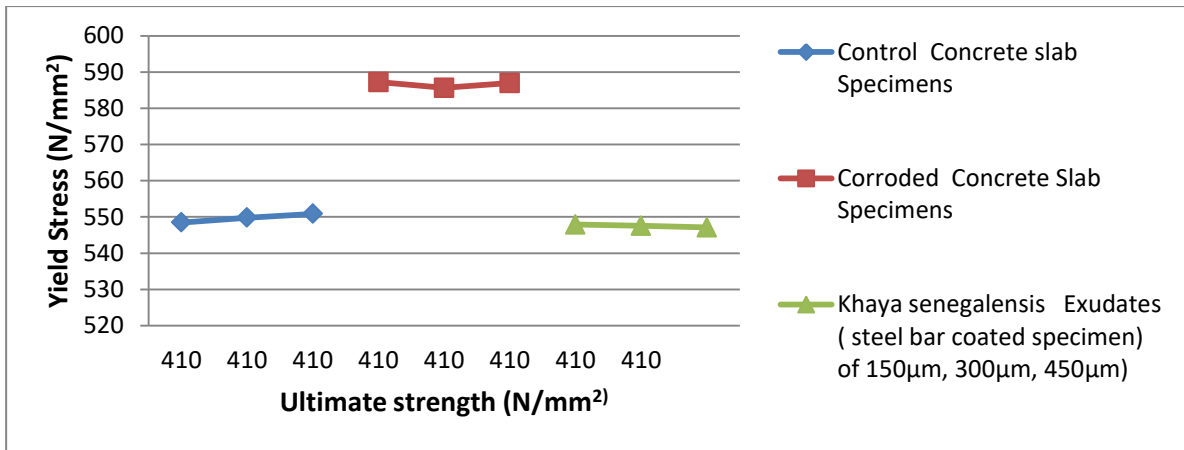


Figure 3.2A: Average Yield Stress versus Ultimate strength

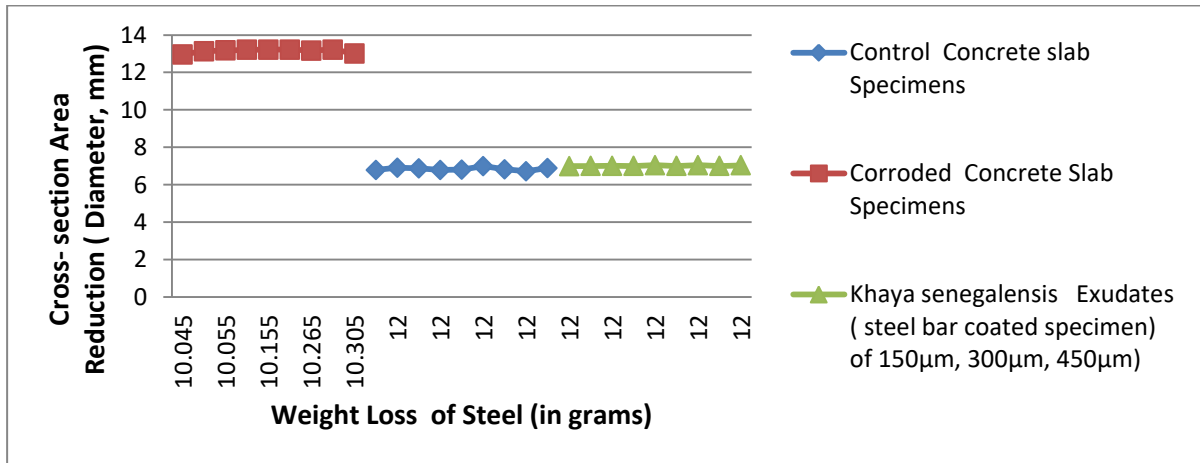


Figure 3.3: Weight Loss of Steel versus Cross- section Area Reduction

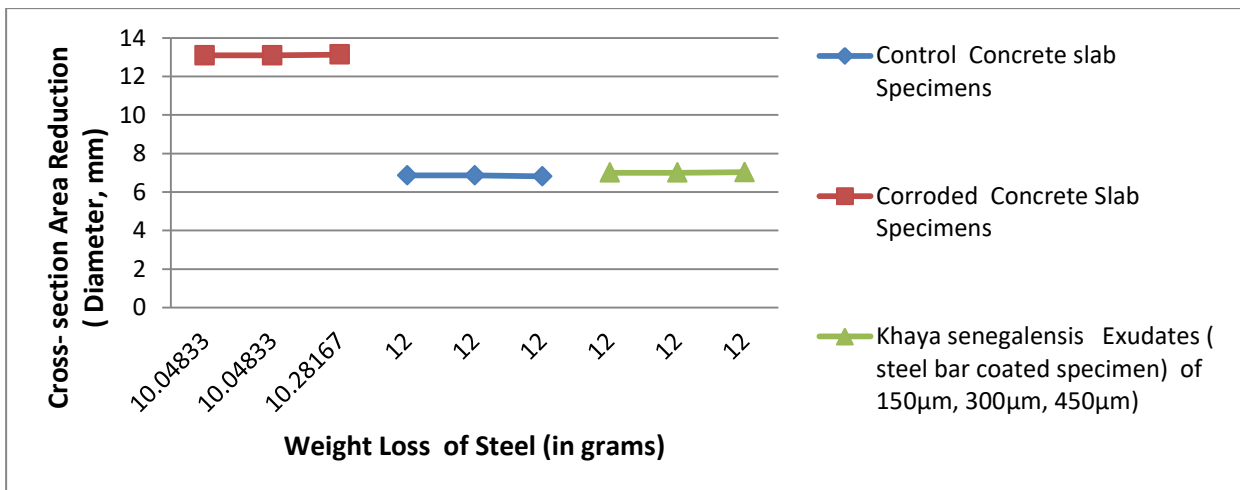


Figure 3.3A: Average Weight Loss of Steel versus Cross- section Area Reduction

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Experimental results showed the following conclusions:

- i. Control specimens result showed no corrosion potential due to the presence of inhibitory exudates / resins that acted as an insulator to reinforcing steel embedded in corrosive environment

- ii. Cross- section area reduction results showed higher percentile reduction values resulting from corrosion attack on mechanical properties of reinforcing steel due to effect of corrosion on the mechanical properties of steel.
- iii. Results of weight loss of steel showed higher percentile values against control and coated specimens resulting from mechanical properties degradation of reinforcing steel from corrosion attack.
- iv. Entire results showed lower percentages in corroded and higher in coated members.
- v. Results justified the effect of corrosion on the strength capacity of corroded and coated members.
- vi. Entire results showed higher values tensile strength values in non-corroded and coated to corroded specimens.
- vii. Corrosion potential witnessed in corroded specimens.

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