



**WAGENINGEN EVALUATING PROGRAMS  
FOR ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES**

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**Certificate of Analysis**



**International Plant-Analytical Exchange**

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**IPE sample 997**



## General Information

In this report an overview is given of analytical data for this sample collected in our proficiency testing program. The consensus values are calculated using a robust statistical model. With this NDA model mean and standard deviation are calculated using all reported data when at least 8 results are left after removal of reported 'lower than' (<) and 0 (= zero) values. No outliers are removed.

This report is divided into three sections: Consensus Values, Indicative Values and Values for Information. The division is made on the reliability of the data. Consensus Values are based on at least 16 results while the coefficient of variation is smaller than 25 %. Indicative Values are based on at least 8 and less than 16 results or a coefficient of variation between 25 % and 50 %. Other values, based on more than 2 and less than 8 results or a coefficient of variation higher than 50 %, are given for information only.

In the sections with Consensus Values and Indicative Values the following parameters are given: mean, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, number of results, median and MAD (Median of Absolute Deviation) and the uncertainty in the consensus values. The confidence limits (at 95 % probability) are calculated for these determinands.

In the section with Information Values the following parameters are given: median, MAD and number of results. For determinands which have at least 5 results reported as smaller than (<) the median of these 'smaller than results' is calculated. In some cases this median of '<' values is much smaller than median and mean of the indicative values. This may be caused by a too optimistic (too low) value for the detection limit reported by a (small) majority of participating laboratories who report '<' -values.

All values, expressed on a weight basis (kg or %), are reported in oven dry (105 °C) material. Moisture is reported in the material as received.

## Sample information

WEPAL reference materials are from natural sources only. There is no spiking, mixing or other alterations of the samples. For sample preparation the IPE samples are dried at 70 °C and milled to pass a 0.5 mm sieve.

This IPE sample 997 of Red-chicory / *Cycorium intibus* L. from Italy is prepared for the WEPAL proficiency programs. The sample is used in 1 period (or round). The results on which the values in this report are based were taken from the period given in the following table.

Year	Round	Number
1994	4	6



### Consensus Values IPE 997



#### Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
B	mg/kg	16.7	2.40	14.4	69	17.0	1.70	0.36	16.1	-	17.2
Ca	g/kg	1.98	0.234	11.8	126	2.00	0.160	0.026	1.94	-	2.02
Cl (as Cl)	g/kg	7.96	0.678	8.5	26	7.98	0.479	0.166	7.68	-	8.23
Cu	mg/kg	23.8	2.47	10.4	111	24.0	1.70	0.29	23.3	-	24.2
Fe	mg/kg	425	91.1	21.5	115	430	61.0	10.6	408	-	442
K	g/kg	38.5	2.56	6.7	129	38.5	1.76	0.28	38.0	-	38.9
Mg	g/kg	2.16	0.184	8.5	127	2.18	0.129	0.020	2.13	-	2.19
Mn	mg/kg	21.9	3.06	14.0	122	22.0	2.05	0.35	21.4	-	22.5
N - Kjeldahl (as N)	g/kg	38.4	2.18	5.7	92	38.3	1.51	0.28	37.9	-	38.8
Na	mg/kg	2190	226	10.3	85	2180	159	31	2144	-	2242
P (as P)	g/kg	6.97	0.445	6.4	122	6.94	0.316	0.050	6.89	-	7.05
S (as S)	g/kg	2.68	0.215	8.0	42	2.66	0.151	0.041	2.61	-	2.74
Zn	mg/kg	33.6	3.05	9.1	116	34.0	2.05	0.35	33.1	-	34.2

#### Method: Real totals

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
N - elementary	g/kg	38.6	2.30	6.0	23	38.5	1.60	0.60	37.6	-	39.5



## Indicative Values IPE 997



### Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
Cd	µg/kg	173	53.6	30.9	31	177	37.0	12.0	154	-	193
Co	µg/kg	224	34.3	15.3	10	224	24.0	13.6	200	-	248
Cr	µg/kg	754	231.1	30.7	14	787	168.5	77.2	621	-	886
Hg	µg/kg	10.9	4.30	39.6	11	12.0	3.00	1.62	8.00	-	13.7
Mo	µg/kg	159	37.6	23.7	9	170	30.0	15.7	130	-	187
N - NO3 (as N)	mg/kg	56.2	13.30	23.7	13	56.0	9.81	4.61	48.2	-	64.1
Ni	µg/kg	1850	383	20.7	15	1870	256	124	1642	-	2064
Pb	µg/kg	701	211.4	30.2	23	742	148.0	55.1	610	-	792



## Informative Values IPE 997



### Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Median	MAD	N
As	µg/kg	292	104.0	10
Ba	mg/kg	4.63	0.470	5
Li	µg/kg	520	283.0	3
Sb	µg/kg	27.0	7.90	3
SO4 (as SO4)	g/kg	3.81	0.815	5
Sr	mg/kg	7.00	0.500	7
Ti	mg/kg	8.63	6.685	4
V	µg/kg	985	11.0	4