

Impact Analysis of Sanitary Landfill Based Odour in Istanbul Using GIS

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Abstract

The environmental problems caused by accelerated urbanization in recent years have reached vital limits. As the population increases in the cities, the problem of waste disposal and storage arises. The incorrect selection of sanitary landfill sites affects human and other living creatures because of the malodour sprawling from these sites. Such problems in particular appears in metropolises as Istanbul. The main objective of this study is to analyse potential impact of the malodour emitted by the second degree of sanitary landfills, Odayeri and Kömürçüoda located in Istanbul. In this context, the population and land use/land cover (LU/LC) characteristics lands were estimated with in a multiple ring buffer located around the landfill areas using Open Source GIS Technology. As a conclusion the neighbourhoods affected by two sanitary landfills in different buffer zones examined by comparing the population and different LU/LC classes in those areas. This study resulted that in case of a potential malodour emitted from landfill areas, the most affected neighbourhood is Göktürk Merkez for Odayeri, while Avcıkoru is for Kömürçüoda. Total population and the characteristics of the affected lands were determined and explained in detail within the context of the study.

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Introduction

Odours are a specific type of pollution in terms of the annoyance caused by them is mostly a derivative of their subjective perception (Sówka, 2013). This aspect also has a inevitable effect on our perception of the built environment in terms of smellscapes which refers to the olfactory landscapes of the cities (Porteous, 1985). The experience of urban life also depends on the perception of smell and that will conclude in the studies according to the urban design combined with sensory information provided or observed (Henshaw, 2014).

Several environmental factors such as, terrain structure (land use / land cover characteristics, topography and morphology), atmospheric conditions, the severity of the odour, etc.,

influence the propagation direction and speed of the odour. Since these parameters play an important role in modelling of odour intensity, the prediction and modelling of the spread of the odour is relatively difficult and the modelling process requires interdisciplinary research can improve the closest model to reality (Göksel et al., 2018).

Rapid urbanization, increasing population and distorted settlement have been the triggering factors in the creation of sustainable smart cities (Burak et al., 2004). As the consumption of the growing population increases, the sanitary landfills have become a significant problem in cities (Alpar et al., 2003; Gazioğlu et al., 2016). The complications and problems that based on the odour in the urban areas are also considered as an affecting parameter of the urban planning process. By identifying its range

and spatio-temporal variations, it could be taken into consideration by planners in urban development strategies and land use decisions (Gazioglu et al., 1997; Badach et al., 2018). This problem further increases when the location of the sanitary landfill areas is not determined precisely by considering their potential impacts over surrounding populations and the environment.

Odour monitoring should be an important element in the evaluation of environmental quality in numerous current urban development strategies, for example in the widely advocated compact city policy or in the case of introduction of housing into industrial estates and the promotion of mixed-use development (Korthals Altes and Tambach, 2008; Stead and Hoppenbrouwer, 2004). According to experts at World Health Organisation, odour nuisance significantly decreases the quality of life (WHO – World Health Organization, 2000).

Methane and carbon dioxide are the major gases formed by domestic solid wastes in landfill areas and they damage the human health (Ozcan et al., 2006). According to the global researches, it causes various diseases such as respiratory insufficiency, cancer, heart diseases. Particulate air pollution causes about 3% of mortality from cardiopulmonary disease, about 5% of mortality from cancer of the trachea, bronchus, and lung, and about 1% of mortality from acute respiratory infections in children under the age of 5 (Cohen et al., 2005). Malodour not only affects people, but plants and animals in the surrounding environment as well. According to the researches, olfactory signals, often in synergy with visual signals, mediate the interactions between plants and animals. Airborne pollutants may disrupt chemical information transfer between flowering plants and flower visitors. In addition to this, it can disrupt the transmission between animals (Jurgens and Bischoff, 2017). Therefore, several methodologies were proposed in order to remove the malodour in municipal waste landfill areas (Huang et al., 2010). Additionally, the potential or existing malodour in landfill areas were tried to be modelled based on the effecting parameters (Sarkar et al., 2003; Nicolas et al., 2006). Most of the research has focused on odour

measurements and emission values (Romain et al., 2008; Capelli et al., 2013). Since the overall context included location based issues and their solutions, Geographical Information System (GIS) technology has been used in different phases of the Sanitary Landfill management (Intarakosit, 2010; Alanbari et al., 2014). GIS is a computerized databased management system for capture, storage, retrieval, manipulation, analysis and display of spatial data (Clarke, 1986). It is considered as a decision support system supporting the decision-making processes as site selection, impact analysis, planning and managing the environmental issues by integrating, analysing and displaying spatial data in an understandable form for a large variety of cases as transportation, health, environmental management, planning and etc. (Seker et al., 2003; Tortum et al., 2011; Hamamci et al., 2017; Dogru et al., 2017). As well as the commercial solutions, Open Source GIS is currently arising in such applications. There are well-known benefits of open source software, such as cost savings, vendor independence, and open standards (Nagy et al., 2010). It is suitable for use in different analyses of demographic data, spatial data, LU/LC maps and many more data types (Islam, K. et al., 2016).

This study aims to estimate the population at the potential risk of malodour exposition based on two landfill areas in Istanbul using open source GIS solutions. The study also aims to determine the characteristics of the lands that can be affected by malodour based on the selected sites using remotely sensed images.

Data and Methodology

Istanbul is the most populated city of Turkey with a population of around 15million living on around 5.750 km². For the study, the second-degree regular sanitary landfills of Istanbul metropolitan area with 2,786/ km² population density were selected. Because of quick monetary improvement and urbanization in Istanbul the sum of wastes produced has extraordinarily expanded in the last decade (Sara1 et al., 2009).

The Odayeri Sanitary Landfill located on the European side and the K m rc oda Sanitary

Landfill is on the Asian side of the city and they are the two basic landfill facilities serving the most part of Istanbul. Based on the existing waste treatment system in the city, 12390 tons of municipal solid waste per day from eight municipal waste transfer stations serving in various parts of the city by the municipal waste trucks are transported to the Regular Storage Areas along the European and Asian sides. The average amount of waste in the Odayeri sanitary landfill is 11154 tons/day whereas it is 5989 tons/day in Kömürçüoda. The study area and location of the sanitary landfills are presented in Figure 1.

The Spatial data used in the study included vector polygons of the landfill areas and administrative boundaries in city and the neighbourhood levels. The stated data was provided by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. Additionally, LU/LC map of the

study area produced using 2016 dated Landsat 8 Operational Land Imager (OLI) data were also used in the study to determine the LU/LC characteristics of the affected lands. The stated data included 9 LU/LC classes as waterbodies, forests, green areas, agriculture, urban build-up, roads, sand dunes, bare land, and open mining areas, based on the CORINE LU/LC classes. Finally, tabular data including population by neighbourhood in the year of 2016 were also integrated in to the implemented GIS in order to estimate the population under the potential risk of malodour exposition. Population data obtained from Turkish Statistical Institute. The implementation is realized using QGIS, a free and Open Source Geographic Information System licensed under the GNU General Public License and produced by an official project of the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) solutions (Athar et al., 2004).



Fig 1. Locations of the selected sanitary landfills in Istanbul

The workflow of the applied methodology is presented in the Figure 2. As indicated in the figure All data were transferred to QGIS 2.18 software and various methods were applied. Firstly, the buffer zones of 1km, 2km, 4km and 6km radius were obtained by buffer analysis on the sanitary landfills. Resulted buffers then overlaid and intersected with the neighbourhood polygons in order to determine

the areas under the risk of malodour exposure. On the other hand, LU/LC data was reclassified as urban area, natural area and artificial area in order to determine the potential impact on three main LU/LC classes. In this reclassification process urban build-up layer considered as urban area, natural area included forests, green areas, agriculture, and sand dunes then artificial area composed of roads, bare land, open mining

areas. Accuracy assessments determine the quality of the information derived from classified remotely sensed data (Congalton and Green, 1999; Foody, 2002). The most widely promoted and used accuracy assessment methods may be derived from a confusion or error matrix. Based on accuracy assessment results LU/LC maps were produced with similar overall accuracy and Kappa statistic values of over 85.00 % and over 0,71, respectively by using supervised classification methods. Reclassified vector map was also overlaid with the administrative boundaries in

order perform a detailed analysis of the lands under risk in terms of LU/LC characteristics by neighbourhood. Then, effective percentages are calculated by proportioning the data obtained and the areas of influence in the different buffer zones.

In the final stage, the results obtained by making the most affected neighbourhoods from bad odour spread from sanitary landfill and the most terrestrial terrain classifications are presented for discussion.

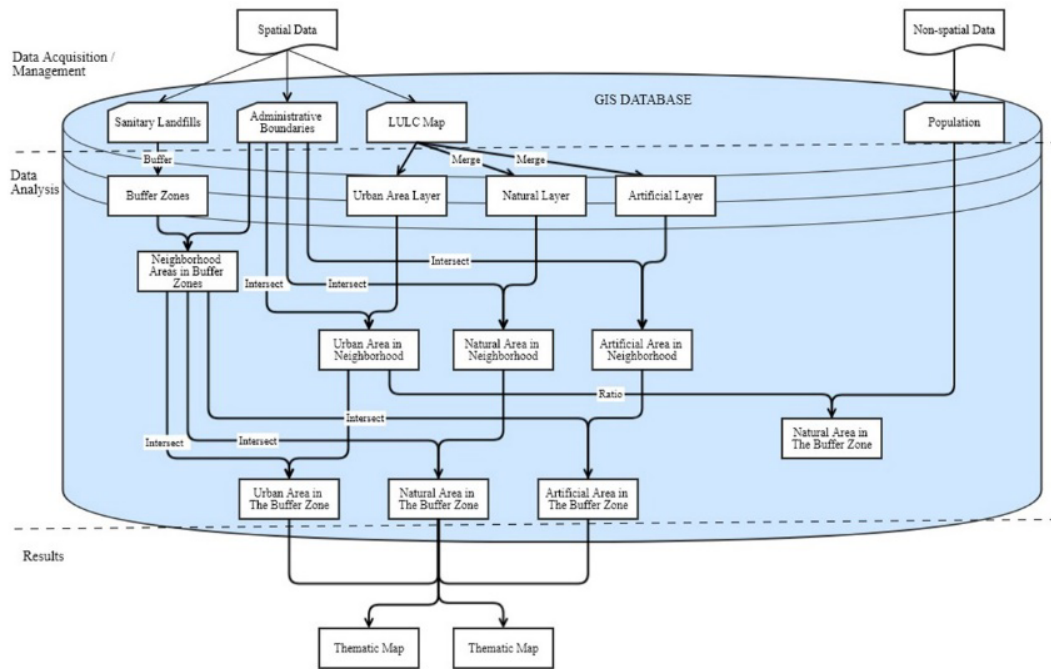


Fig. 2. Workflow of the methodology

Results and Discussions

The results of the GIS analysis performed in the study presented as maps in Figure 3. The figure includes landfill area and neighbourhood polygons, buffer zones and reclassified LU/LC classes in two different maps for both study areas. The main results of the applied overlay analysis were the total areas of LU/LC classes by neighbourhood in determined buffer zones. The detailed results of the GIS analysis were presented in Table 1 and Table 2 for Odayeri and Kömürçüoda sanitary landfill areas

respectively. According to the statistical results obtained by the examination of the GIS analysis results, as presented in Table 1, within the buffer zones of 1 km, 2 km, and 4 km, the potential malodour mostly exposes to the Göktürk Merkez while Mithatpaşa is the most affected neighbourhood in 6 km buffer zone for Odayeri Sanitary Landfill. On the other hand, for Kömürçüoda Sanitary Landfill Ömerli is the most affected neighbourhood in 6km buffer zone, while Avcıkoru is the most affected one in the other buffer zones as seen in the Table 2.

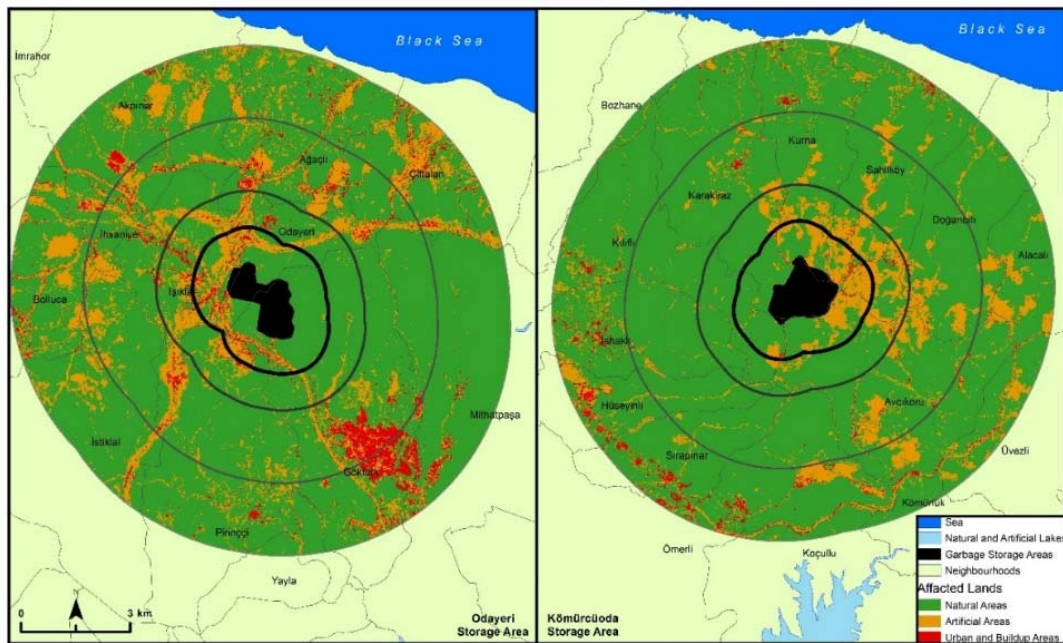


Figure 3. Affected lands by LU/LC class

When the results examined by considering the LU/LC classes of the affected lands, according to the Table 1, the urban area most affected by the potential malodour is Işıklar neighbourhood for 1 km, 2 km of buffer zones, and Göktürk Merkez for 4 km, 6 km of buffer zones for Odayeri Sanitary Landfill. Additionally, the natural area most affected by malodour is Göktürk Merkez for 1 km, 2 km and 4 km of buffer zones, and Mithatpaşa for 6 km of buffer zone. The artificial area most affected by malodour is Işıklar for 1 km and 2 km of buffer zones, Pirinççi for 4 km of buffer zone and Çiftalan for 6 km of buffer zone for Odayeri Sanitary Landfill.

The urban area most affected by malodour is Sahilköy neighbourhood for 1 km, 2 km of buffer zones, Avcıkoru for 4 km of buffer zone and Ömerli for 6 km of buffer zones for Kömürçüoda Sanitary Landfill as presented in Table 2. The most affected natural areas are included in Kılıçlı for 1 km, 6 km of buffer zones, and in Avcıkoru for 2 km, 4 km of buffer zone for the same sanitary landfill. Finally, the artificial areas are mostly affected in Sahilköy for 1 km, 2 km of buffer zones, Avcıkoru for 4 km of buffer zone and Ömerli for 6 km of buffer zone for Kömürçüoda.

The population affected by the potential malodour were roughly estimated by multiplying the percentages of the affected urban areas with the total population of the neighbourhood. The results were also presented in Table 1 and Table 2 for Odayeri and Kömürçüoda Sanitary Landfill Areas respectively. Based on the Table 1, Işıklar neighbourhood within the 1km and 2 km buffer zones is the most affected area. The affected population rate is 39% and 77% respectively. With 65% of the population in the 4 km buffer zone is the most affected neighbourhood is İhsaniye. With 48% of the population in the 6 km buffer zone is the most affected neighbourhood is Çiftalan.

The results obtained when considering the population for Kömürçüoda Sanitary Landfill are as follows. Avcıkoru neighbourhood within the 1km and 4 km buffer zones is the most affected area. The affected population rate is 15% and 40% respectively. With 9% of the population in the 2 km buffer zone is the most affected neighbourhood is Sahilköy. With 85% of the population in the 6 km buffer zone is the most affected neighbourhood is Sırapınar.

Table 1. Statistical results of GIS analyses of Odayeri sanitary landfill

Buffer Distance	Neighbourhood Name	Total Urban Area (ha)	Total Population	Affected Urban Area (ha)	Affected Population	Affected Population (%)	Affected Natural Area (ha)	Affected Natural Area (%)	Affected Artificial Area (ha)	Affected Artificial Area (%)
1 km	Odayeri	49,4	228	13,6	62	27	170,3	32	70,8	37
	Göktürk Merkez	288,9	30782	15	1596	5	377,7	17	32,1	8
	Pirinçi	89,1	3842	7,1	305	8	28,7	1	29,6	8
	Işıklar	68,6	550	26,9	215	39	87,9	13	92,6	29
2 km	Odayeri	49,4	228	14,6	67	30	239,3	45	60,5	26
	Göktürk Merkez	288,9	30782	2,6	277	1	490,5	22	30,8	8
	Pirinçi	89,1	3842	4,9	211	5	224,0	10	55,7	15
	Işıklar	68,6	550	26,3	210	38	233,1	34	139,0	44
4 km	Odayeri	49,4	228	18,4	84	37	107,7	20	59,4	26
	Göktürk Merkez	288,9	30782	123,2	13125	43	764,5	35	132,5	34
	Pirinçi	89,1	3842	16,9	726	19	723,0	33	137,7	36
	Işıklar	68,6	550	15,4	123	22	362,2	53	83,1	26
	Ağaçlı	68,7	979	36,9	525	54	393,1	36	130,4	35
	Çiftalan	91,5	126	9,1	12	10	198,0	18	37,6	6
	Mithatpaşa	143,8	5090	0,9	31	1	439,9	10	16,6	6
	Boğazköy İstiklal	128,2	8009	2,3	141	2	451,1	19	80,0	18
	Bolluca	77,0	6156	2,1	165	3	9,6	1	13,3	5
	İhsaniye	29,9	174	19,5	113	65	220,2	66	92,4	70
6 km	Akpınar	101,7	1143	5,2	58	5	190,0	10	26,3	4
	Göktürk Merkez	288,9	30782	119,7	12750	41	409,4	19	101,6	26
	Pirinçi	89,1	3842	17,1	735	19	792,0	36	95,3	25
	Ağaçlı	68,7	979	23,3	331	34	636,9	59	143,7	39
	Çiftalan	91,5	126	45,0	61	48	511,0	47	218,8	36
	Mithatpaşa	143,8	5090	34,0	1203	24	1282,5	30	47,8	19
	Boğazköy İstiklal	128,2	8009	8,2	510	6	714,3	30	141,8	33
	Bolluca	77,0	6156	26,1	2084	34	622,2	77	146,4	57
	İhsaniye	29,9	174	10,4	60	34	113,8	34	39,2	30
	Akpınar	101,7	1143	30,0	337	29	742,6	38	188,1	30
	Yayla	76,5	8112	0,4	44	1	56,1	18	4,6	6
	İmrahor	285,0	8458	0,5	15	0	13,7	1	5,5	0
	Mavigöl	63,4	5019	1,9	151	3	0,6	1	0,1	0

When the results for both landfills are taken into consideration, the impacts of natural areas and non-natural areas vary. The rate of impact of both natural and artificial sites reveals which neighbourhoods are more critical. Mithatpaşa, which is located in the 6 km buffer area, is the most affected natural area (ha) from malodour spreading from Odayeri Sanitary Landfill. On the other hand,

the most affected artificial area (ha) is in the Çiftalan neighbourhood, which is located in the buffer area of 6 km. The natural area (ha) most affected by the malodour from the Kömürçüoda Sanitary Landfill is Kılıçlı, which is located in the buffer area of 6 km. On the other hand, the artificial area (ha) that is most affected is Avcıkoru, located in a buffer area of 4 km.

Table 2. Statistical results of GIS analyses of K m rc oda sanitary landfill

Buffer Distance	Neighbourhood Name	Total Urban Area (ha)	Total Population	Affected Urban Area (ha)	Affected Population	Affected Population (%)	Affected Natural Area (ha)	Affected Natural Area (%)	Affected Artificial Area (ha)	Affected Artificial Area (%)
1 km	Kurna	17,4	132	2,1	16	12	86,8	8	62,7	29
	Sahilk�y	76,7	668	8,3	72	11	30,4	2	99,8	20
	Avcıkoru	25,3	95	3,9	14	15	153,8	10	89,0	23
	Kılıçlı	14,8	556	1,3	49	9	167,2	11	17,9	18
	Karakiraz	42,1	294	3,0	21	7	135,3	8	19,3	6
2 km	Kurna	17,4	132	1,0	7	5	92,2	9	49,1	22
	Sahilk�y	76,7	668	7,3	63	9	167,9	12	158,7	32
	Avcıkoru	25,3	95	2,4	8	8	292,0	18	52,0	13
	Kılıçlı	14,8	556	0,1	2	0	215,4	14	11,2	11
	Karakiraz	42,1	294	1,2	8	3	189,3	11	38,4	12
	Doğancılı	39,1	642	0,5	7	1	5,1	0	5,8	3
4 km	Kurna	17,4	132	1,0	7	5	392,1	36	30,9	14
	Sahilk�y	76,7	668	1,9	16	2	437,2	31	73,7	15
	Avcıkoru	25,3	95	10,1	38	40	629,7	40	163,1	41
	Kılıçlı	14,8	556	0,1	4	0	305,7	20	5,4	5
	Karakiraz	42,1	294	8,2	57	19	620,0	36	58,2	19
	Doğancılı	39,1	642	2,9	47	7	559,6	43	97,7	46
	�merli	252,4	3888	0,4	5	0	384,2	10	15,2	2
	İshaklı	37,9	1235	0,8	25	2	493,0	46	13,9	12
6 km	Kurna	17,4	132	1,1	8	6	466,7	43	57,3	26
	Sahilk�y	76,7	668	9,8	85	13	583,4	41	74,3	15
	Avcıkoru	25,3	95	8,9	33	35	515,5	32	88,8	23
	Kılıçlı	14,8	556	11,2	421	76	738,8	49	45,9	46
	Karakiraz	42,1	294	5,3	37	13	620,2	36	29,9	10
	Doğancılı	39,1	642	1,6	25	4	514,0	40	55,1	26
	�merli	252,4	3888	46,5	716	18	652,1	18	132,7	20
	Sırapınar	37,4	823	31,9	703	85	420,2	53	40,8	57
	H�seyinli	78,6	747	26,5	252	34	272,6	27	68,0	33
	İshaklı	37,9	1235	21,5	700	57	392,3	36	58,8	53
	Alacalı	33,6	399	2,9	34	9	441,2	32	95,4	31
	�vezli	30,7	320	9,5	98	31	348,6	27	84,9	30
	K�m�rl�k	9,6	208	2,3	48	23	127,9	12	9,7	17
	Koçullu	62,2	1318	4,2	89	7	135,6	14	17,6	22

Conclusion

The potential impact of the malodour spread from two main sanitary landfills on population and lands was estimated within this study using a basic methodology supported by the use of GIS. Since the impact analysis of the odour based on several atmospheric and topographic parameters, multidisciplinary studies should be performed using more detailed and accurate input data for obtaining more precise results.

This study presented a general methodology for demonstrating the use of GIS in environmental impact analysis. More detailed works are considered by the authors as the future work.

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