

## Supporting information

### **Cellulose nanofiber backboned Prussian blue nanoparticles as powerful adsorbents for the selective elimination of radioactive cesium**

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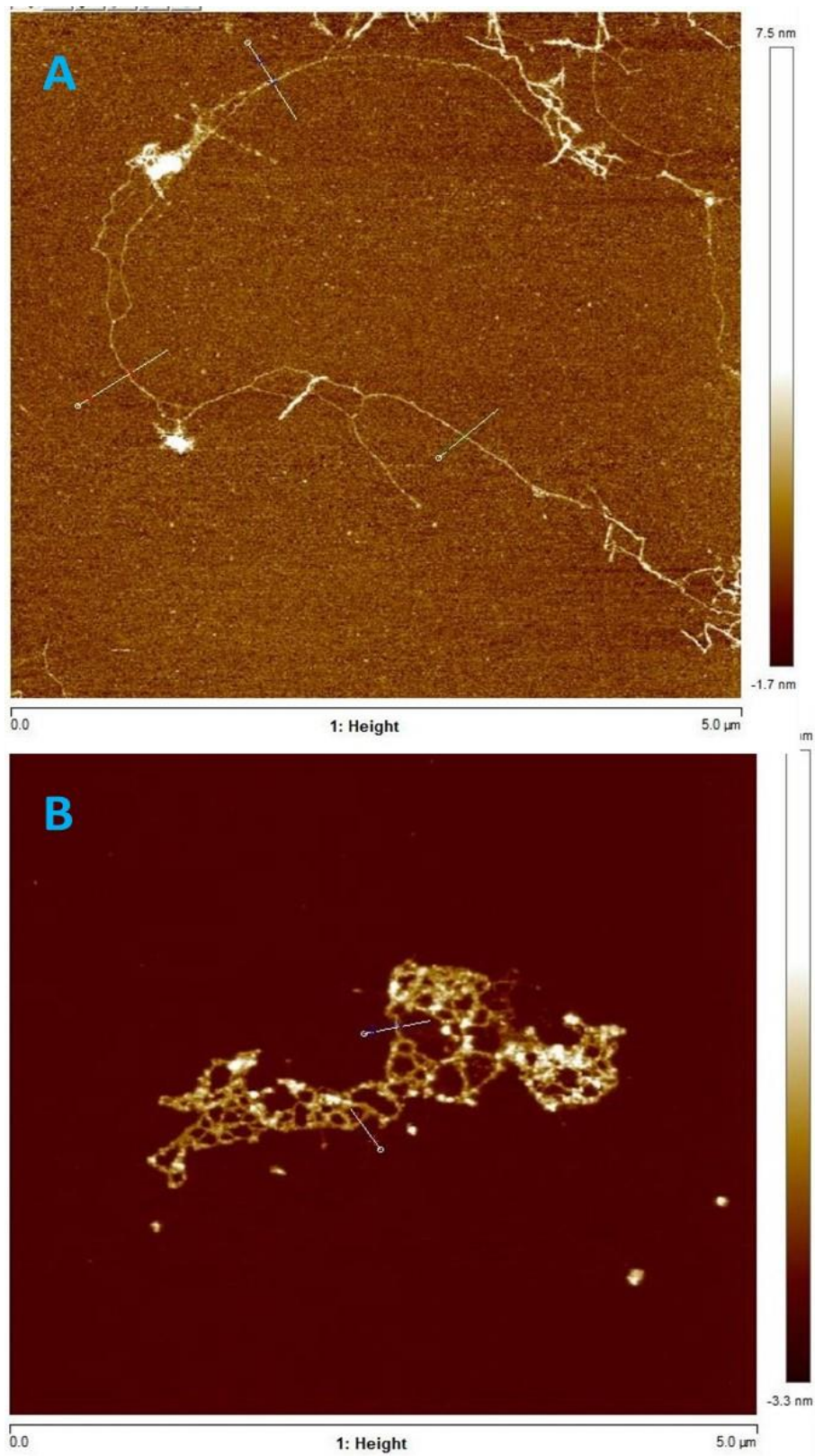
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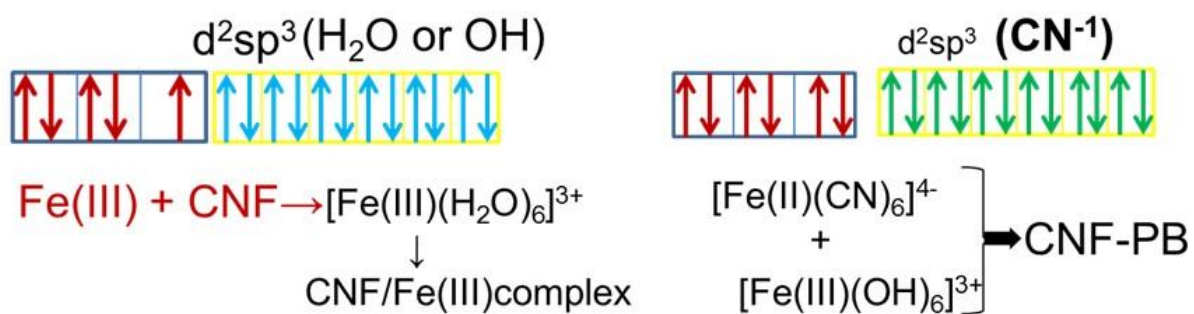
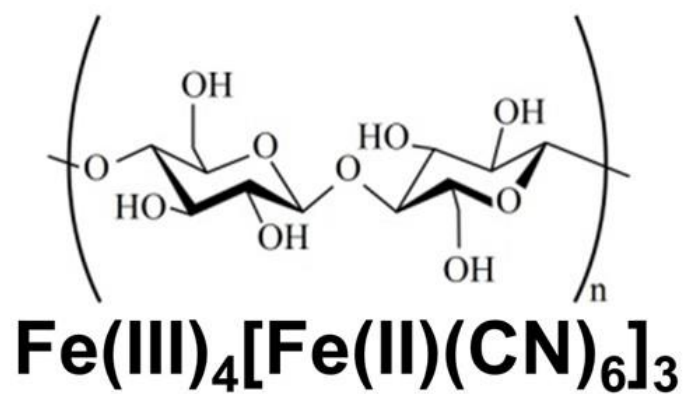
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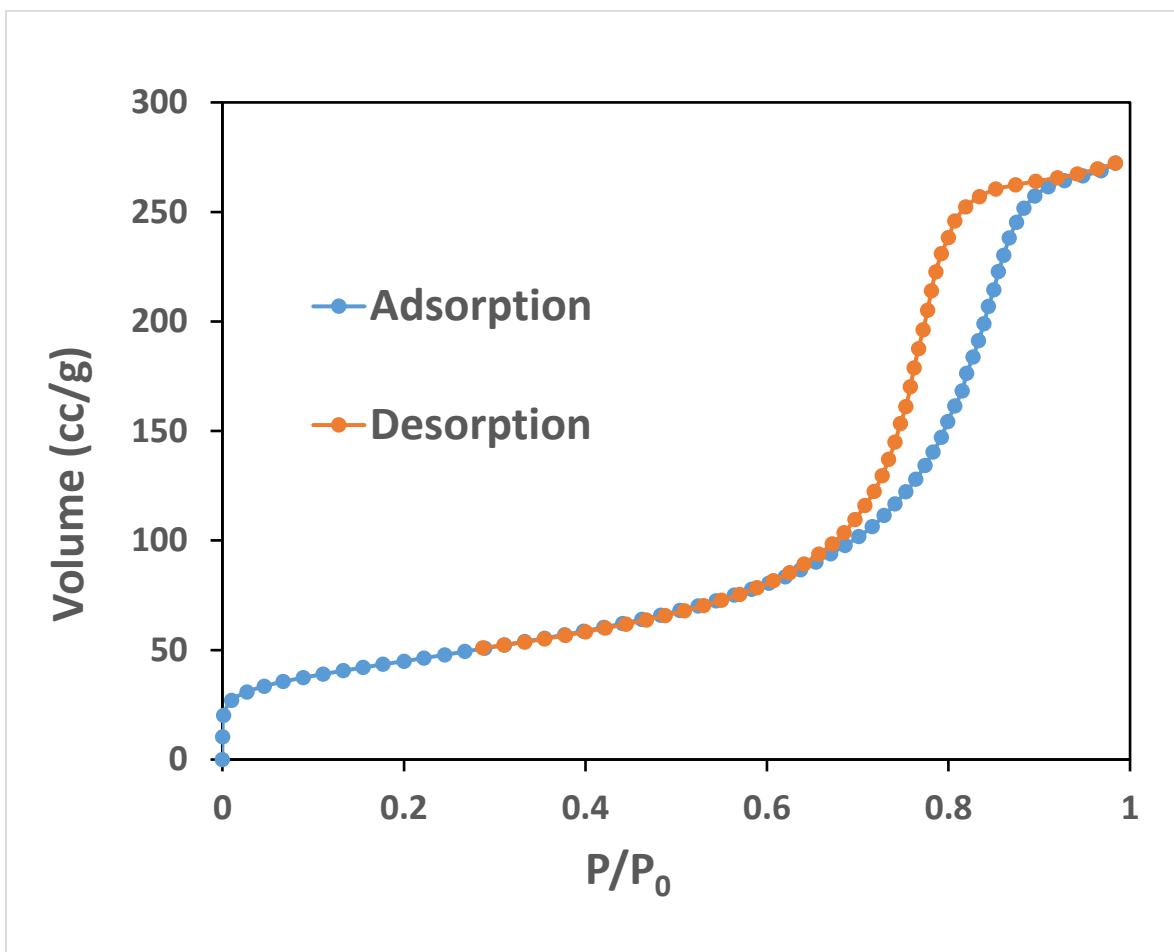
**Figure S1.** AFM images: A) CNF and B) CNF/Ferric(III).



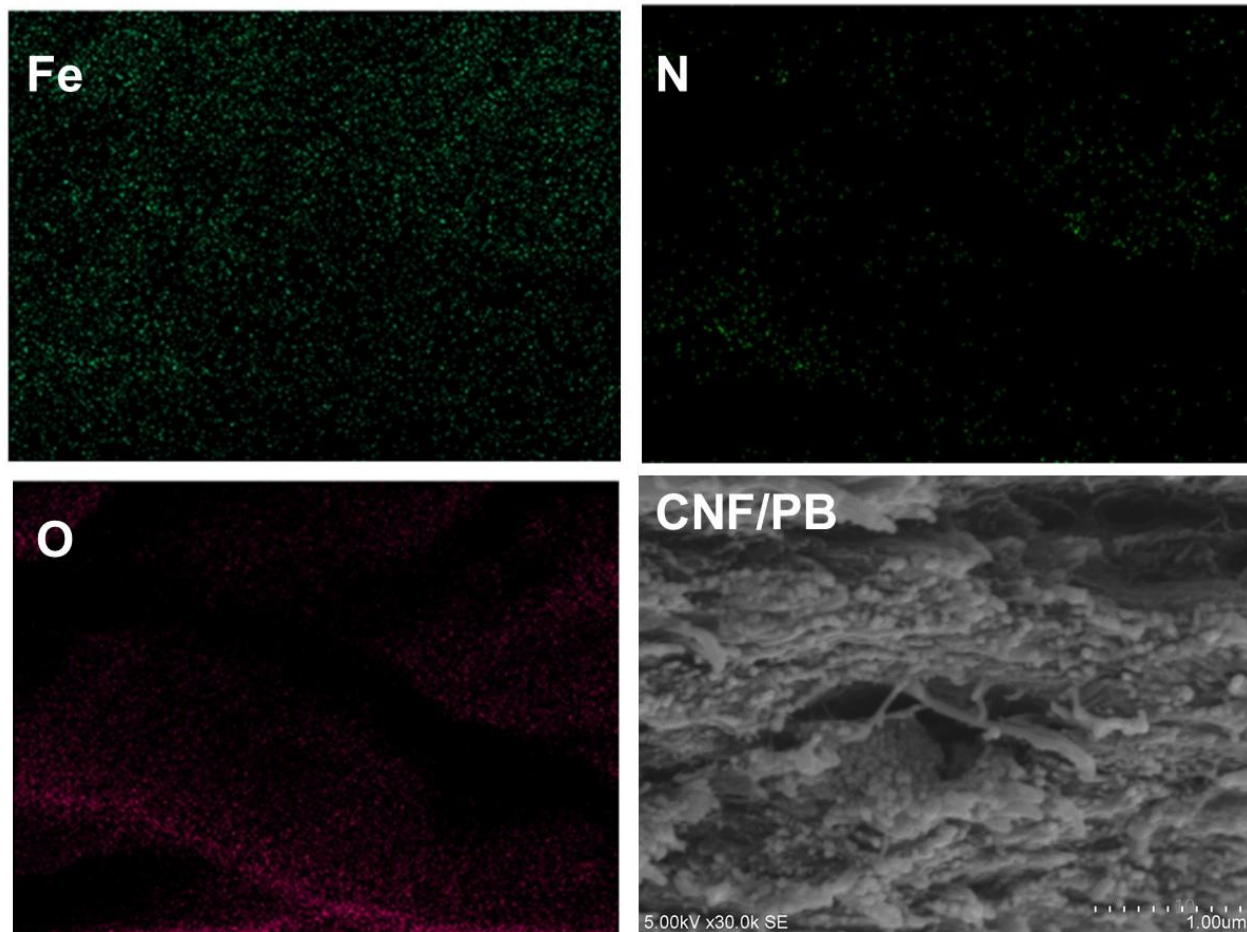
**Figure S2.** Formation of the chelated CNF/PB complex.



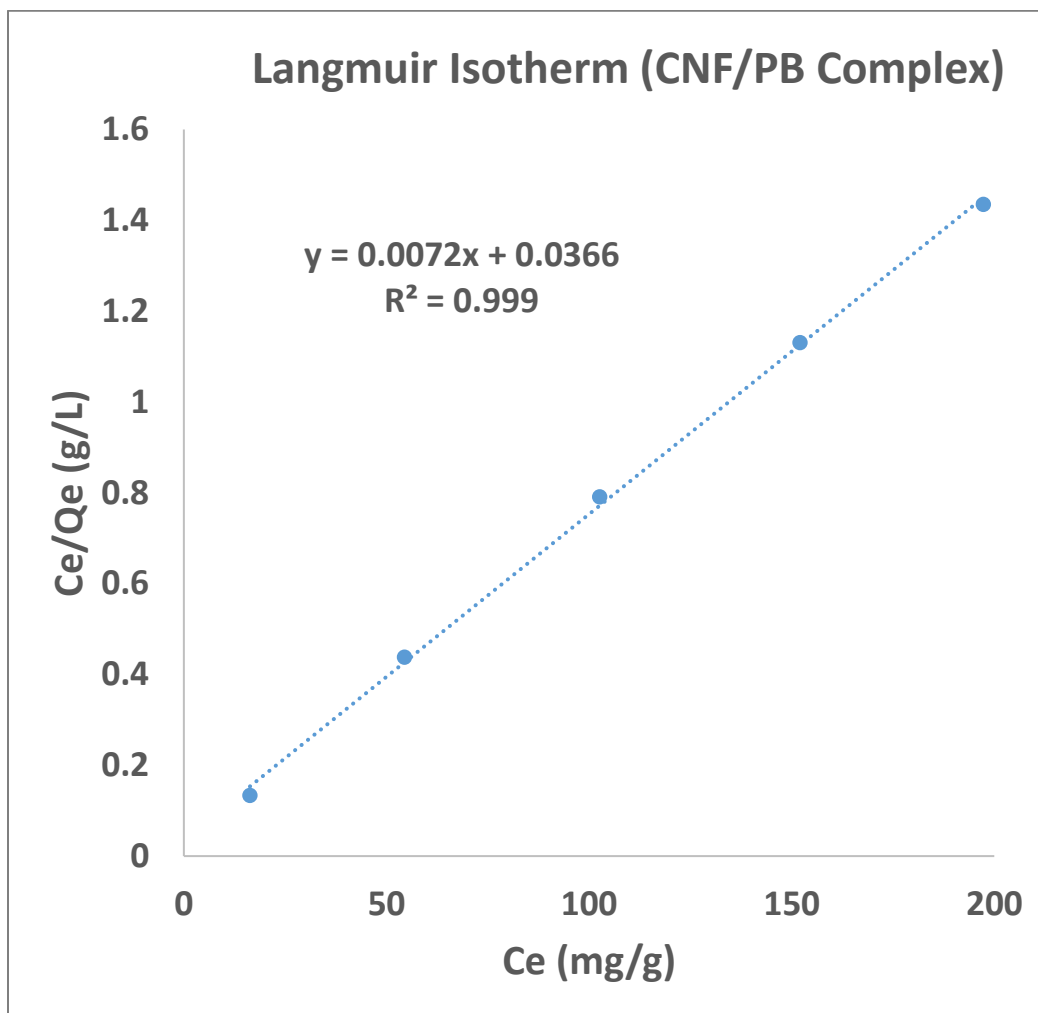
**Figure S3.** Photos of a CNF/PB sample (left) and a normal sized cellulose/PB sample (right) being immersed in tap water for two days.



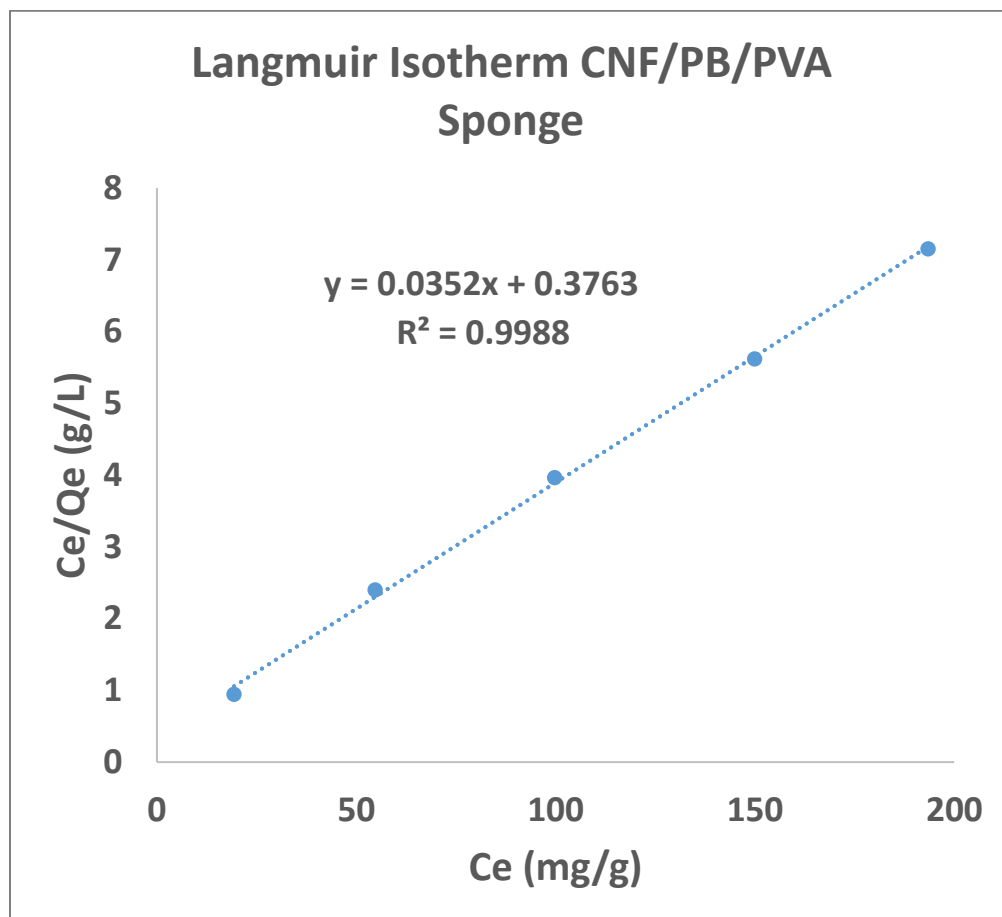
**Figure S4.** Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of a typical CNF/PB complex powder sample.



**Figure S5:** EDS mappings of a CNF/PB complex powder sample.

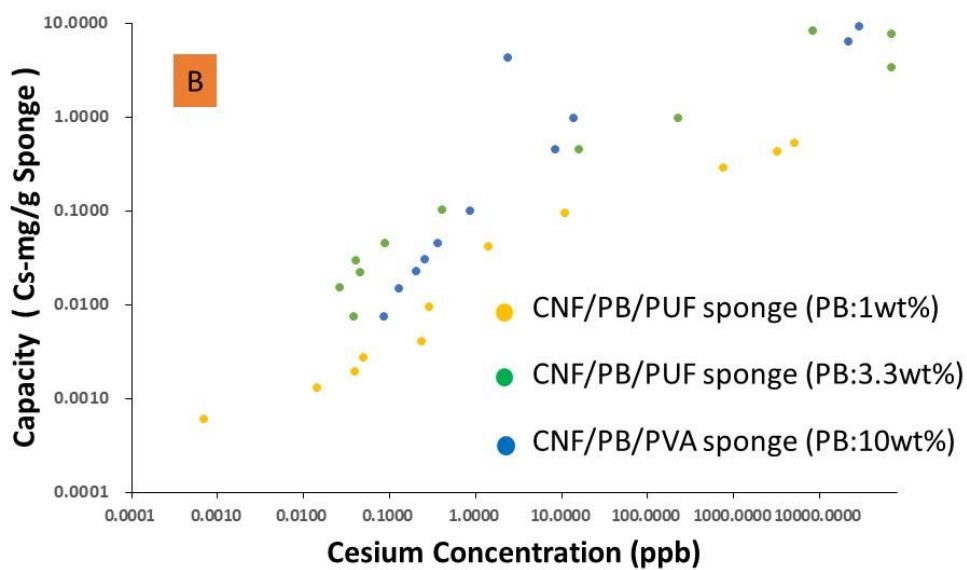
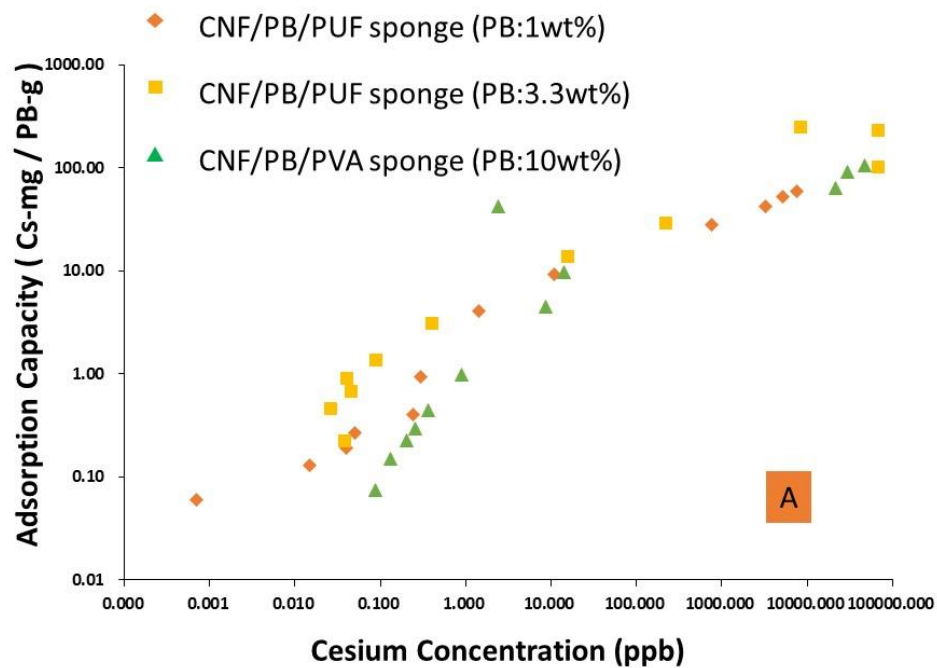


**Figure S6.** Linear fitting of CNF/PB complex powder Cs adsorption data on Langmuir isotherm.

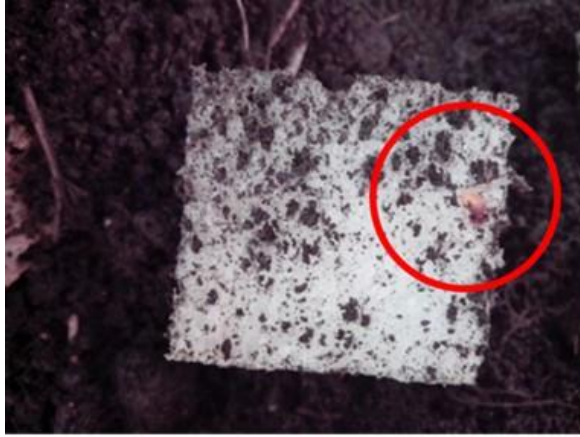


**Figure S7.** Linear fitting of CNF/PB sponge Cs adsorption data on Langmuir isotherm.

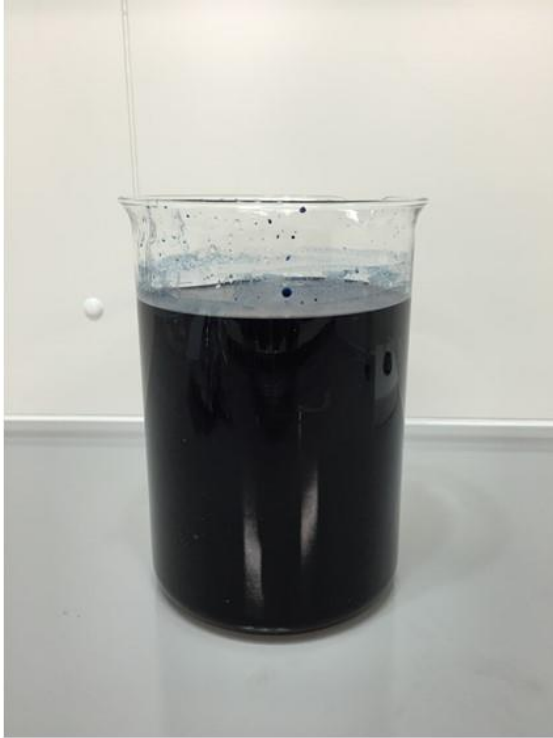




**Figure S8.** Low level Cesium adsorption experiments using CNF/PB sponges: A) Adsorption capacity based on PB and B) adsorption capacity of Cs based on the different sponges.



**Figure S9.** Seedling stage of plants in the sponge after one week.



**CNF/PB in water (Zero hour)**



**CNF/PB in water (One hour)**

**Figure S10.** CNF/PB complex colloids settling property.



**CNF/PB Crude**

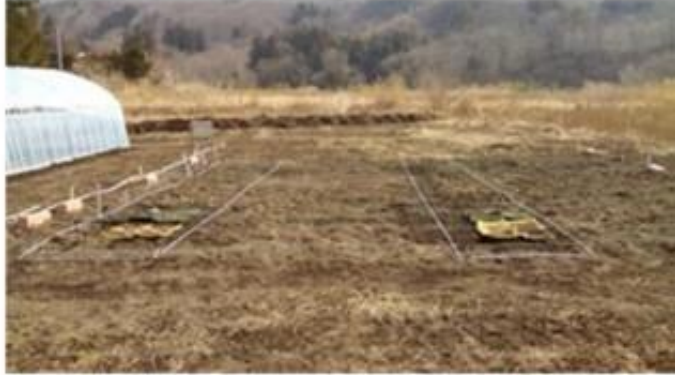


**CNF/PB Pure**

**Figure S11.** CNF/PB complex powder photo images.

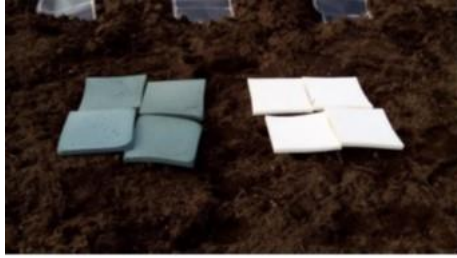


**Vinyl green house (20m x 4m)**

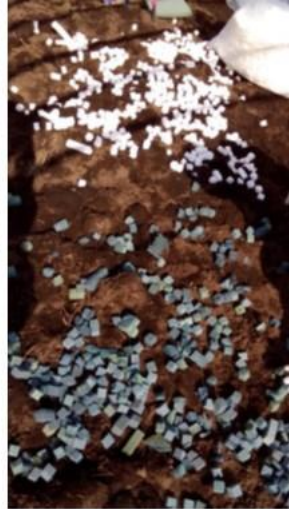


**Open farmland (10m x 8m)**

**Figure S12.** Selected area for practical feasibility studies (At Fukushima, Japan).



**Sponges paved on  
the contaminated  
soil**



**Sponges covered  
with  
contaminated soil**



**Water sprinkling to  
grow seed**

**Figure S13.** Practical set up of decontamination using the CNF/PB sponge with seeds.