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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is managing a number of marine disposal facilities in Hong Kong waters, including the Contaminated Mud Pits (CMPs) to the East of Sha Chau (ESC) for the disposal of contaminated sediment, and various open-sea disposal grounds located to the South of Cheung Chau (SCC), East of Tung Lung Chau (ETLC) and East of Ninepins (ENP) for the disposal of uncontaminated sediment.

Environmental Permits (EPs) (Ref. No. EP-312/2008/A) was issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to the CEDD, the Permit Holder, on 28 November 2008 for the Project - Disposal of Contaminated Sediment – Dredging, Management and Capping of Sediment Disposal Facility at Sha Chau.

Under the requirements of the EP, EM&A programmes which encompass water and sediment chemistry, fisheries assessment, tissue and whole body analysis, sediment toxicity and benthic recolonisation studies as set out in the EM&A Manuals are required to be implemented. EM&A programmes have been continuously carried out during the operation of the CMPs at ESC. A review of the collection and analysis of such environmental data from the monitoring programme demonstrated that there had not been any adverse environmental impacts resulting from disposal activities.[1,2] The current programme will assess the impacts resulting from dredging, disposal and capping operations of CMP V.

A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring as well as combination of routine water quality monitoring and water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been effective for the EM&A activities since December 2020. In early 2022, after implementing the Phase 1 optimisation for at least one year, a further data review was conducted. The monitoring data has been reviewed and demonstrated that the data robustness and representativeness are maintained. Therefore, a technical note presenting the data review results served as a supplementary information was submitted to EPD and presented that Phase 2 optimization of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring for the Project will be implemented in 2022. EPD expressed no comment on the review and note the implementation of Phase 2 optimization of sample replication on 18 May 2022, and thus this optimization has been effective for the EM&A activities since July 2022.

The latest sampling schedule is provided in **Appendix A**.

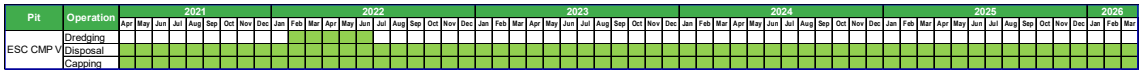
The present EM&A programme under Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the EM&A programme.) Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V is shown in **Table 1.1**. In December 2024, the following works were undertaken:

- Disposal of contaminated mud at ESC CMP Vb; and
- Capping operations at ESC CMP Vd.

[1] ERM (2013) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 4/2009 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at East Sha Chau. For CEDD.

[2] ERM (2017) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 23/2012 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pits to the South of The Brothers and at East Sha Chau (2012 - 2017). For CEDD.

Table 1.1: Works Schedule for ESC CMP V



1.2 Reporting Period

This *Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau* – December *2024* covers the EM&A activities for the reporting period of December 2024 (from 1 to 31 December 2024).

1.3 Details of Sampling and Laboratory Testing Activities

The following monitoring activities were undertaken for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb; and
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs.

1.4 Details of Outstanding Sampling or Analysis

No outstanding sampling remained for the reporting month (December 2024).

2 Brief Discussion of Monitoring Results for ESC CMP V

2.1 Introduction

This section presents a brief discussion of the results obtained from the following monitoring activities for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb; and
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs.

2.2 Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb – in December 2024

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 3 December 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) set by Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This consists of a review of the EPD routine water quality monitoring data for the dry season period (November to March) of 2014 – 2023 from stations in the North Western Water Control Zone (WCZ), where the ESC CMPs are located.[3] For Salinity, the averaged value obtained from the Reference (Upstream) station was used for the basis as the WQO. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Turbidity were also assessed for compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (see **Table B1** of **Appendix B** for details).

2.2.1 In-situ Measurements

Analyses of results for December 2024 indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and DO complied with the WQOs at both Downstream and Upstream stations (**Table B2** of **Appendix B**)**.** Levels of DO and Turbidity at all stations complied with the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

2.2.2 Laboratory Measurements for Suspended Solids (SS)

Analyses of results for December 2024 indicated that the SS level at both Upstream and Downstream stations complied with the WQO and the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

Overall, the monitoring results indicated that the mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb did not appear to cause any deterioration in water quality during this reporting period.

2.3 Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs – in December 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 2 December 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see **Section 2.2** above for details). The monitoring results are shown in **Tables B3, B4 and B5** of **Appendix B** and **Figures 1 to 11** of **Appendix C**. A total of sixteen (16) monitoring stations were sampled in December 2024 as shown in **Figure 2.1**.

[3] http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICRIVER/marine/?lang=en

2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in **Figures 1 to 6** of **Appendix C**. Analyses of results indicated that the levels of pH, and DO complied with the WQOs at all stations in December 2024.

The levels of DO and Turbidity complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations (**Table B3** of **Appendix B**; **Figures 3 and 6** of **Appendix C**).

Overall, *in-situ* measurement results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable impacts in water quality in December 2024.

2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

Laboratory analysis of samples obtained in December 2024 indicated that the concentrations of Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Nickel and Zinc were detected in the samples at some/ all stations and their concentrations were generally similar across stations; except the concentrations of Zinc were higher at Reference station; and the concentration of Lead were only detected at Reference and Impact stations. (**Table B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 7 and 8 of Appendix C**).

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) were lower than the WQO (0.5 mg/L) at all stations. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH_3-N) were only detected at Intermediate (INE) and Ma Wan stations. The concentrations of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) were generally similar across all stations. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9 and 10** of **Appendix C**)

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS levels complied with the dry season WQO (13.0 mg/L) and Action and Limit Levels at all stations. (**Tables B1 and B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 13** of **Appendix C**).

Based on the available results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring which indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable deterioration in water quality during the reporting period. Detailed statistical analysis will be presented in the Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate any spatial and temporal trends of potential concern.

2.4 Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb – in December 2024

Monitoring locations for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vb are shown in **Figure 2.2**. A total of six (6) monitoring stations were sampled on 5 December 2024.

The concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were lower than the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) at all stations. (**Figures 14 and 15** of **Appendix C**).

For organic contaminants, the concentrations of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) were higher at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCB. (**Figure 14** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Low Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) were higher than LCEL (Lower Chemical Exceedance Level) at Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA. (**Figures 15** of **Appendix C**).

For High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), the concentrations were higher than LCEL at Pit-Edge stations ESC-NECA and ESC-NECB, and Active-Pit station ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 15** of **Appendix C**).

The concentrations of Tributyltin (TBT) were higher at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCA. (**Figure 16**

of Appendix C) The concentrations of Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Total dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

It is observed that the elevated level concentrations of Low Molecular Weight PAHs and High Molecular Weight PAHs (i.e. higher than LCEL) only occurred within Pit-Edge stations ESC-NECA and ESC-NECB and Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA, but the concentrations of other organic and all inorganic contaminants were lower than the LCELs at the Pit-Edge station and Active-Pit stations.

The slightly elevated level of Low Molecular Weight PAH and High Molecular Weight PAH at Pit-Edge and Active-Pit stations are possible induced by external factors rather than disposal operations. Therefore, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality outside the pit area as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period.

Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

2.5 Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs – in December 2024

Monitoring locations for Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMPs are shown in **Figure 2.3**. A total of nine (9) monitoring stations were sampled on 4 December 2024.

Analyses of results for the Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring indicated that the concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were below the LCEL at all stations during the reporting period. (**Figures 17** and **18** of **Appendix C**).

For organic contaminants, the concentration of TOC was higher at Far Field station ESC-RFB, and Ma Wan station. (**Figure 19** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Low Molecular Weight PAH were higher at Capped Pit station ESC-RCB1. The concentration of High Molecular Weight PAHs were higher at Far-field station ESC-RFA and Capped Pit station ESC-RCB1. (**Figure 20** of **Appendix C**)

The concentrations of TBT were higher at Ma Wan station MW1. (**Figure 21** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Total PCBs, Total DDT, 4,4'-DDE, 2,4'-DDT, 4,4'-DDT were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Overall, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period. Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

2.6 Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm of ESC CMP V – in November 2024

Further to **Section 2.6** of the *Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau – November 2024*, laboratory analysis data of Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm of ESC CMP V in November 2024 are presented in this report.

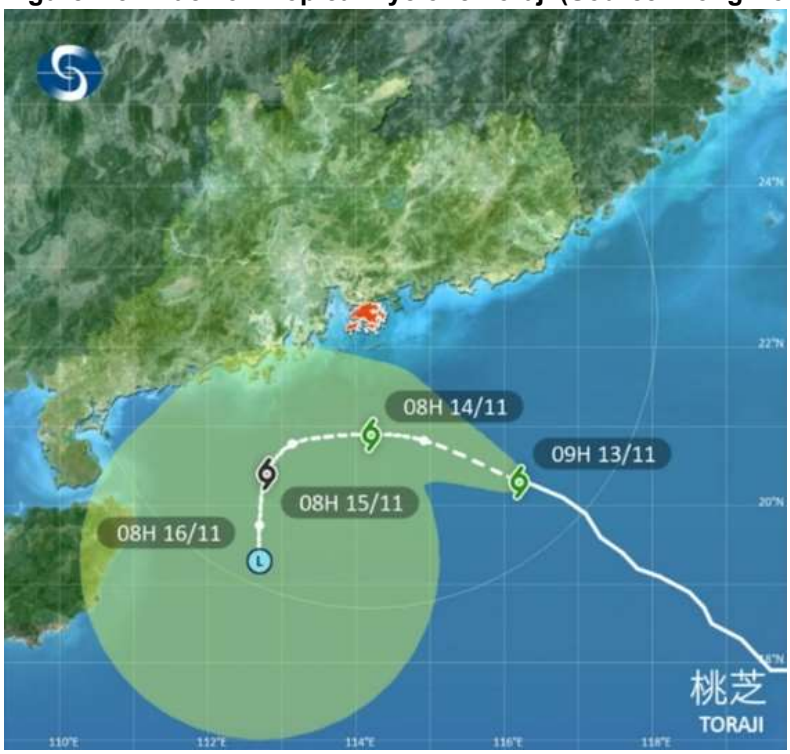
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 has been hoisted for Typhoon Toraji on 13 November 2024. According to the Updated EM&A Manual under Project "Disposal of Contaminated Sediment – Dredging, Management and Capping of Sediment Disposal Facility at Sha Chau" (EP-

312/2008/A), a Post-storm Sediment Sampling would be held within one week of the major storm event.

Since several sampling stations are encroached into the North Lantau Marine Park (NLMP) which is newly established on 1 November 2024, extra permit is required for the sampling works under Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation (CAP. 476A). The permit application was submitted to Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on 13 November 2024 and approved on 22 November 2024. Therefore, the sampling for Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm Event was conducted on 26 November 2024 after permit approval.

The sampling was conducted at nine (9) monitoring stations (see **Figure 2.4** for the locations of the monitoring stations). The tracks of Toraji are shown in **Figure 2.5**.

Figure 2.5: Track of Tropical Cyclone Toraji (Source: Hong Kong Observatory)



Analyses of results for the Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm indicated that the concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were below the LCEL in November 2024. **(Figures 22 and 23 of Appendix C).**

Overall, there appeared to be no evidence showing the failure of ESC CMP V in retaining disposed mud or causing contamination of sediments after the major storm event in November 2024.

3 Future Key Issues

3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of January 2025 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb; and
- Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs.

3.2 Study Programme

A summary of the Study Programme is presented in **Appendix D**.

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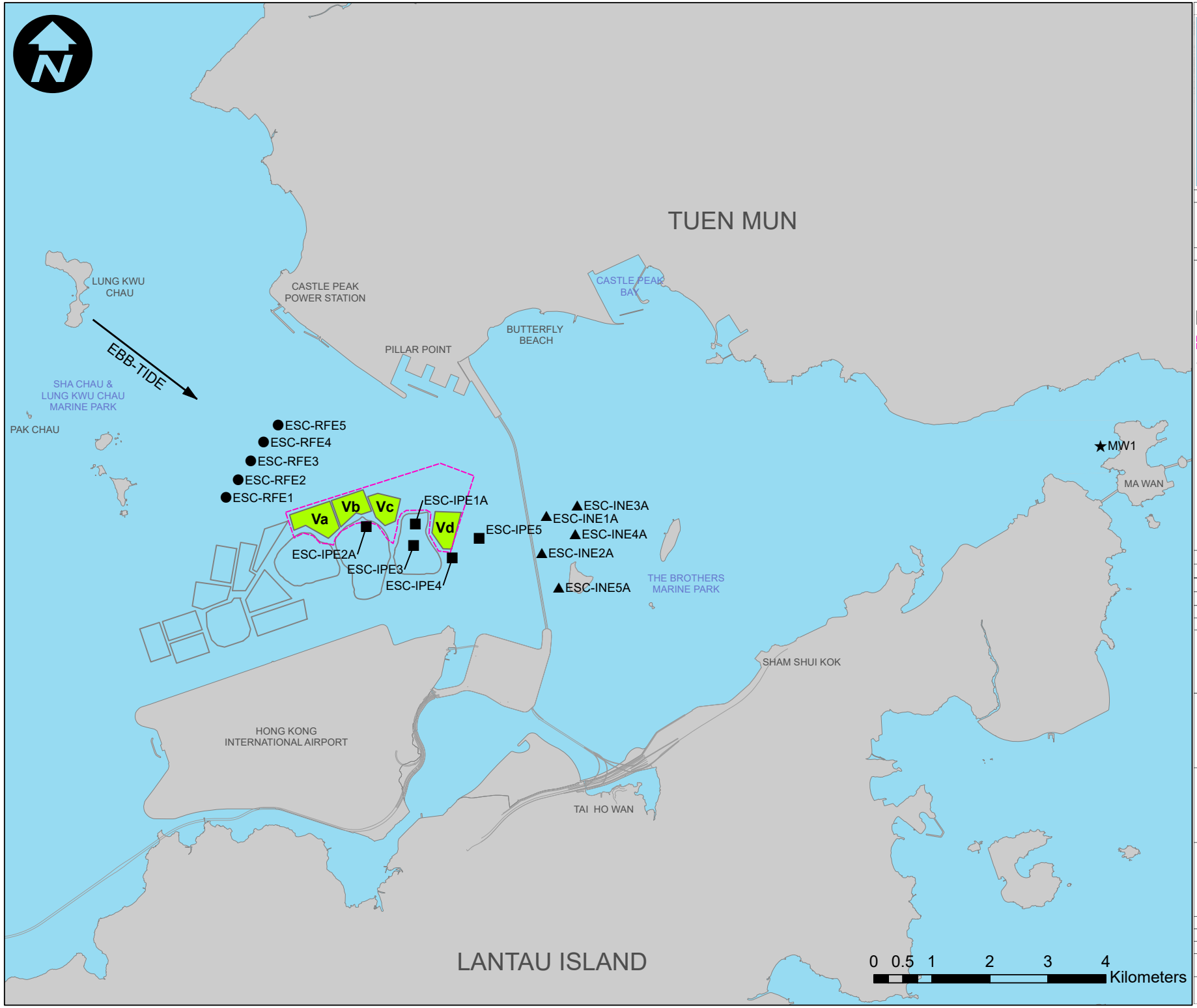

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Notes:

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LEGEND

- ESC CMP V
- ESC USABLE AREA 1

WATER QUALITY SAMPLING STATIONS

- ■ IMPACT STATION
- ▲ INTERMEDIATE STATION
- ● REFERENCE STATION
- ★ MA WAN STATION

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ROUTINE & CAPPING WATER QUALITY SAMPLING STATIONS (EBB-TIDE) FOR ESC CMPS

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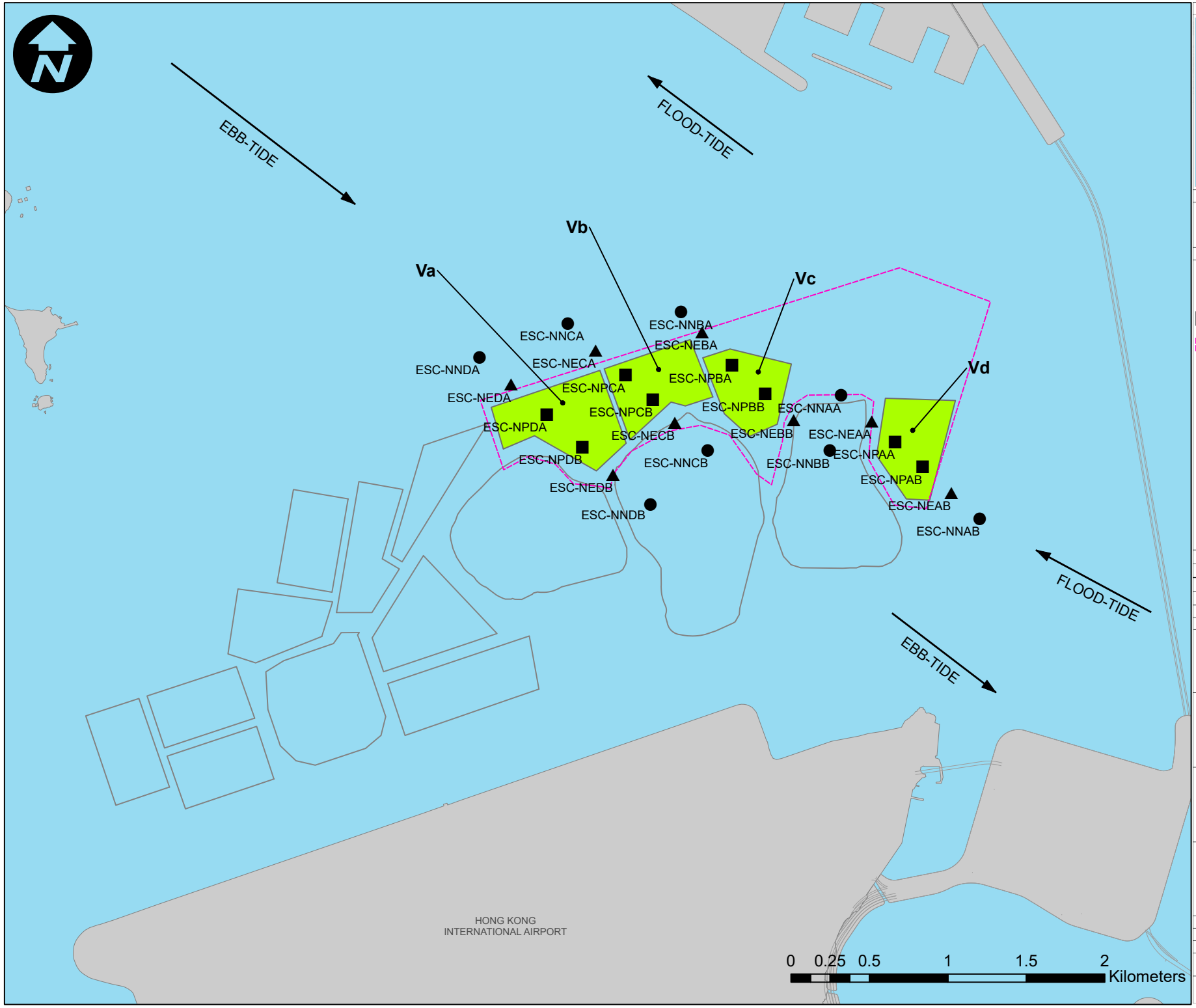

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ESC CMP V

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PIT SPECIFIC SEDIMENT MONITORING STATIONS

ACTIVE-PIT STATION

PIT-EDGE STATION

NEAR-PIT STATION

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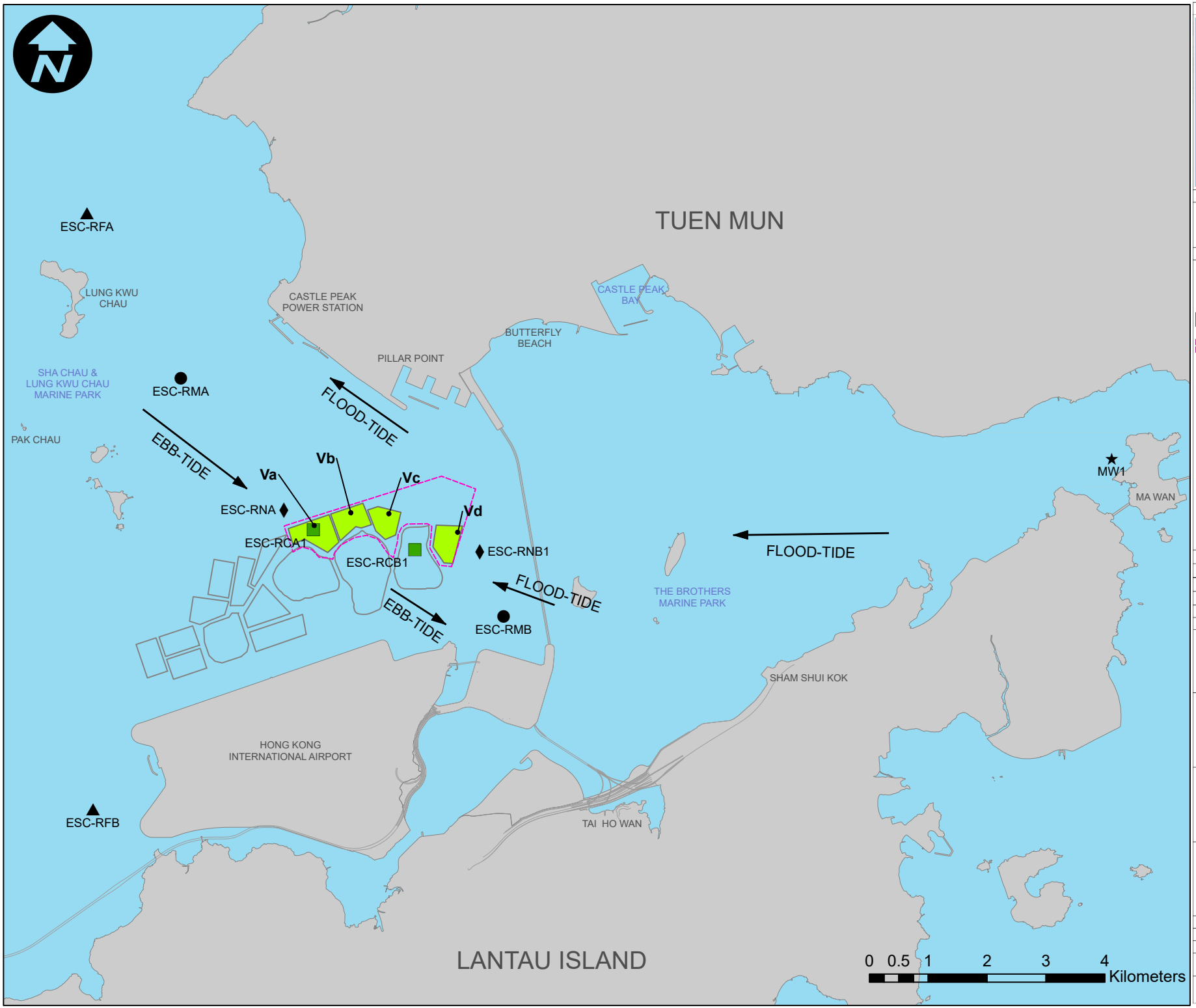

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- ESC USABLE AREA 1

CUMULATIVE IMPACT SEDIMENT MONITORING STATIONS

- CAPPED PIT STATION
- NEAR-FIELD STATION
- MID-FIELD STATION
- FAR-FIELD STATION
- MA WAN STATION

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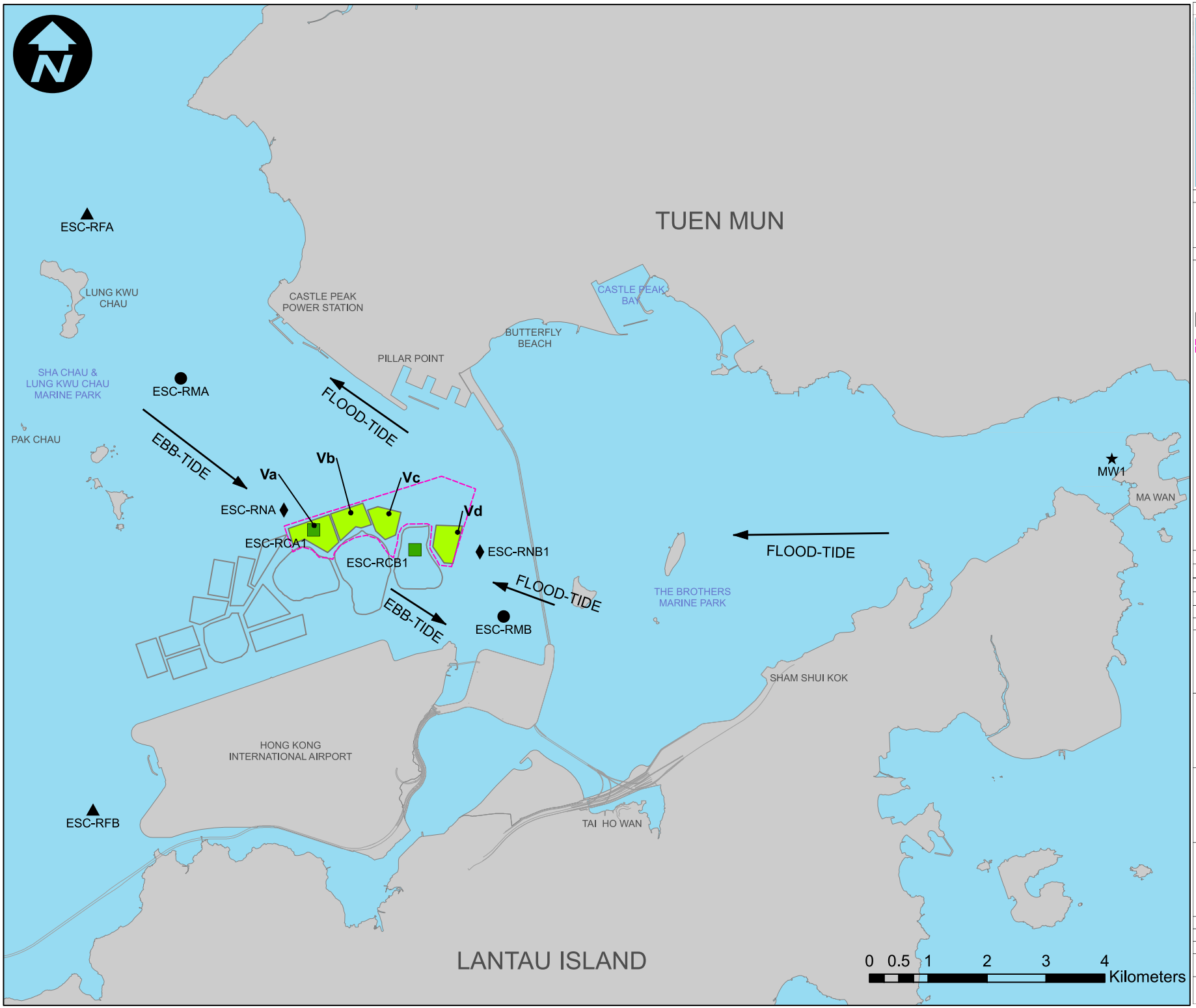

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MONITORING STATIONS

- CAPPED PIT STATION
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SEDIMENT CHEMISTRY AFTER A MAJOR STORM MONITORING STATIONS FOR ESC CMPS

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Appendices

Appendix A Sampling Schedule

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Appendix A. Sampling Schedule

East of Sha Chau CMPs
Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule
(January 2021 - March 2026)

Parameter / Station Type	Station ID	Frequency	2021												2022												2023												2024												2025												2026		
Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry *			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
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Pit-Edge																																																																	
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	ESC-RFB	4 times per year		6				6		6				6		6				6		2				2		2				2		2				2		2				2		2				2		2				2		2				2		2	
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Notes:

(1) The number shown in each cell represents the numbers of replicates per monitoring station. The number shown in **green bolded text** represented monitoring works have been conducted before/ during the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report, while the number shown in black represent planned monitoring works after the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report.

(2) For the planned Routine Water Quality Monitoring (i.e. the numbers of replicates per monitoring station shown in black), the monitoring will be conducted at mid-ebb OR mid-flood tide. The yearly tidal selection of this monitoring will be based on a principle to obtain 6 months monitoring data at mid-ebb, and 6 months monitoring data at mid-flood.

(3) Impact Monitoring for Dredging will be scheduled when dredging operations commence.

(4) Benthic Recolonisation Studies for CMP V will be scheduled when capping operation for CMP V is completed.

Remarks:

***** A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality & sediment monitoring and combination of routine water quality monitoring and water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been implemented for the EM&A activities since December 2020. Water Quality Monitoring during Capping Operation and Routine Water Quality Monitoring are combined such that Routine Water Quality Monitoring have been conducted monthly starting in December 2020. A technical note presenting the data review results served as a supplementary information was submitted to EPD and presented that Phase 2 optimization of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring for the Project will be implemented in 2022 was provided to EPD in April 2022. Phase 2 optimization of sample replication has been effective for the EM&A activities since July 2022.

Due to the logistic problem induced by the pandemic which adversely affecting the supply of international species adopted in testing programme of Sediment Toxicity Tests, as such, Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMPs originally scheduled in February 2022 were postponed to March 2022.

^ To enable the required Research Fishing Permit could be granted by the time undertaking the Demersal Trawling, trawling originally scheduled in July and August 2022 was postponed to August and September 2022.

Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results

Table B1: Action and Limit Levels of Water Quality for Dredging, Disposal and Capping Activities at ESC CMP V

Parameters	Action	Limit
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) in mg L^{-1} (Surface, Middle & Bottom)(1)	**Surface and Middle Depth(2)**	**Surface and Middle Depth(2)**
	5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = **3.76**	1%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = **3.11** (3)
	and	and
	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
	Bottom	**Bottom**
	5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = **2.96**	The average of the impact station readings are **< 2**
	and	and
	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
Suspended Solids (SS) in mg L^{-1} (depth-averaged)(5)	95%-ile of baseline data for depth-averaged = **37.88**	99%-ile of baseline data for depth-averaged = **61.92**
	and	and
	120% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day
Turbidity in NTU (depth-averaged)(4)(5)	95%-ile of baseline data = **28.14**	99%-ile of baseline data = **38.32**
	and	and
	120% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day

Notes:

1. For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is lower than the limits.
2. Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface and Middle layers were calculated from the combined pool of baseline surface layer data and baseline middle layer data.
3. Given the Action Level for DO for Surface and Middle layers has already been lower than 4 mg L^{-1}, it is proposed to set the Limit Level at 3.11 mg L^{-1} which is the first percentile of the baseline data.
4. "Depth-averaged" is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.
5. For turbidity and SS, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.

Table B2: Water Column Profiling Results for ESC CMP Vb in December 2024

Station	Temp. (°C)	Salinity (ppt)	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved Oxygen (%)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg L^{-1})	pH	Suspended Solids (mg L^{-1})
WCP 1 (Downstream)	22.05	31.55	4.56	98.81	7.19	8.02	4.5
WCP 2 (Upstream)	22.06	31.09	3.27	99.37	7.24	8.00	3.0
WQO (Dry Season)	N/A	27.98-34.20#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	13.0

Notes:
1. # Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.
2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

Table B3: In-situ Monitoring Results for Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in December 2024

Station	Temp. (°C)	Salinity (ppt)	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved Oxygen (%)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg L^{-1})	pH
RFE (Reference)	21.89	31.75	4.64	98.58	7.18	8.04
IPE (Impact)	22.01	31.89	3.53	99.62	7.23	8.02
INE (Intermediate)	22.16	32.07	6.19	98.59	7.13	7.99
Ma Wan	22.53	32.05	4.83	91.91	6.61	7.92
WQO (Dry Season)	N/A	28.57-34.92#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5

Notes:
1. # Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.
2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

Table B4: Laboratory Results for Dissolved Metals and Metalloid in Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in December 2024

Station	As (µg/L)	Cd (µg/L)	Cr (µg/L)	Cu (µg/L)	Pb (µg/L)	Hg (µg/L)	Ni (µg/L)	Ag (µg/L)	Zn (µg/L)
RFE	1.96	0.03	0.14	0.48	0.01	ND	0.51	ND	3.21
IPE	1.98	0.04	0.12	0.52	0.01	ND	0.46	ND	0.56
INE	1.99	0.03	0.16	0.45	ND	ND	0.48	ND	0.57
Ma Wan	2.08	0.02	0.10	0.53	ND	ND	0.26	ND	0.57

Note:
1. "ND" indicates the concentrations of metals and metalloids are not detected.

Table B5: Laboratory Results for Nutrients and Suspended Solid in Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in December 2024

Station	NH_3 (mg/L)	TIN (mg/L)	BOD_5 (mg/L)	SS (mg/L)
RFE	<LOR	0.30	0.76	5.7
IPE	<LOR	0.28	1.20	3.6
INE	0.02	0.29	1.11	6.2
Ma Wan	0.06	0.33	0.90	5.5
			WQO of TIN:	0.5 mg/L
			Dry Season WQO of SS:	13.0 mg/L

Notes:
1. "<LOR" indicates the concentrations of contaminants are below the limit of reporting.
2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.
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Appendix C. Graphical Presentations

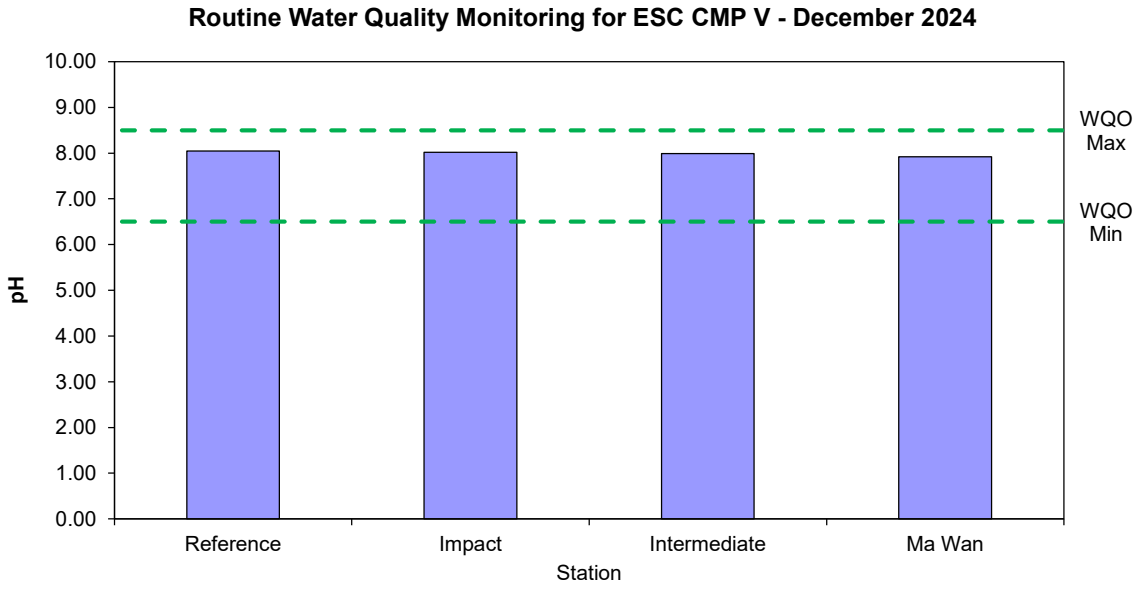


Figure 1: Level of pH recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in December 2024

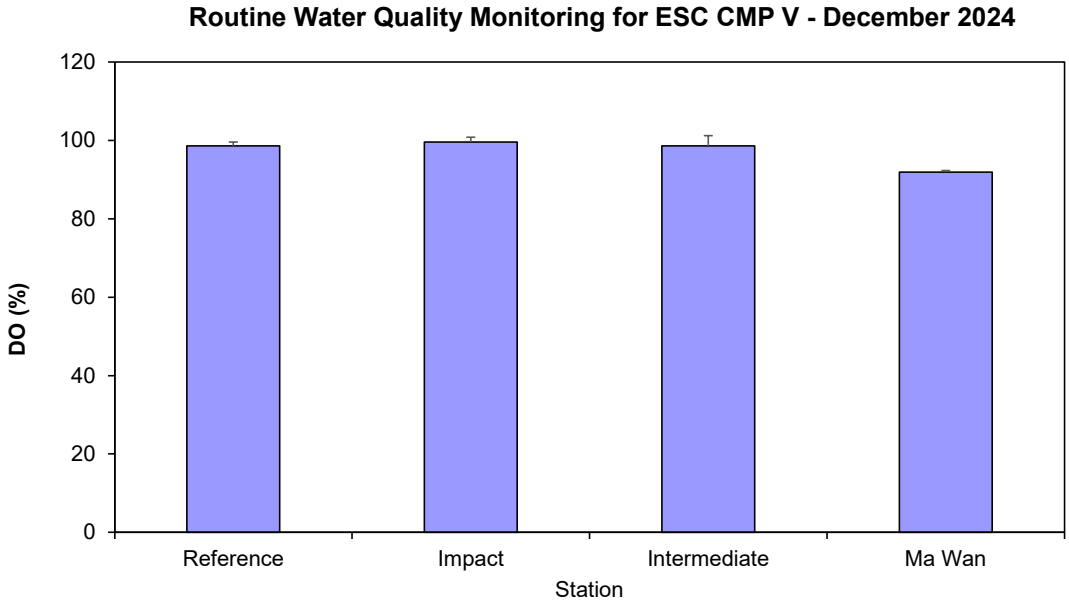
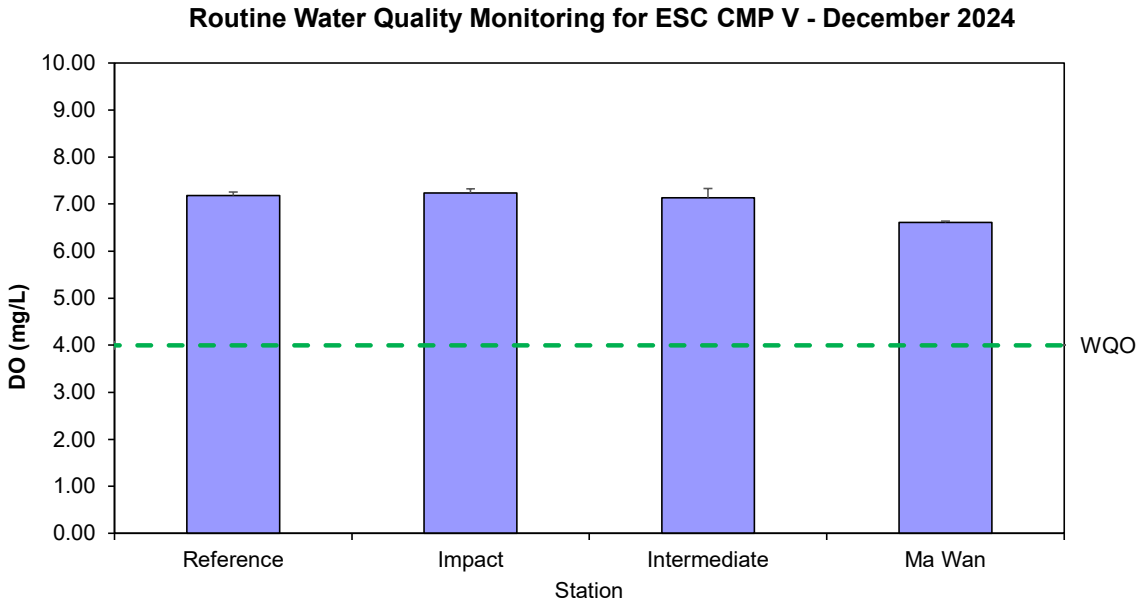


Figure 2: Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD[1]) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in December 2024

[1] The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.



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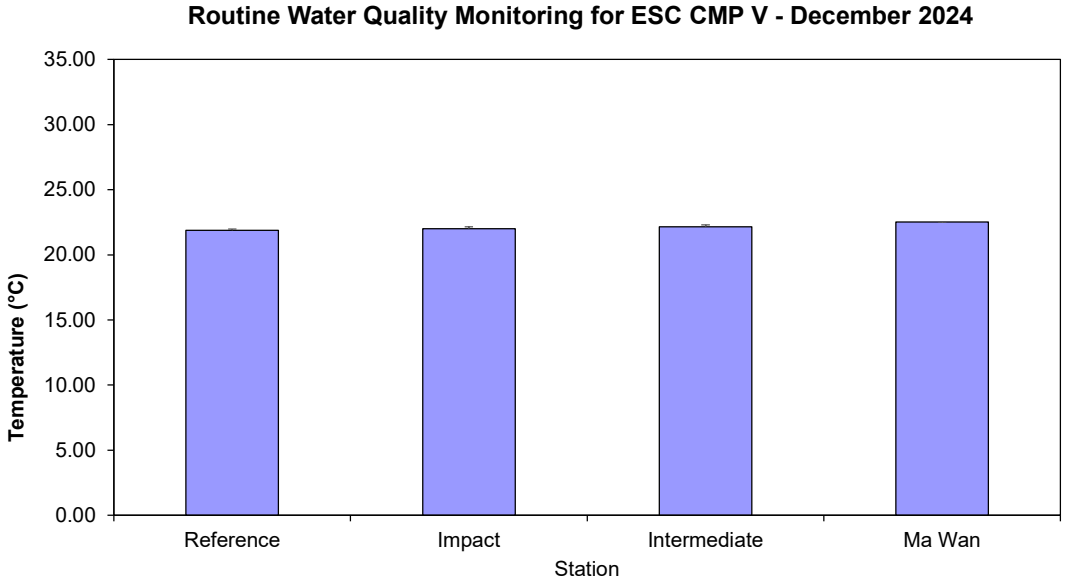

Figure 4: Level of Temperature (°C; mean + SD[1]) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in December 2024

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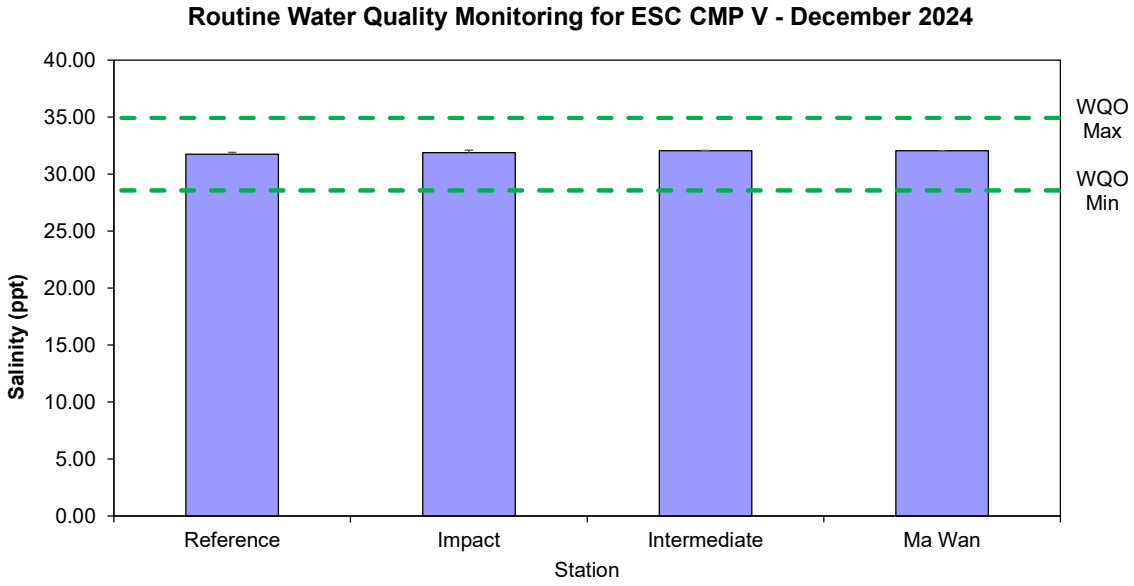

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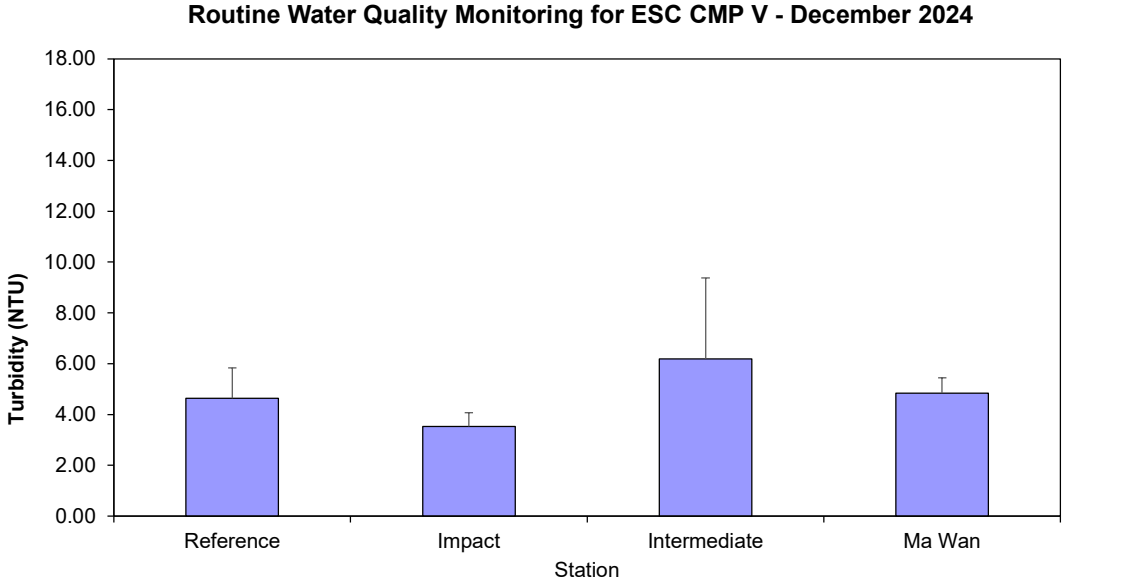

Figure 6: Level of Turbidity (NTU; mean + SD[1]) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in December 2024

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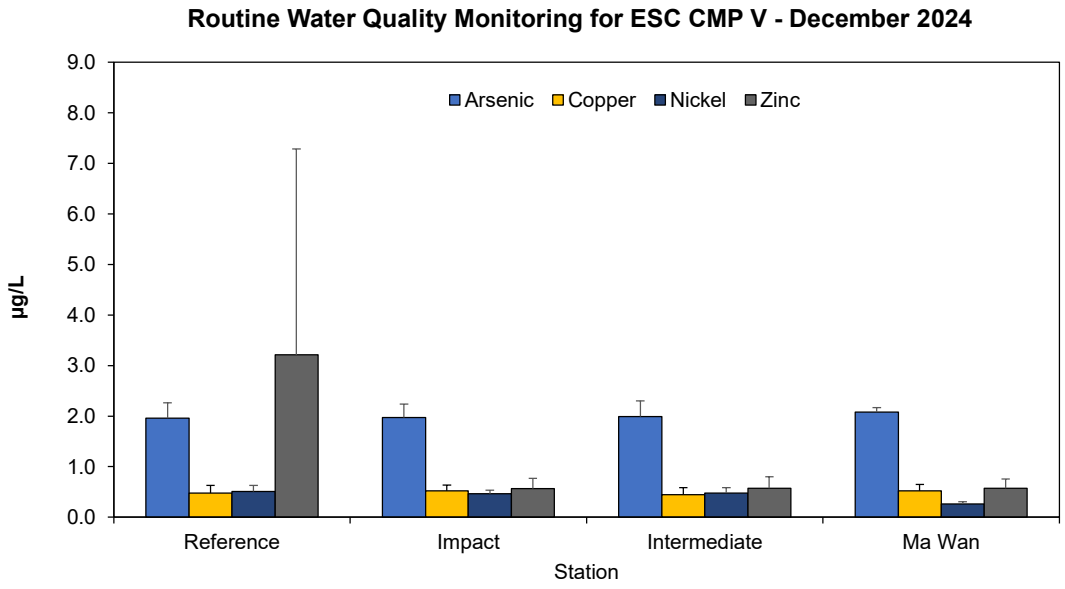

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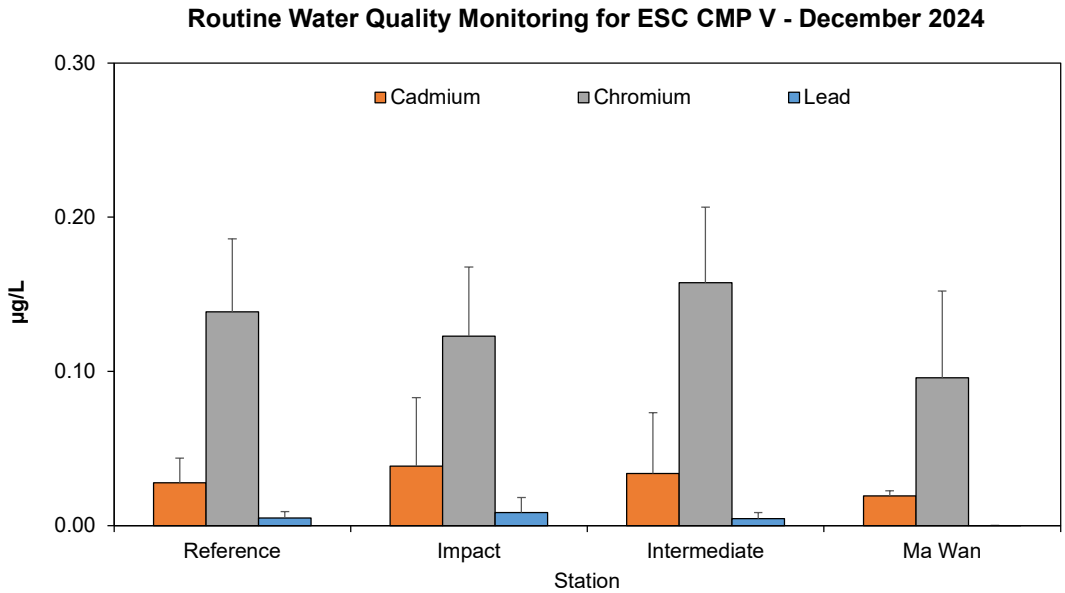

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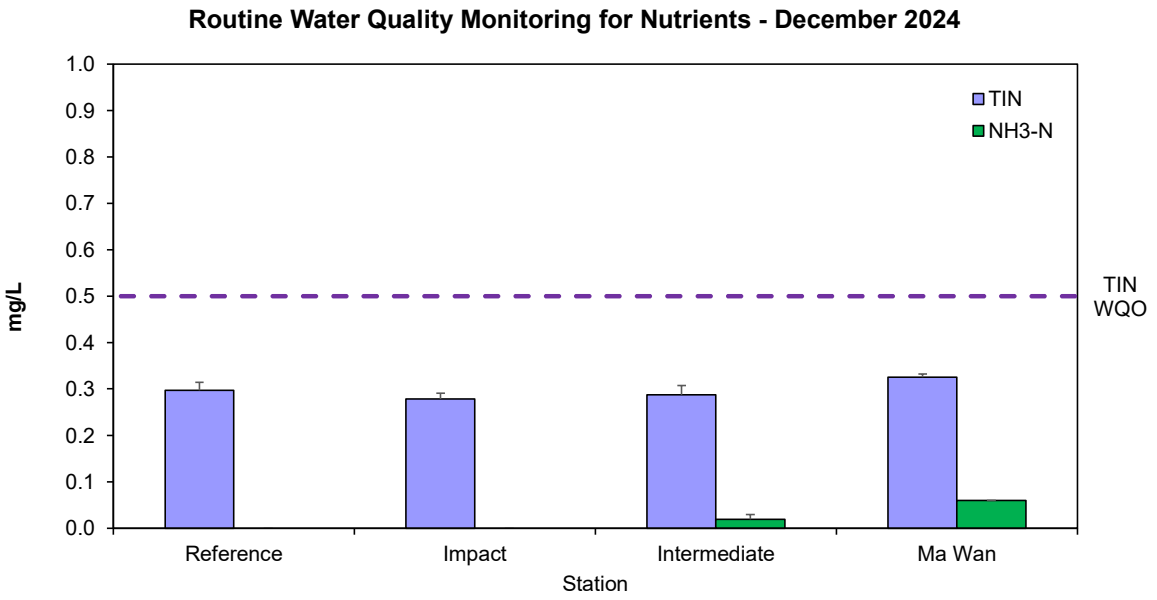


Figure 9: Concentration of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N)[1] (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in December 2024

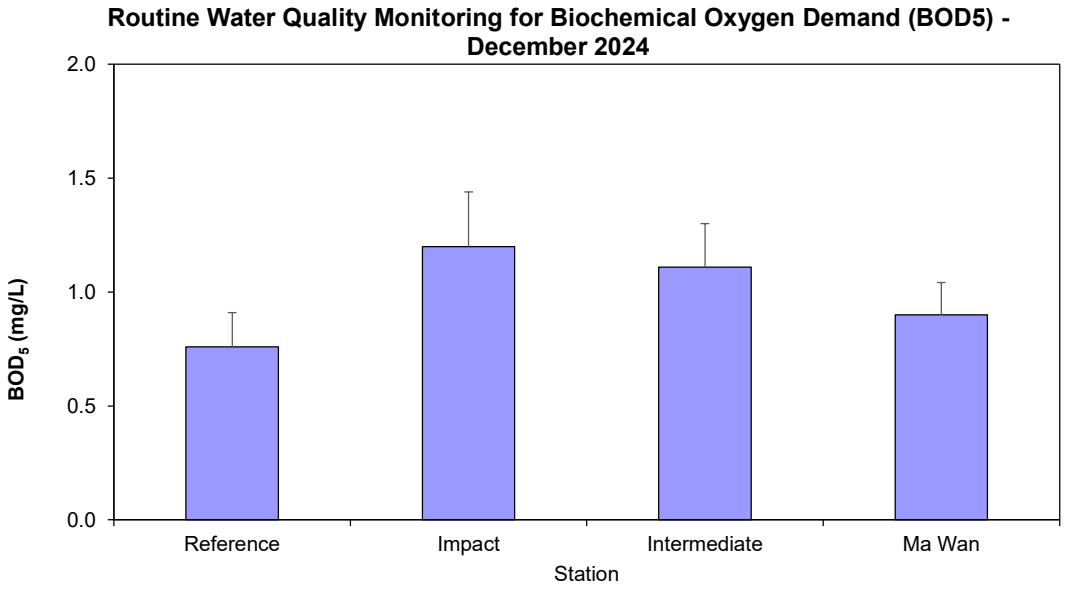
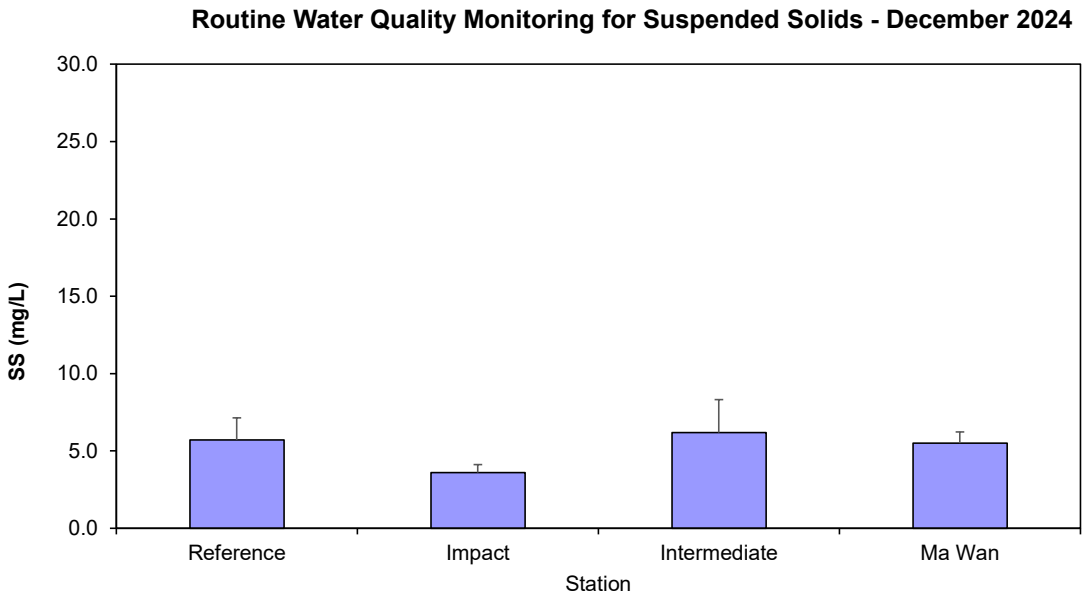


Figure 10: Level of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in December 2024

[1] Concentrations of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N) at Reference station and Impact Station are below limit of reporting (LOR).



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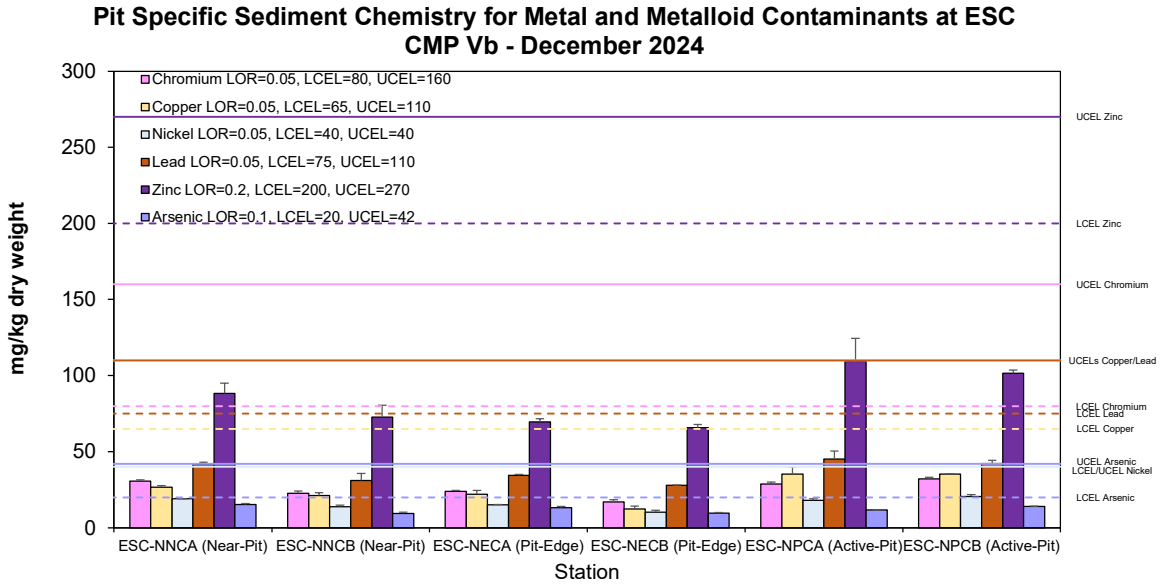
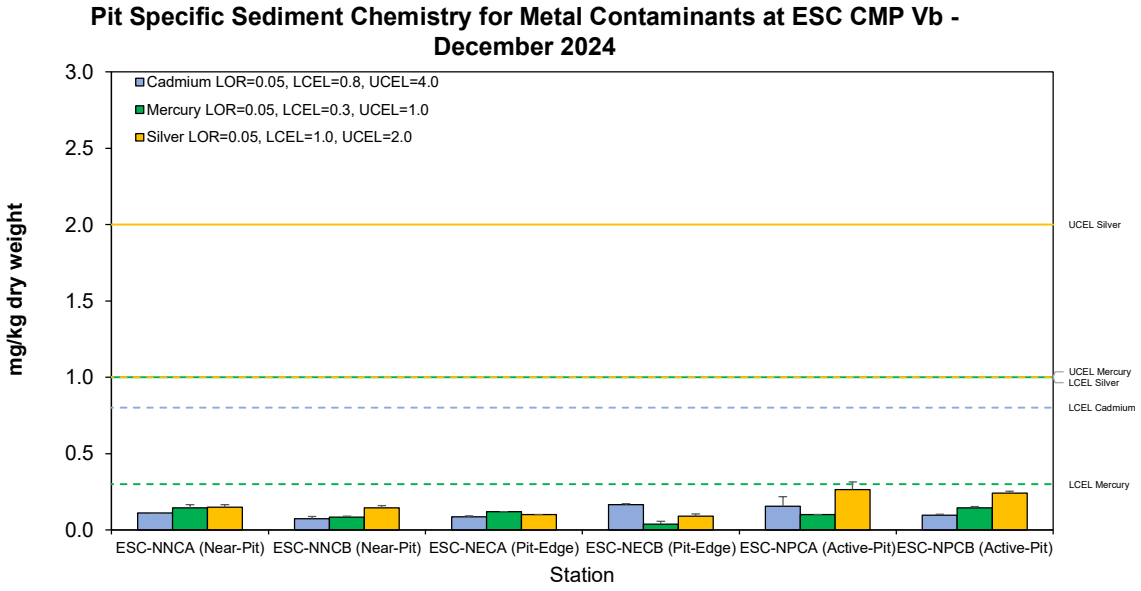


Figure 12: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid[1] (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in December 2024

1 The LCEL and UCEL of Cadmium, Mercury and Arsenic have been updated according to the standard promulgated starting from 19 January 2024. https://www.cedd.gov.hk/filemanager/eng/content_80/PAH 2022 Chapter 4 Rev 06_240321_Clean.pdf



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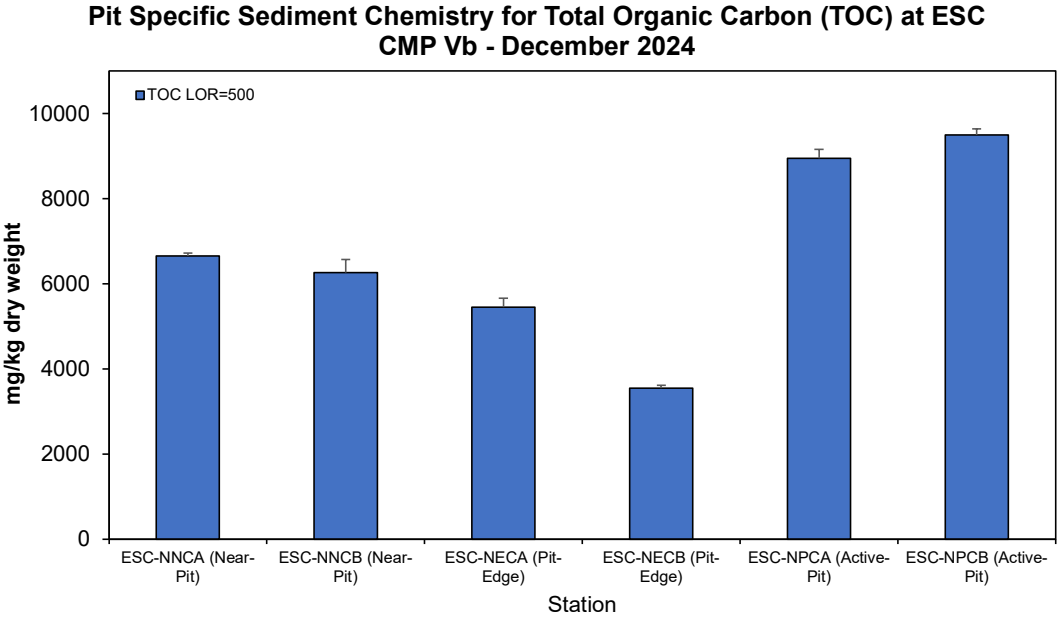

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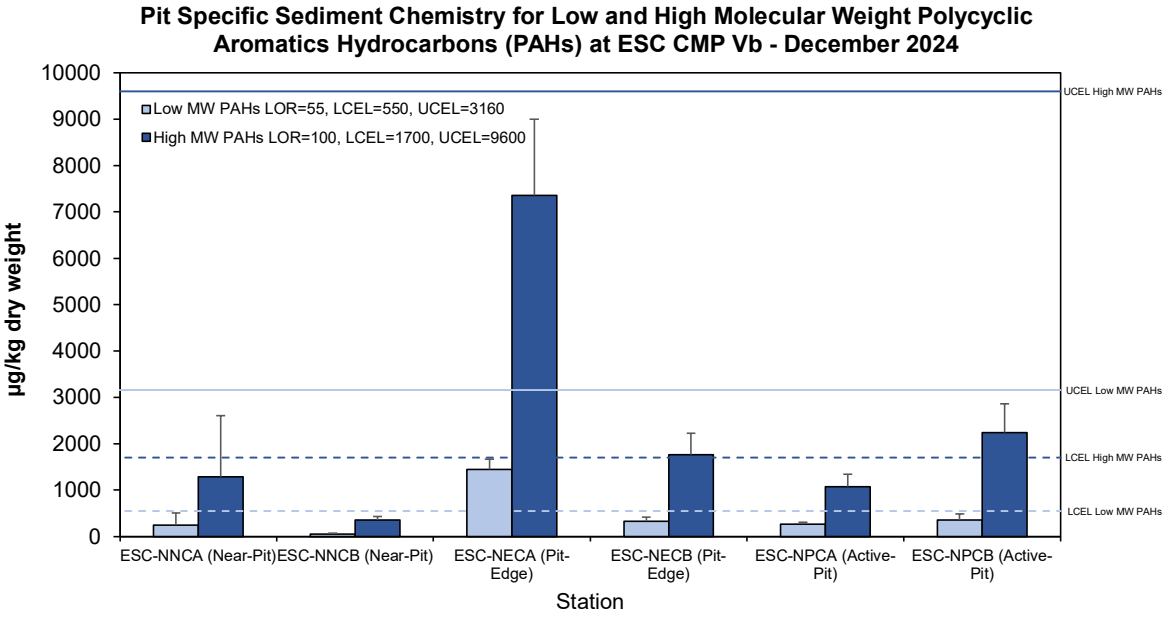

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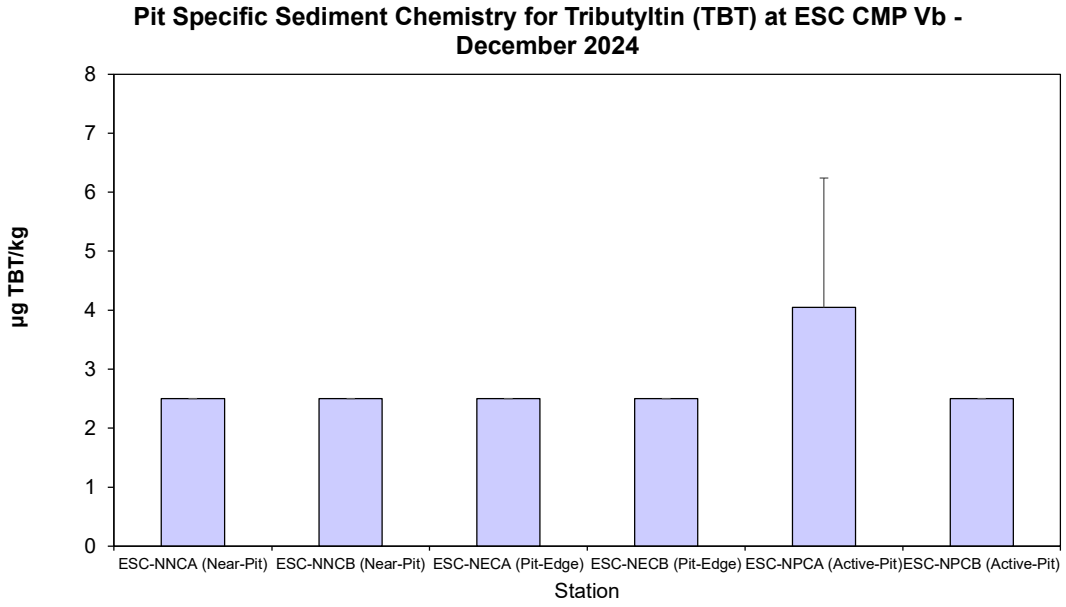

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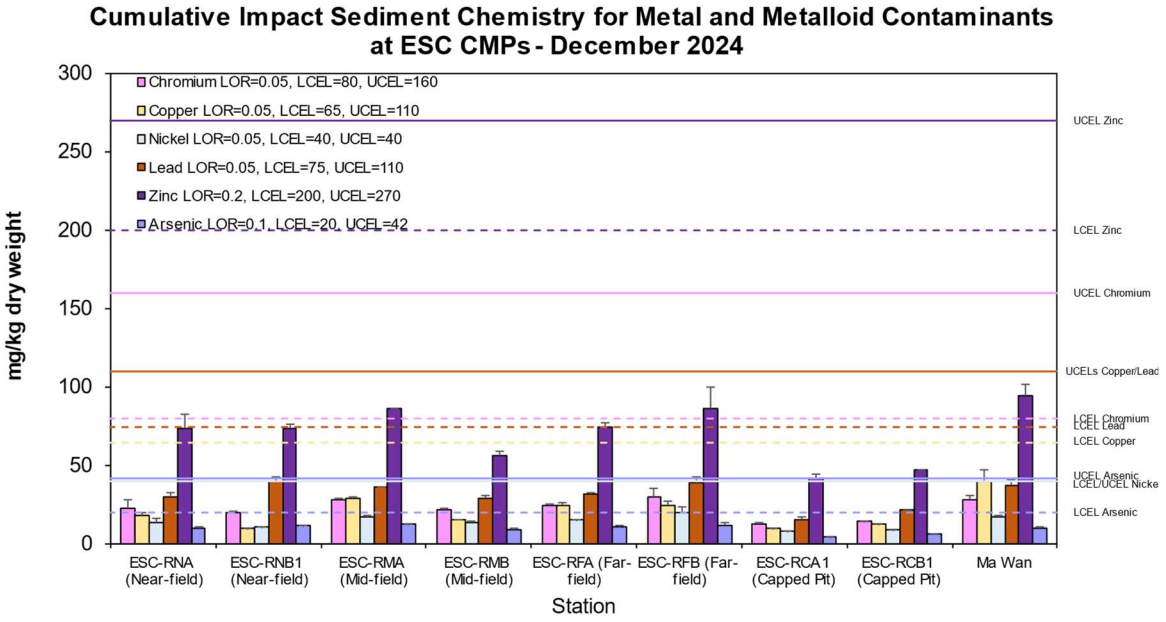

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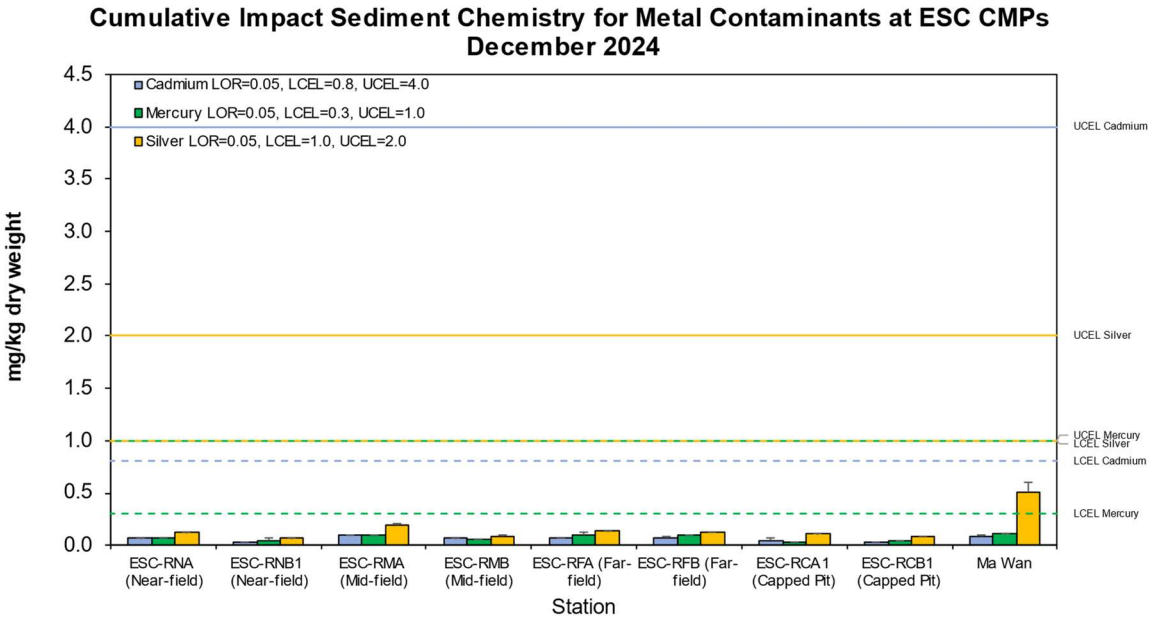

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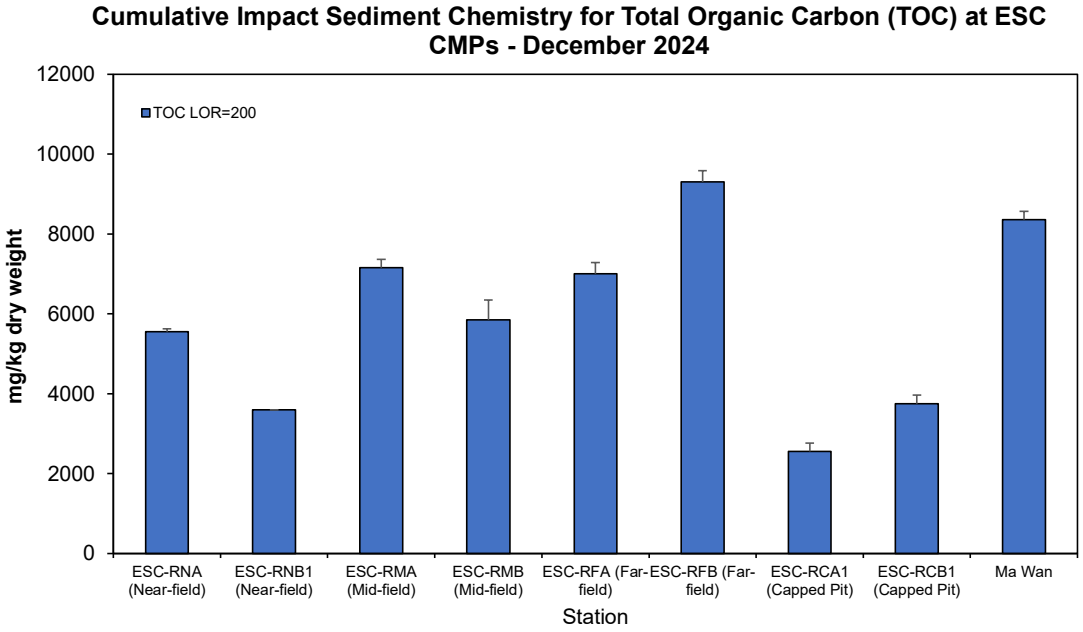

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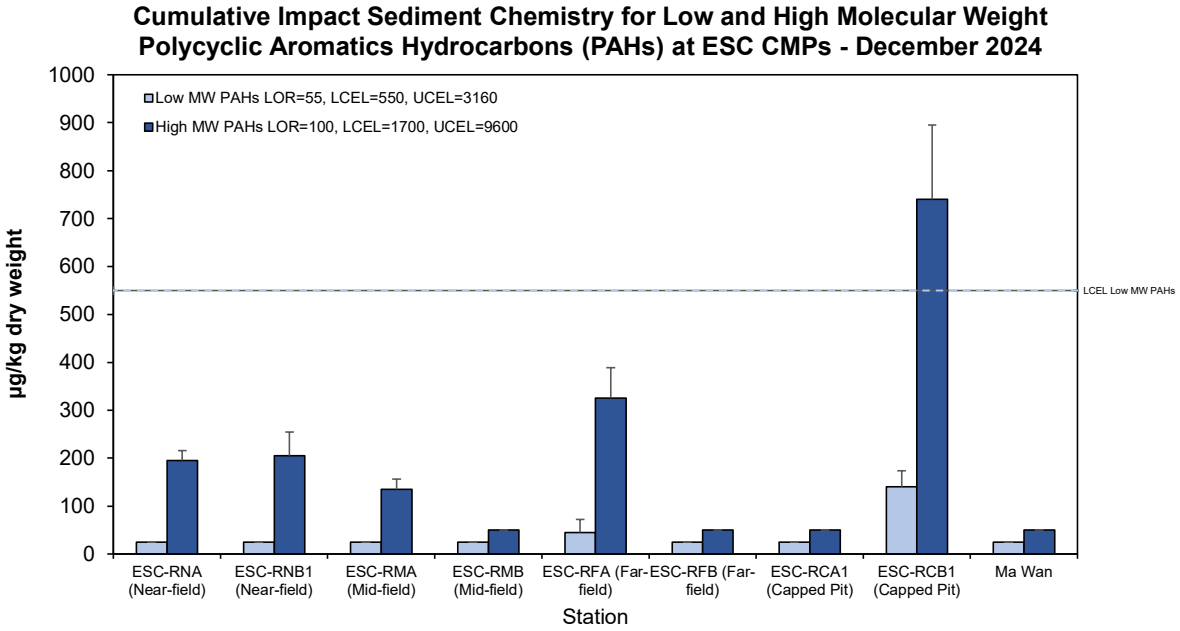

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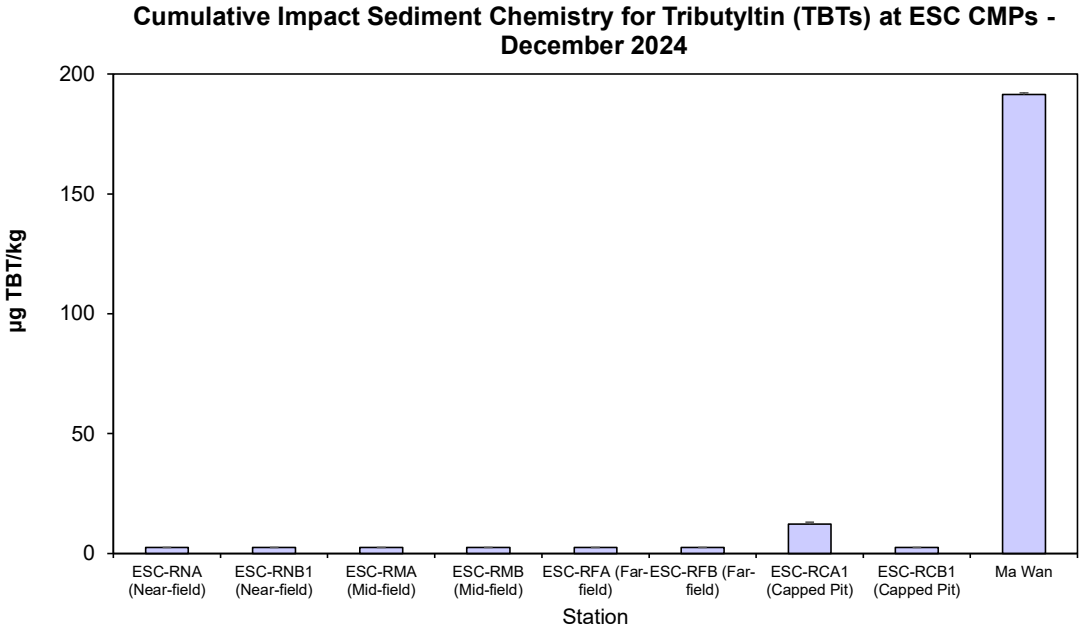

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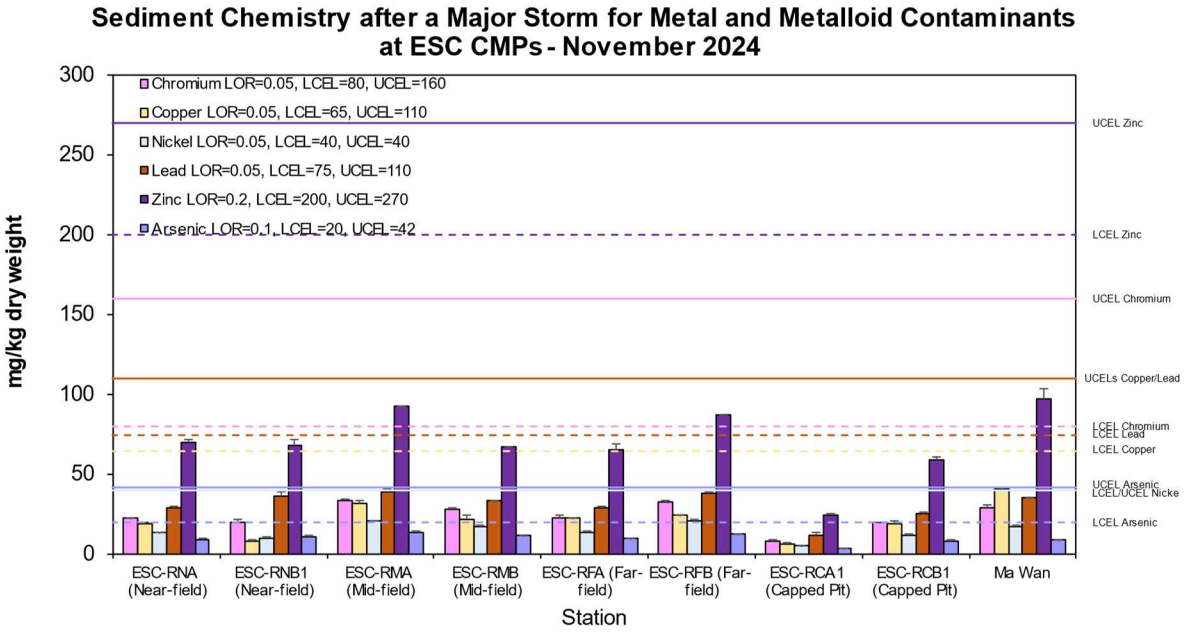

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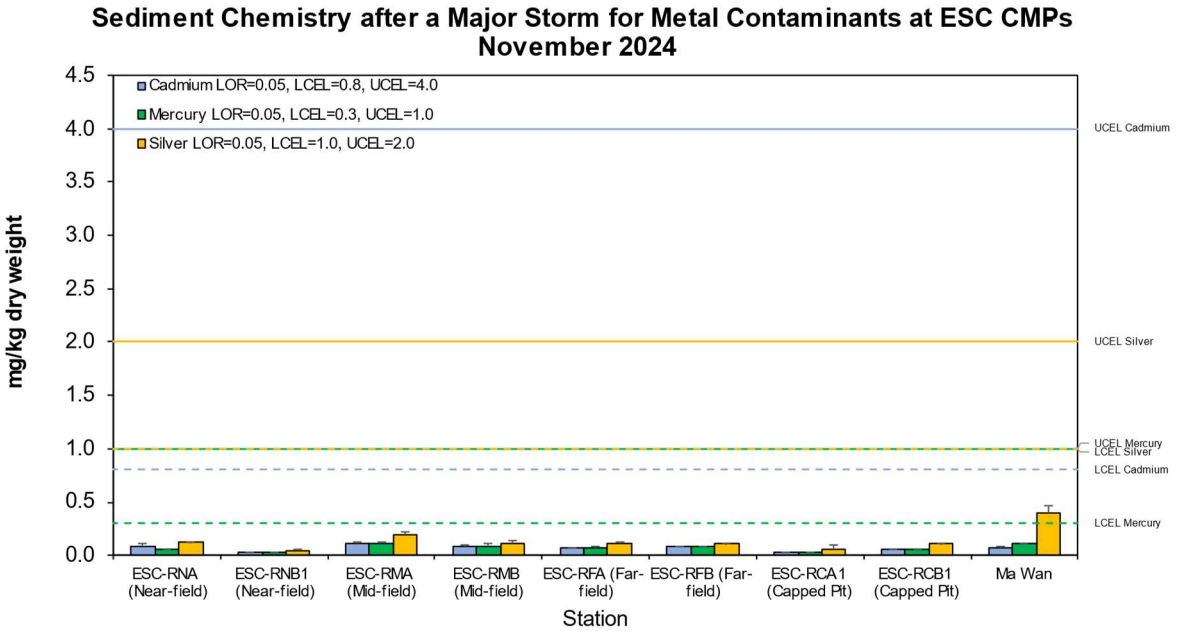

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Appendix D. Study Programme

Study Programme

Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP)
Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Disposal Facility
to the East of Sha Chau (2021-2026) - Investigation

Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish
1	COMMENCEMENT OF AGREEMENT NO. CE 59/2020 (EP)	01/04/21	
2	EAST OF SHA CHAU CONTAMINATED MUD PITS (ESC CMPs) BETWEEN 2021 & 2026	01/04/21	25/06/26
3	Draft Report of First Review of EM&A Manual (for ESC CMPs)		30/04/21
4	Final Report of First Review of EM&A Manual (for ESC CMPs)		20/05/21
5	Draft Report of Subsequent Review of EM&A Manual (for ESC CMPs) - annual basis assumed	30/04/22	30/04/25
10	Final Report of Subsequent Review of EM&A Manual (for ESC CMPs) - annual basis assumed	20/05/22	20/05/25
15	Regular Site Inspections of CMP Contractors	01/04/21	31/03/26
16	Monthly EM&A Report	14/05/21	14/04/26
77	Quarterly EM&A Report	30/07/21	30/04/26
98	Annual EM&A Report	30/01/22	30/01/26
104	Annual Risk Assessment Report	31/05/22	31/05/26
110	Draft Final Report		30/04/26
111	Final Report		04/06/26
112	Draft Executive Summary		04/06/26
113	Final Executive Summary		25/06/26
114	EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU (ETLC) DISPOSAL FACILITY (MONITORING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 2021 & MARCH-APRIL 2022)	23/11/21	31/08/22
115	Monthly EM&A Report	23/11/21	06/06/22
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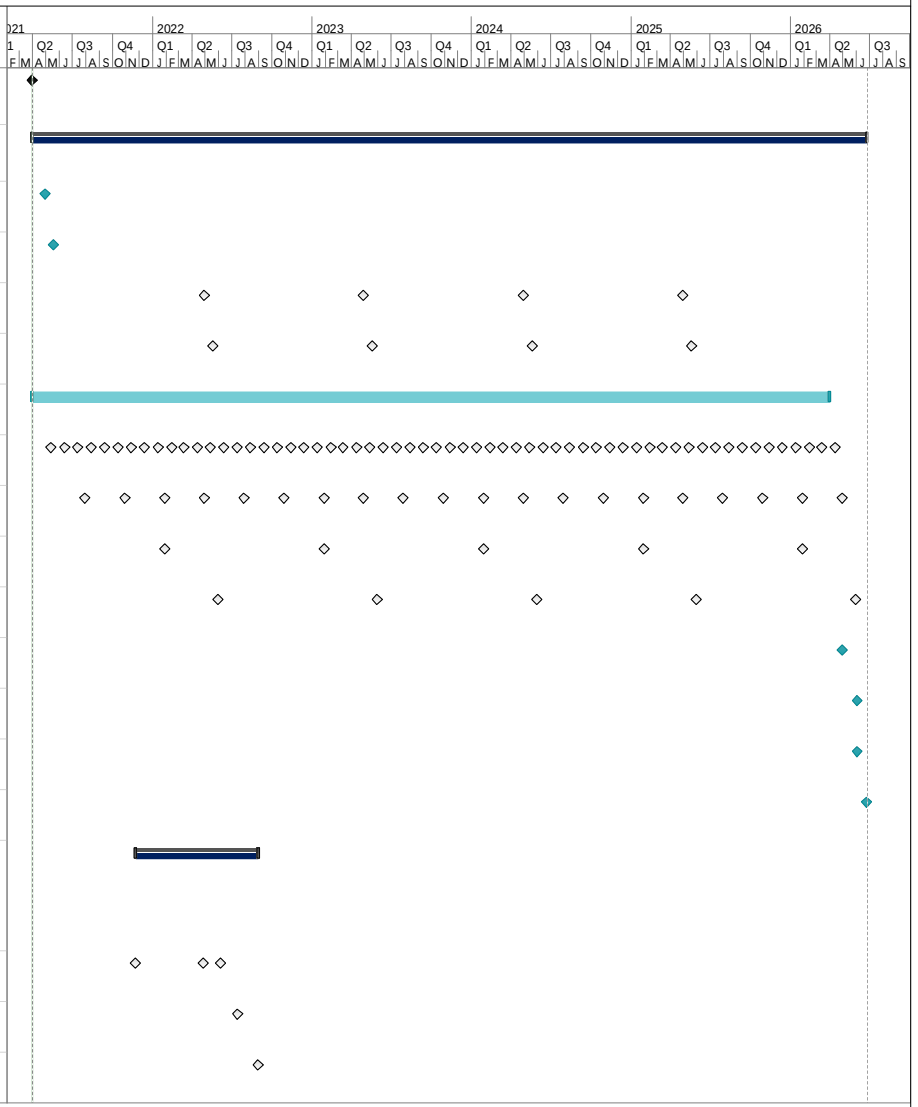

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