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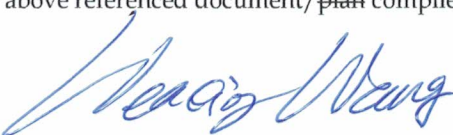
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1.1 BACKGROUND

1.1.1 Since early 1990s, contaminated sediment ⁽¹⁾ arising from various construction works (e.g. dredging and reclamation projects) in Hong Kong has been disposed of at a series of seabed pits at East of Sha Chau (ESC). In late 2008, a review indicated that the existing and planned facilities at ESC would not be able to meet the disposal demand after 2012. In order to meet this demand, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) decided to implement a new contained aquatic disposal (CAD) ⁽²⁾ facility at the South of The Brothers (SB CMPs) which had been under consideration for a number of years.

1.1.2 The environmental acceptability of the construction and operation of the Project had been confirmed by findings of the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study completed in 2005 under *Agreement No. CE 12/2002(EP)* ⁽³⁾. The Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved this EIA report under the *Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) (EIAO)* in September 2005 (*EIA Register No.: AEIAR-089/2005*).

1.1.3 In accordance with the EIA recommendation, prior to commencement of construction works for the SB CMPs, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) undertook a detailed review and update of the EIA findings for the SB site ⁽⁴⁾. Findings of the EIA review undertaken in 2009/2010 confirmed that the construction and operation of the SB site had been predicted to be environmentally acceptable.

(1) According to the Management Framework of Dredged/ Excavated Sediment of ETWB TC(W) No. 34/2002, contaminated sediment in general shall mean those sediment requiring Type 2 – Confined Marine Disposal as determined according to this TC(W).

(2) CAD options may involve use of excavated borrow pits, or may involve purpose-built excavated pits. CAD sites are those which involve filling a seabed pit with contaminated mud and capping it with uncontaminated material such that the original seabed level is restored and the contaminated material is isolated from the surrounding marine environment.⁷

(3) Detailed Site Selection Study for a Proposed Contaminated Mud Disposal Facility within the Airport East/ East of Sha Chau Area (*Agreement No. CE 12/2002(EP)*)

(4) Under the CEDD study *Contaminated Sediment Disposal Facility to the South of The Brothers (Agreement No. FM 2/2009)*

- *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry* of ESC CMP Vd was undertaken on 8 June 2016;

1.3.2 The following monitoring activities have been undertaken for SB CMPs in June 2016:

- *Water Quality Monitoring during Capping Operations of SB CMP 2* was undertaken on 2 June 2016;

1.4 *DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING SAMPLING AND/OR ANALYSIS*

1.4.1 No outstanding sampling and analysis remained for June 2016.

1.5 *BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE MONITORING RESULTS FOR ESC CMPs*

1.5.1 Brief discussion of the monitoring results of the following activities for ESC CMPs is presented in this 46th *Monthly Progress Report*:

- *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd* in June 2016; and
- *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd* in June 2016; and
- *Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vd* in June 2016.

1.5.2 ***Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd – June 2016***

1.5.3 Monitoring locations for *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vd* are shown in *Figure 1.2*. A total of six (6) monitoring stations were sampled in June 2016.

1.5.4 The concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were lower than the Lower Chemical Exceedance Level (LCEL) at all stations, except Copper (*Figures 1 and 2 of Annex B*). In June 2016, Copper exceeded the LCEL at Active Pit station ESC-NPAA (*Figure 1 of Annex B*).

1.5.5 For organic contaminants, the concentrations of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) were similar amongst most stations in June 2016 (*Figure 3 of Annex B*). In June 2016, Tributyltin (TBT) concentrations were higher at Active Pit station ESC-NPAA (*Figure 4 of Annex B*). Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Total dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) concentrations were below the limit of reporting at all stations in June 2016.

1.5.6 Higher Copper concentrations were recorded within the Active Pit station only which were receiving contaminated mud during the reporting month. Therefore, there is no evidence indicating any dispersal of contaminants from the Active Pit due to the disposal activities.

1.5.7 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 Vd in June 2016. Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the quarterly report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

1.5.8 ***Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd – June 2016***

1.5.9 Monitoring locations for *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vd* are shown in *Figure 1.3*. A total of nine (9) monitoring stations were sampled in June 2016.

1.5.10 Analyses of results for the *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring* indicated that the concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were below the LCEL in June 2016 (*Figures 5 and 6 of Annex B*).

1.5.11 For organic contaminants, concentrations of TOC were observed to be similar among all stations (*Figure 7 of Annex B*). Concentrations of TBTs were recorded to be higher at Ma Wan station (*Figure 8 of Annex B*). Total DDT, 4,4'-DDE, Total PCBs as well as Low and High Molecular Weight PAHs were recorded below the limit of reporting at all stations.

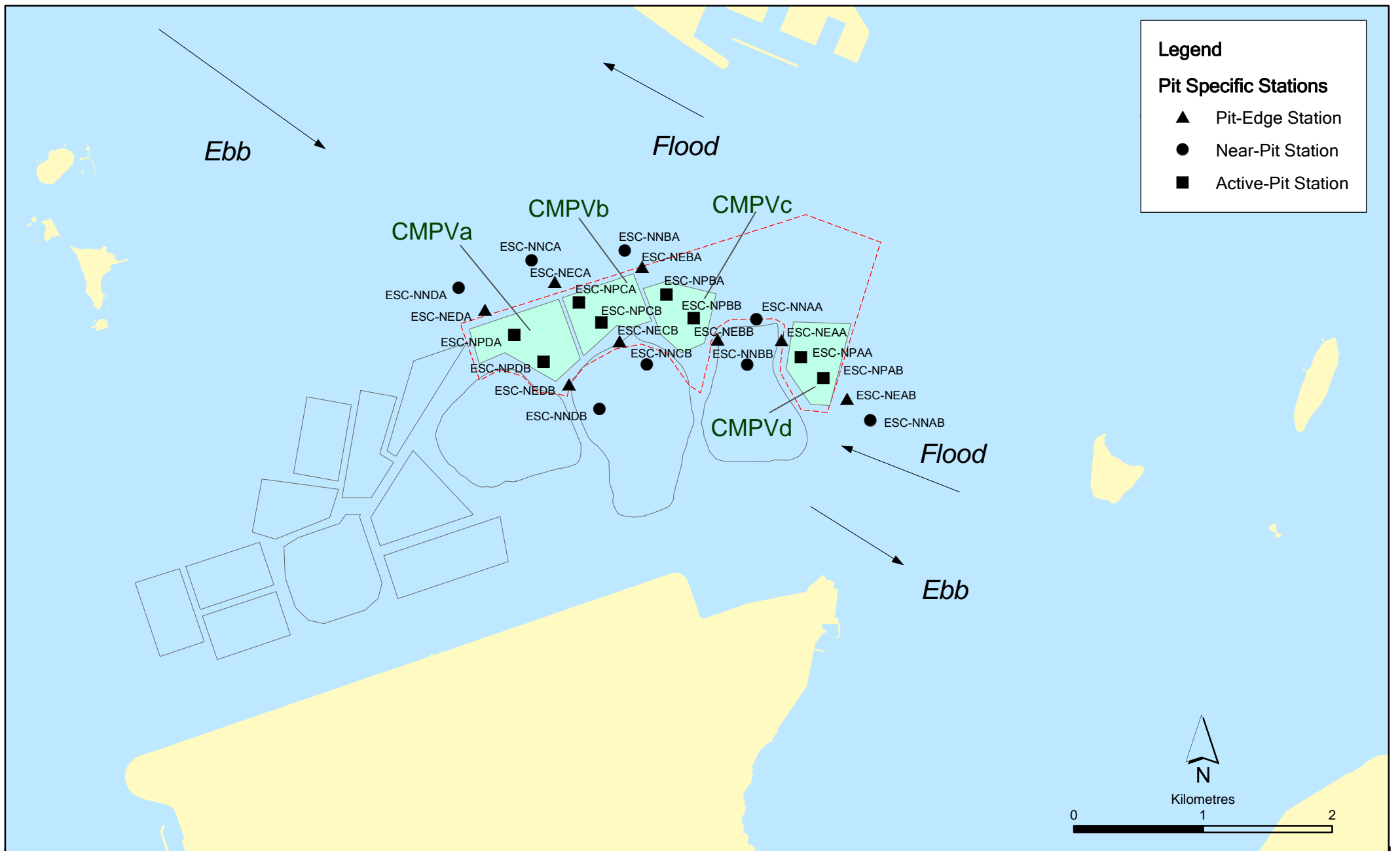


Figure 1.2

Pit Specific Sediment Quality Monitoring Stations for CMPV

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Figure 1.3

Cumulative Impacts Sediment Quality Monitoring Stations for CMPV

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1.5.12 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 Vd in June 2016. Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the quarterly report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

1.5.13 *Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vd - June 2016*

1.5.14 *Water Column Profiling* was undertaken on 6 June 2016. 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 wet season period (April to October) of 2005 - 2014 from stations in the Northwestern Water Control Zone (WCZ), where the ESC CMPs are located ⁽¹⁾. For Salinity, the averaged value obtained from the Reference stations 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 C1 of Annex C* for details).

In-situ Measurements

1.5.15 Analyses of results for June 2016 indicated that levels of Salinity, DO and pH complied with the WQOs at both Downstream and Upstream stations (*Table C2 of Annex C*). In addition, DO and Turbidity at all stations complied with the Action and Limit Levels (*Table C2 of Annex C*).

Laboratory Measurements for Suspended Solids (SS)

1.5.16 Analyses of results for June 2016 indicated that the SS levels were higher than the WQO at Downstream station. Both Upstream and Downstream stations complied with the Action and Limit Levels (*Table C2 of Annex C*).

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

⁽¹⁾ <http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICRIVER/marine/?lang=en>

1.6 **BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE MONITORING RESULTS FOR SB CMPs**

1.6.1 Brief discussion of the monitoring results of the following activities for SB CMPs is presented in this 46th *Monthly Progress Report*:

- *Water Quality Monitoring during Capping Operations of SB CMP 2 in June 2016.*

1.6.2 ***Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 - June 2016***

1.6.3 The monitoring results obtained during June 2016 sampling in the wet season have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see *Section 1.5.13* for details). Levels of DO and Turbidity were also assessed for compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (see *Table C3 of Annex C* for details). A total of fourteen (14) monitoring stations were sampled in June 2016 as shown in *Figure 1.4*. Graphical presentation of the monitoring results is provided in *Annex B*.

In-situ Measurements

1.6.4 Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in *Figures 9-14 of Annex B*. Levels of pH at all stations in June 2016 complied with the WQO (*Table C3 of Annex C; Figure 9 of Annex B*). The levels of Turbidity at all stations complied with the Action and Limit levels in June 2016 (*Table C3 of Annex C; Figure 10 of Annex B*). DO at all stations also complied with the WQO and the Action and Limit levels in June 2016 (*Table C3 of Annex C; Figure 12 of Annex B*).

Levels of Salinity at most stations exceeded with the WQO except at Impact stations. The lower Salinities recorded at Tai Ho Bay 1 and Tai Ho Bay 2 are likely due to the close proximity of the nearby streams, which release large amount of freshwater runoff in the area during flooding. The Salinities at other stations were higher or above the WQO as they were located further away from the Tai Ho Bay and Reference stations which experienced less freshwater runoff from the nearby streams and Pearl River mouth.

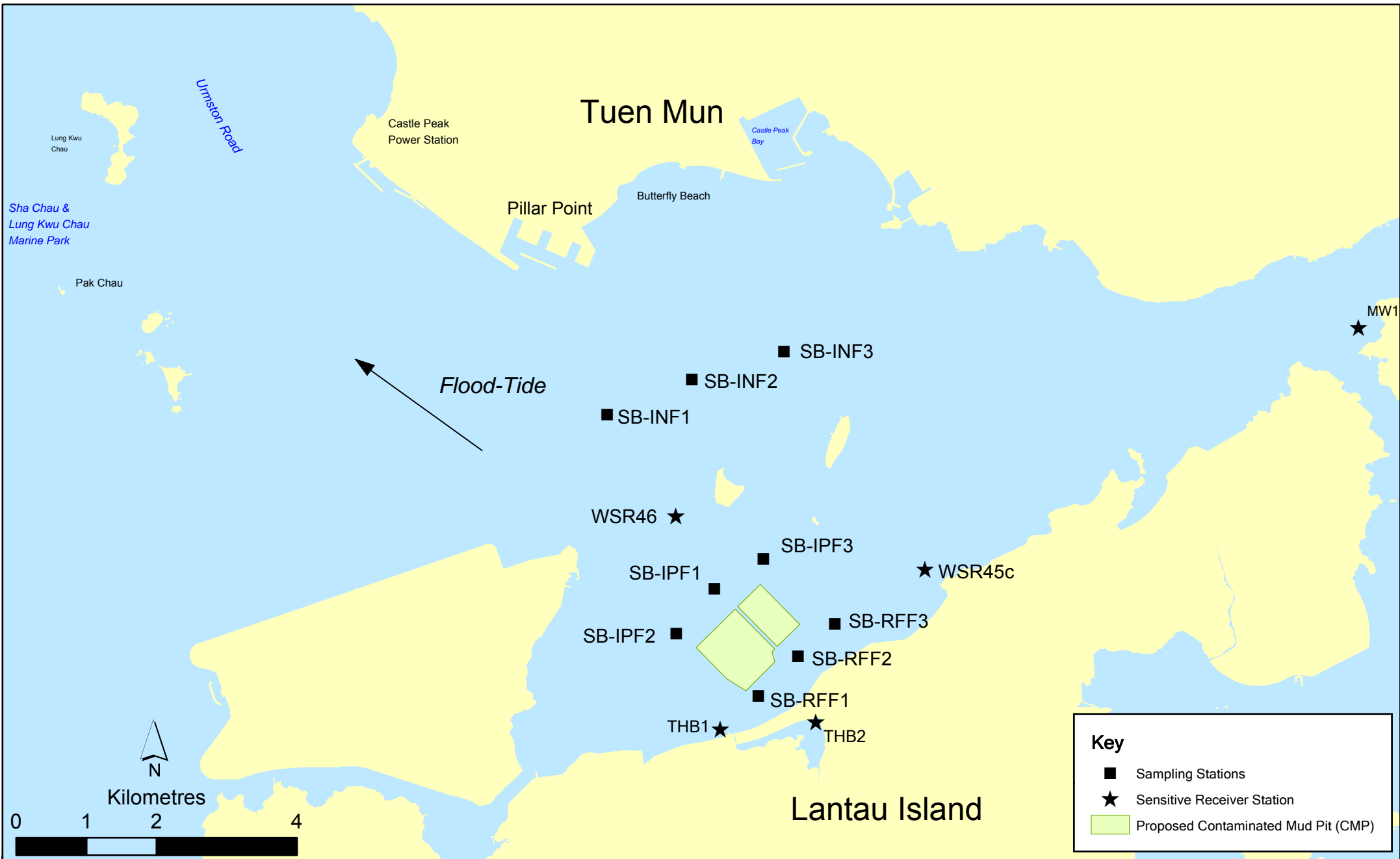


Figure 1.4

Routine & Capping Water Quality Sampling Stations (Flood-Tide) for South Brothers Facility

Laboratory Measurement

- 1.6.5 Concentrations of SS were recorded higher than the WQO (11.1 mg/L for wet season) at Tai Mo To, Tai Ho Bay 1 and Tai Ho Bay 2 stations in June 2016 (*Table C4 of Annex C; Figure 15 of Annex B*). Levels of SS at all stations generally complied with the Action and Limit Levels in June 2016, except the exceedance in Tai Mo To station. Since Tai Mo To station is located further away from the works area of CMP 2 when compared to all other monitoring stations at which the levels of SS did not exceed the Action and Limits Levels during the same tidal period, the exceedance were not considered as indicating any unacceptable impacts from the capping operations to cause any deterioration in water quality during this reporting period. (*Table C3 of Annex C*).
- 1.6.6 For nutrients, concentrations of NH₃ were relatively similar amongst all stations (*Table C4 of Annex C; Figure 16 of Annex B*). ***TIN at most stations exceeded the WQO of 0.5 mg/L, except Ma Wan station in June 2016 (Table C4 of Annex C; Figure 17 of Annex B). It should be noted that due to effect of Pearl River, the North Western WCZ has historically experienced higher levels of TIN⁽¹⁾. Since TIN concentrations were recorded to be similar*** amongst all stations, the exceedances of TIN WQO at all stations are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operation at CMP 2. Levels of BOD₅ appeared to be higher at Tai Ho Bay 2 station in June 2016. (*Table C4 of Annex C; Figure 18 of Annex B*).
- 1.6.7 Overall, the monitoring results indicated that the capping operation at CMP 2 did not appear to cause any unacceptable deterioration in water quality in June 2016. Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the quarterly report to investigate whether the capping operations at CMP 2 is causing any unacceptable impacts in water quality of the area.

1.7 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH

1.7.1 The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next monthly period of July 2016 for ESC CMPs:

- *Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vd;*
- *Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMP Vd;*
- *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd; and*
- *Demersal Trawling of ESC CMP Vd.*

⁽¹⁾ http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/marine_quality/1986-2005/textonly/eng/index.htm

- 1.7.2 No monitoring activities will be scheduled in the next monthly period of July 2016 for SB CMPs.
- 1.7.3 The sampling schedule is presented in *Annex A*.
- 1.8** ***STUDY PROGRAMME***
- 1.8.1 A summary of the Study programme is presented in *Annex D*.

Annex A

Sampling Schedule

Annex B

Graphical Presentations

**Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMP Vd
June 2016**

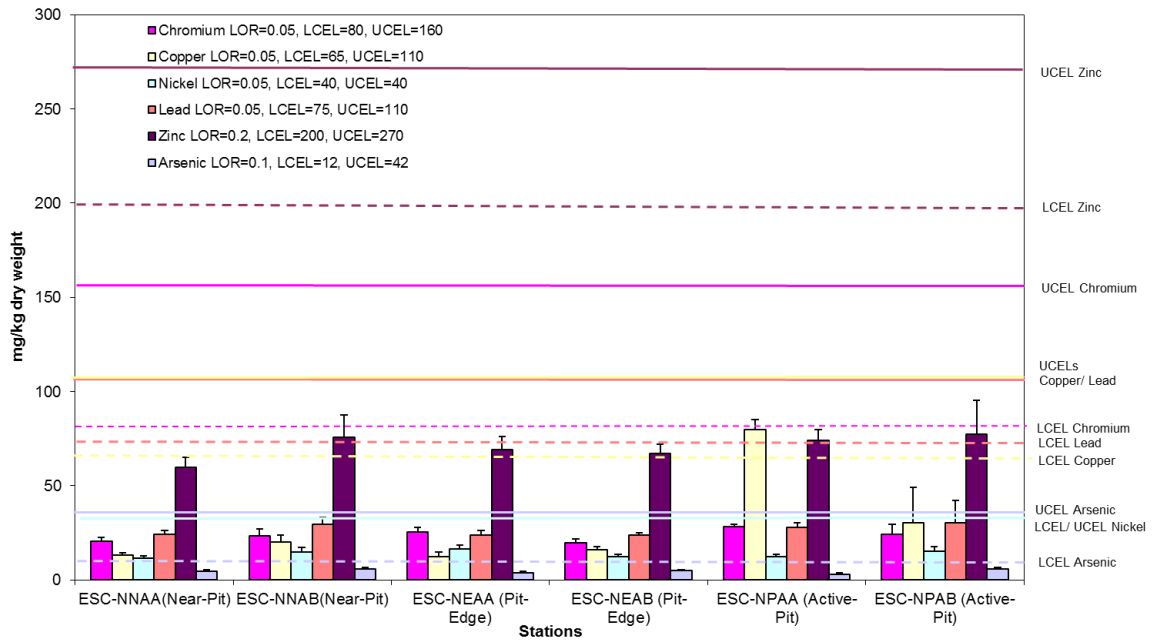


Figure 1: Concentration of Metals (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

**Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMP Vd
June 2016**

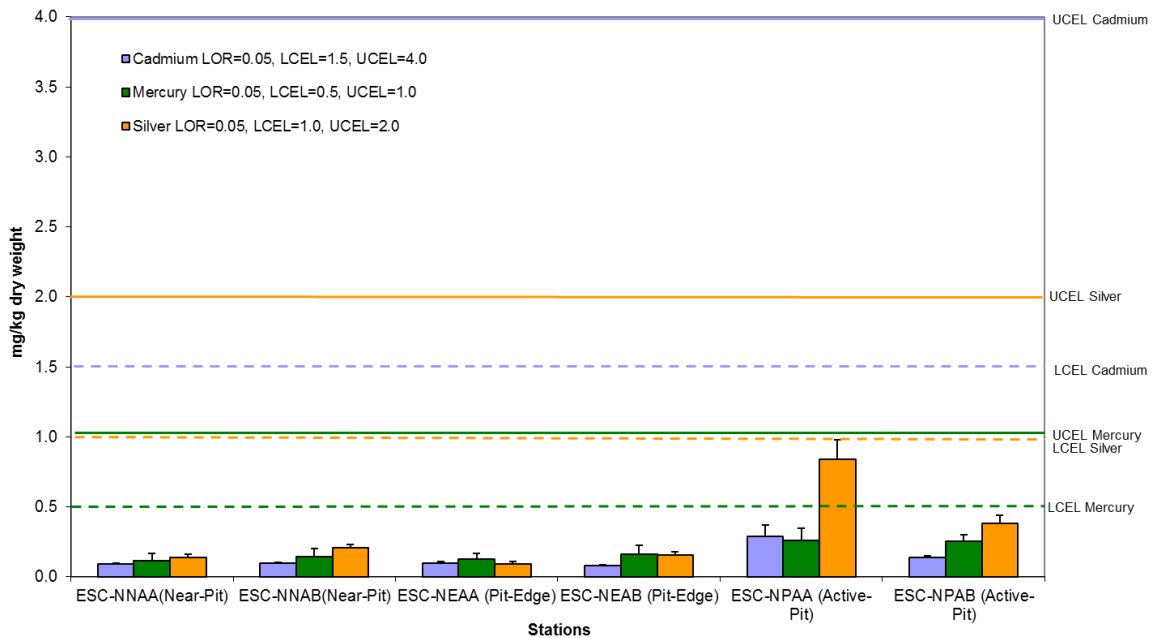


Figure 2: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

**Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) at ESC CMP Vd
June 2016**

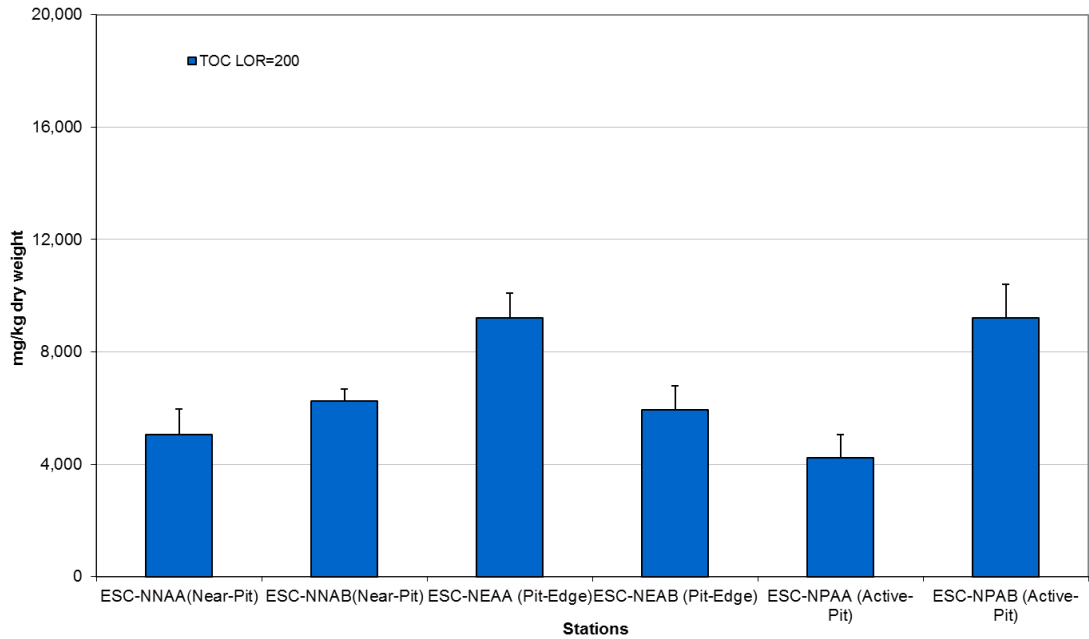


Figure 3: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

**Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Tributyltin (TBT) at ESC CMP Vd
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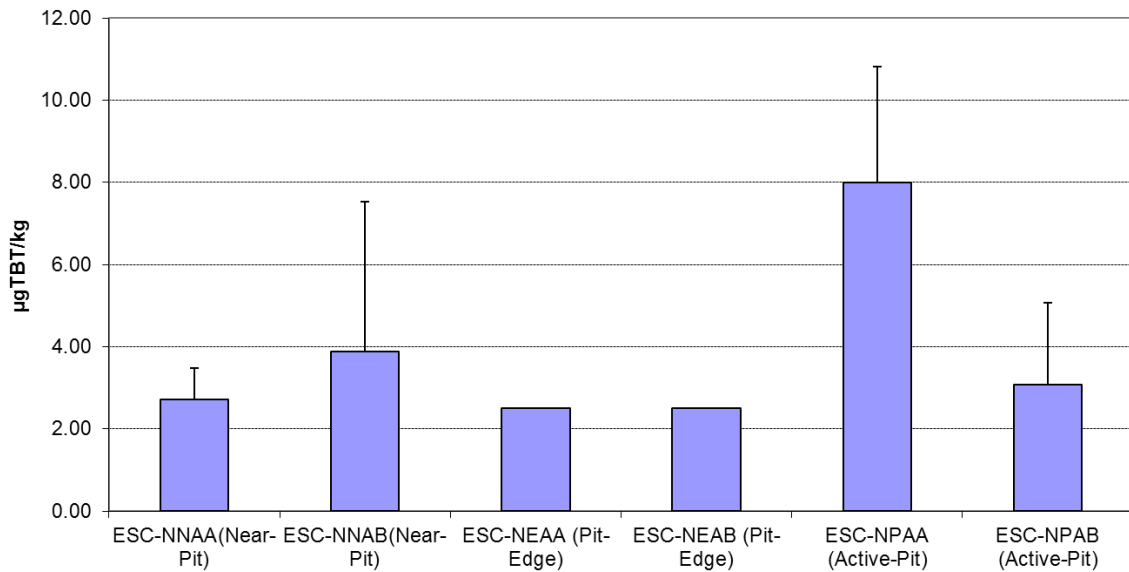


Figure 4: Concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) (µg TBT/kg; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

**Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMP Vd
June 2016**

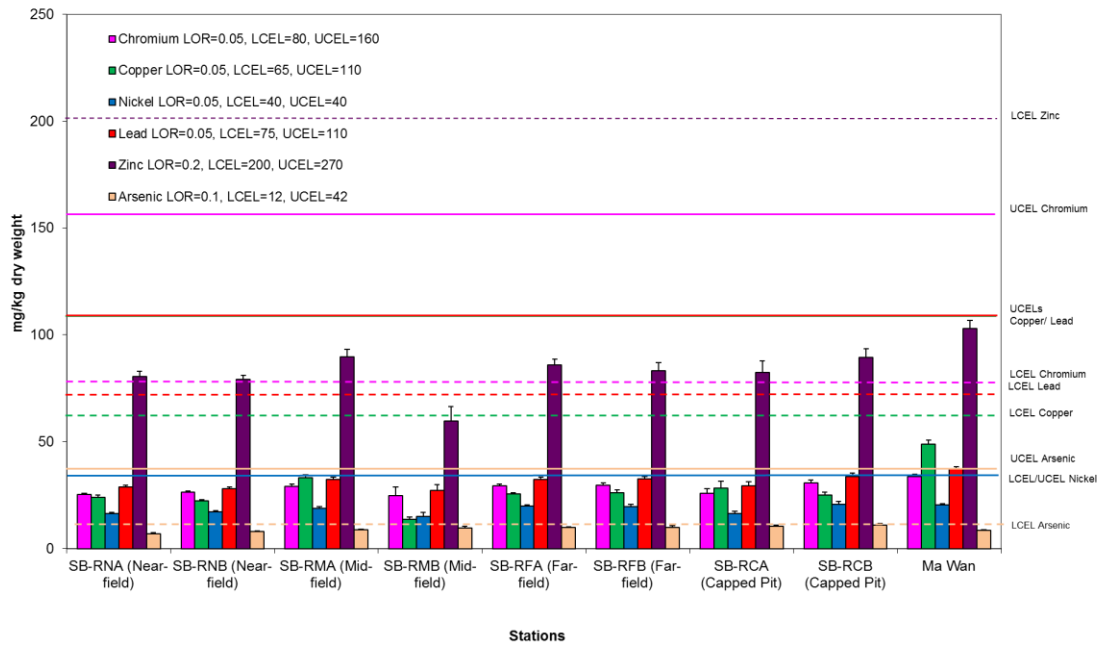


Figure 5: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

**Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMP Vd
June 2016**

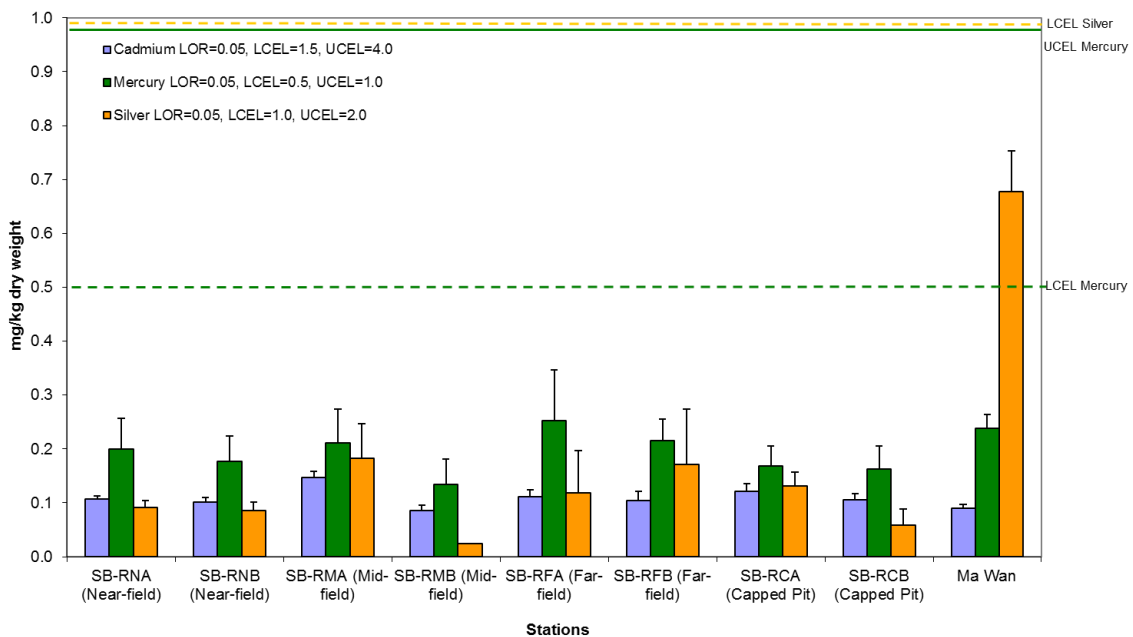


Figure 6: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

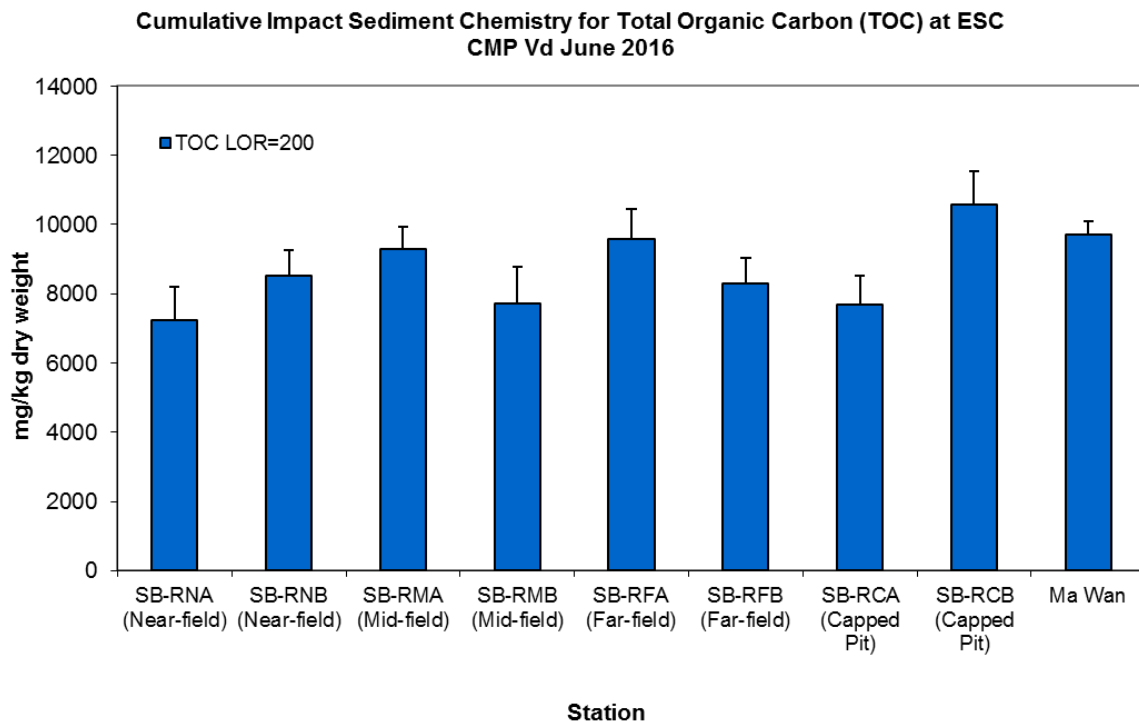


Figure 7: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

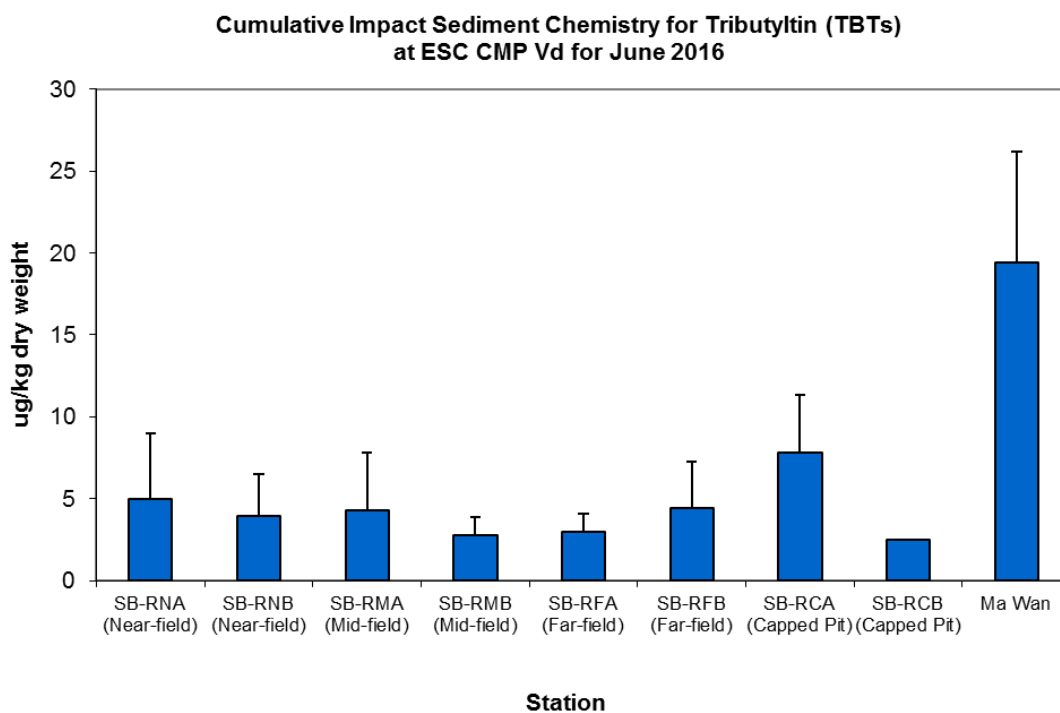


Figure 8: Concentration of Tributyltin ($\mu\text{g TBT}/\text{kg}$; mean +SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016.

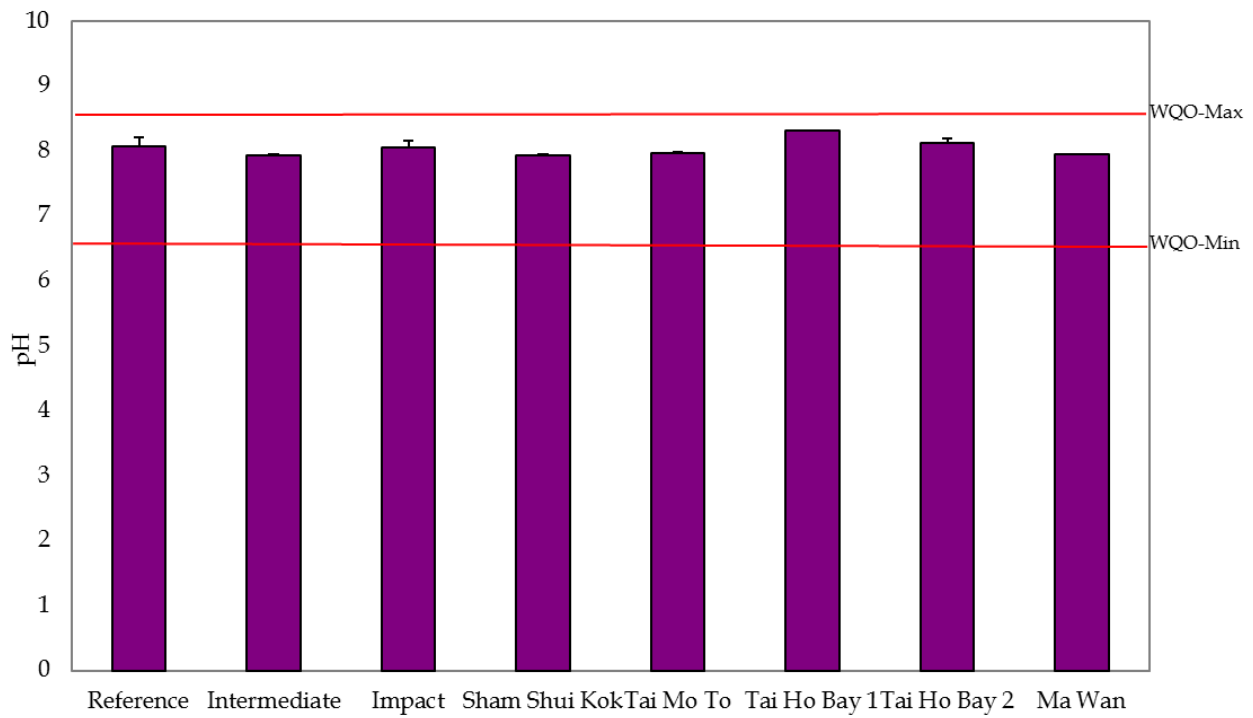


Figure 9: Levels of pH (mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016.

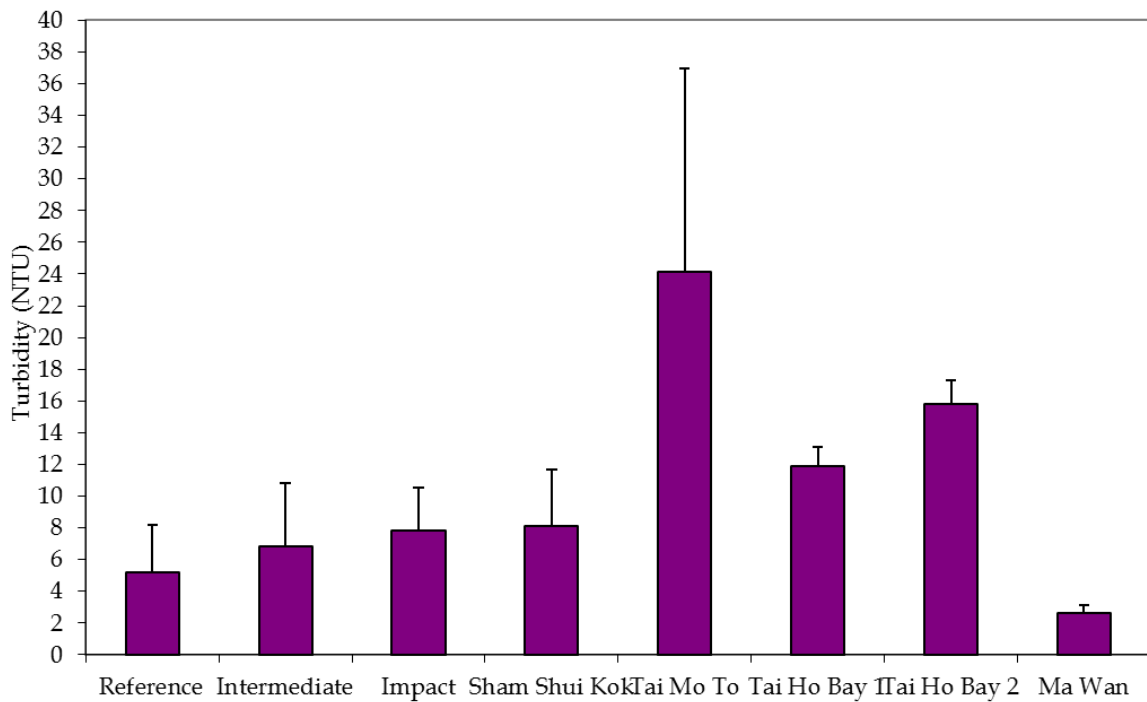


Figure 10: Levels of Turbidity (NTU; mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016

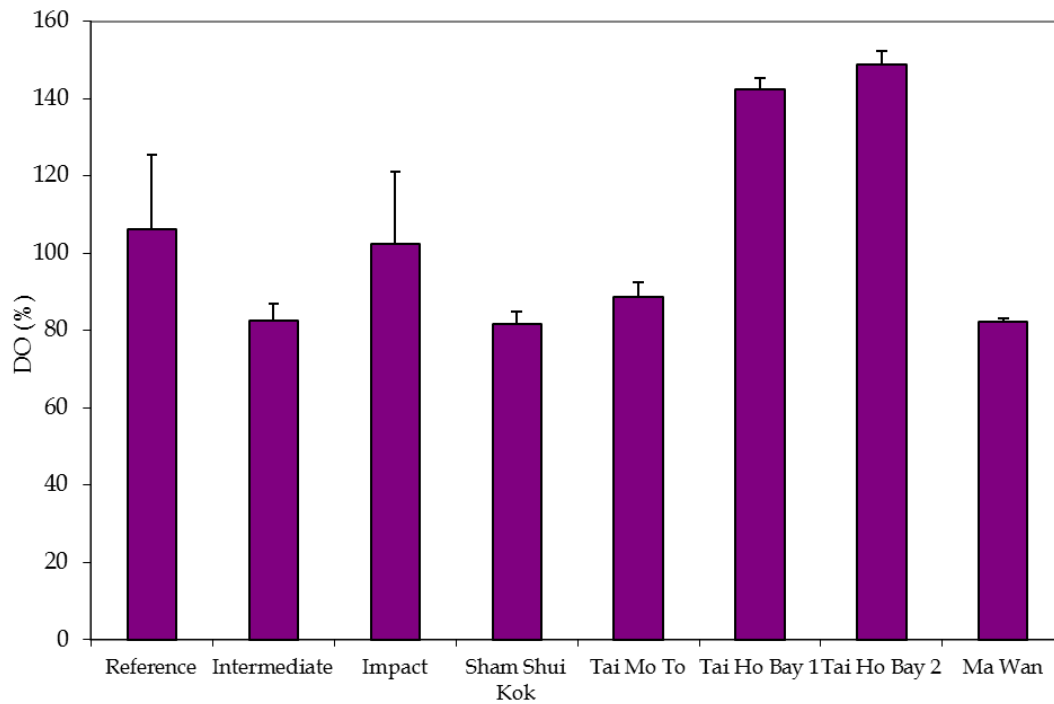


Figure 11: Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (% saturation; mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016

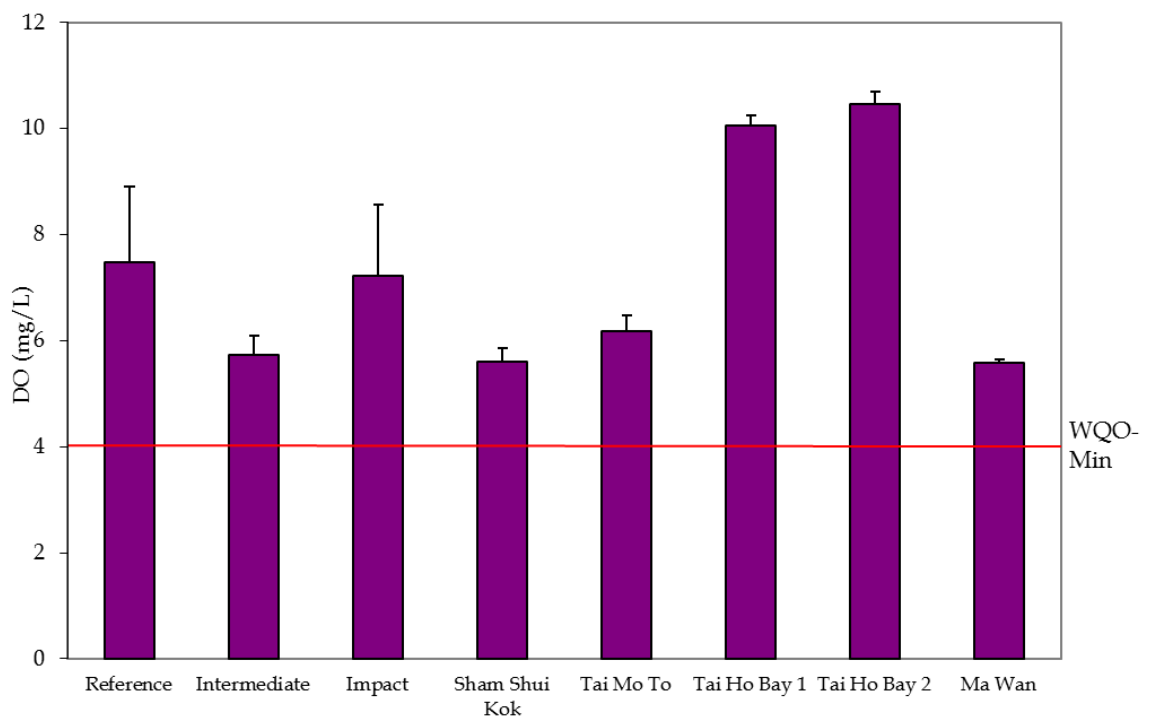


Figure 12: Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L; mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016

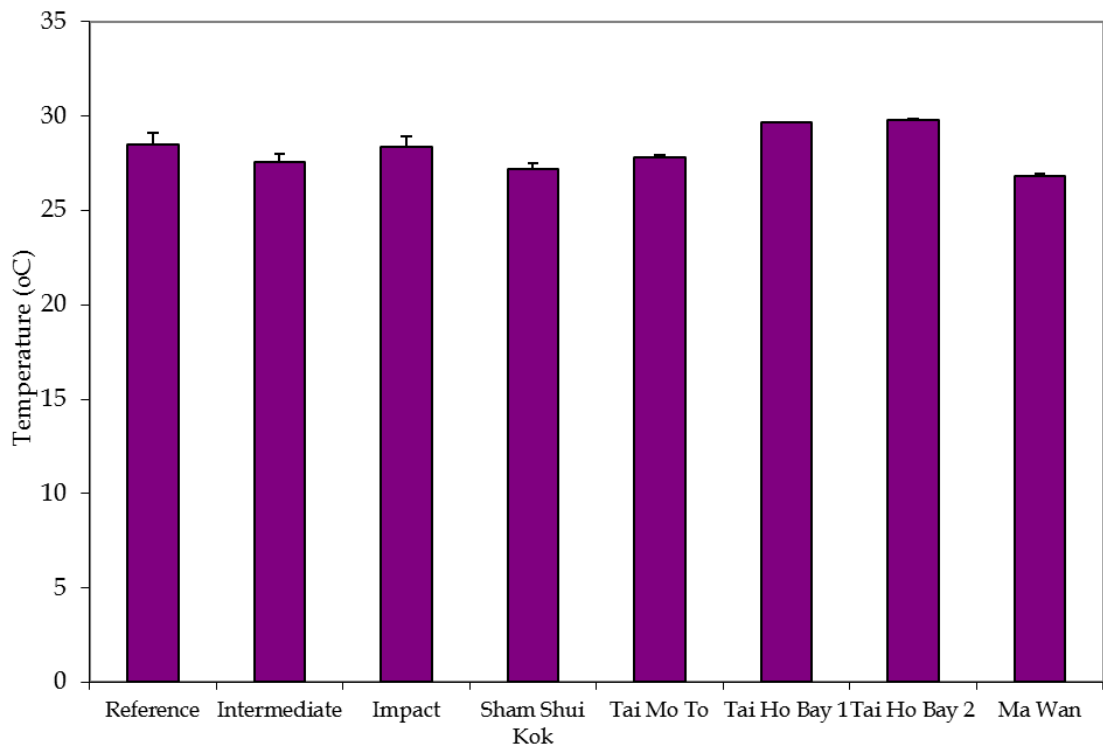


Figure 13: Levels of Temperature (°C; mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016.

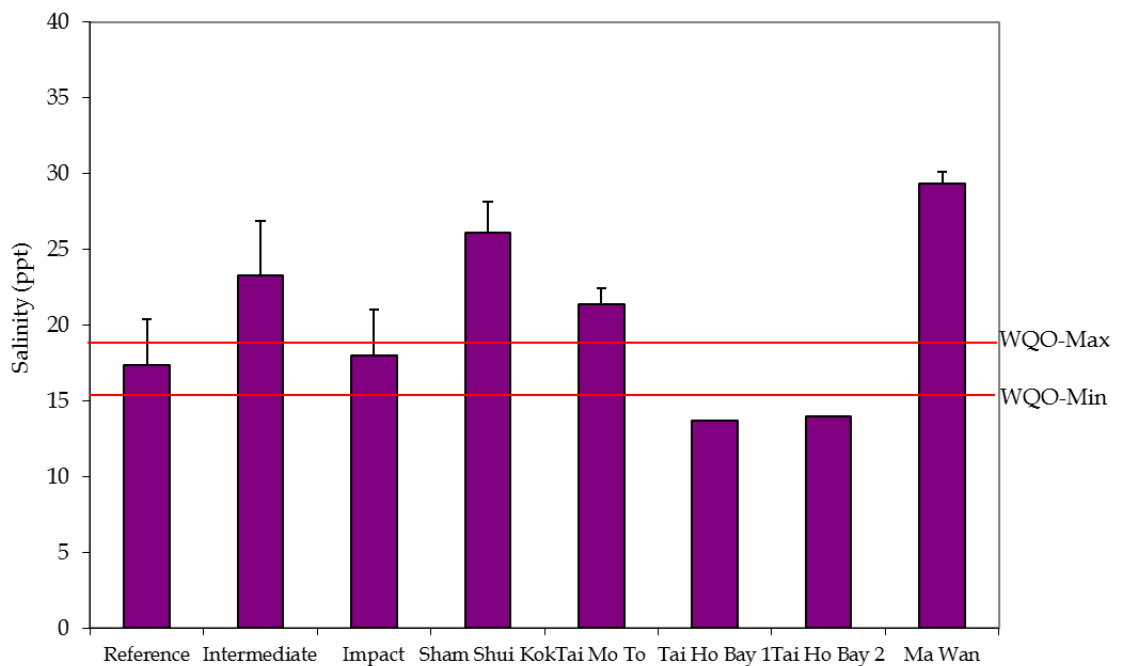


Figure 14: Levels of Salinity (ppt; mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016.

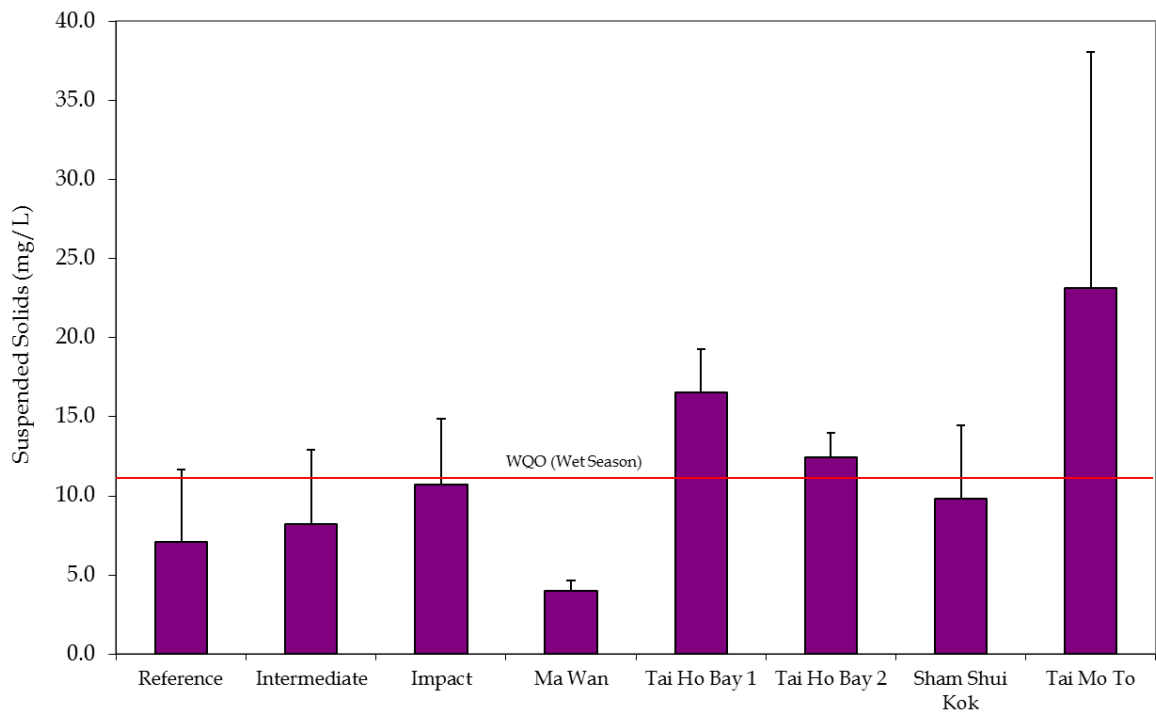


Figure 15: Levels of Suspended Solids (mg/L; mean +SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP 2 in June 2016

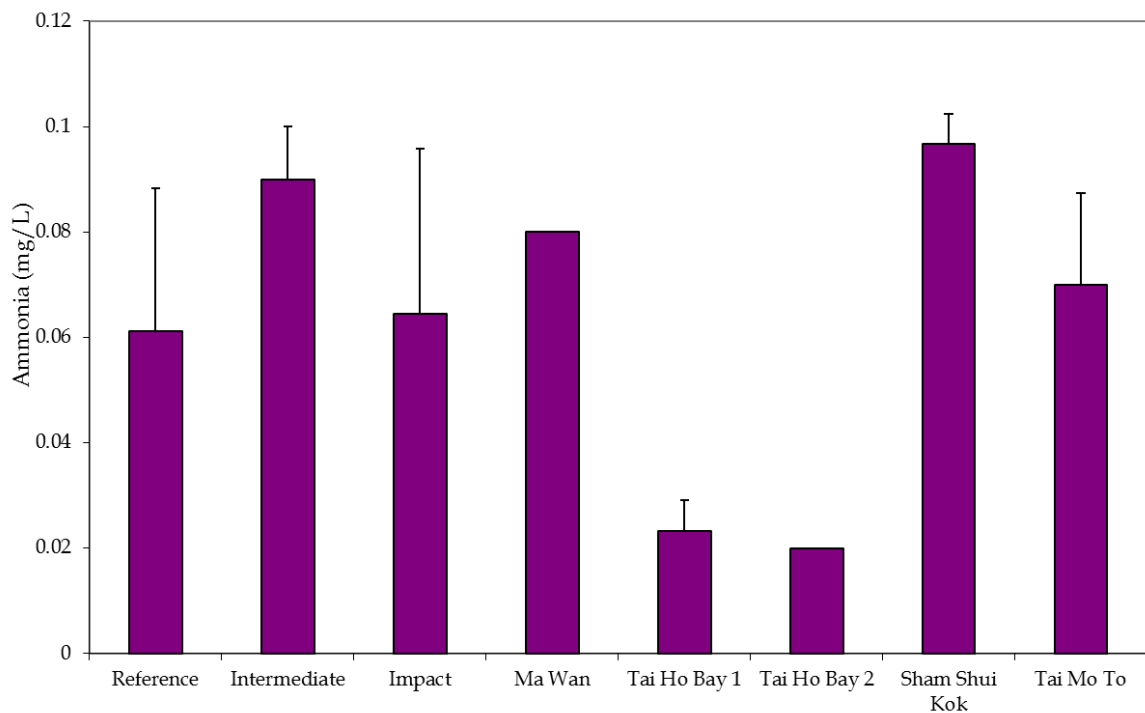


Figure 16: Level of Ammonia (mg/L; mean + SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping for SB CMP 2 in June 2016.

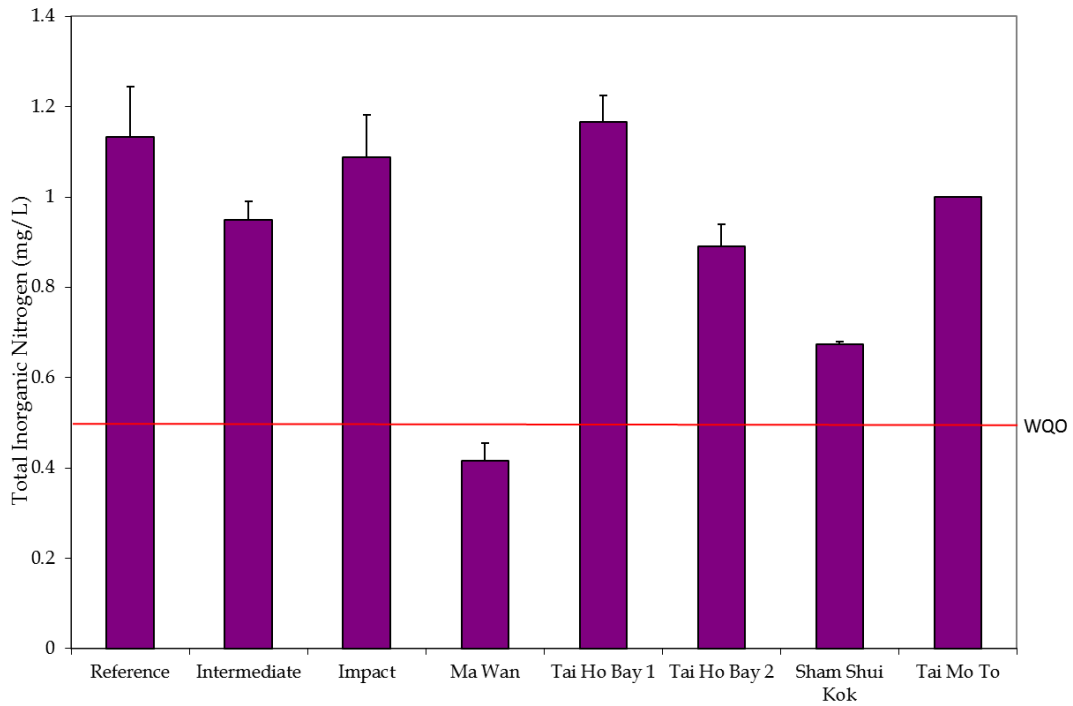


Figure 17: Level of TIN (mg/L; mean + SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping for SB CMP 2 in June 2016

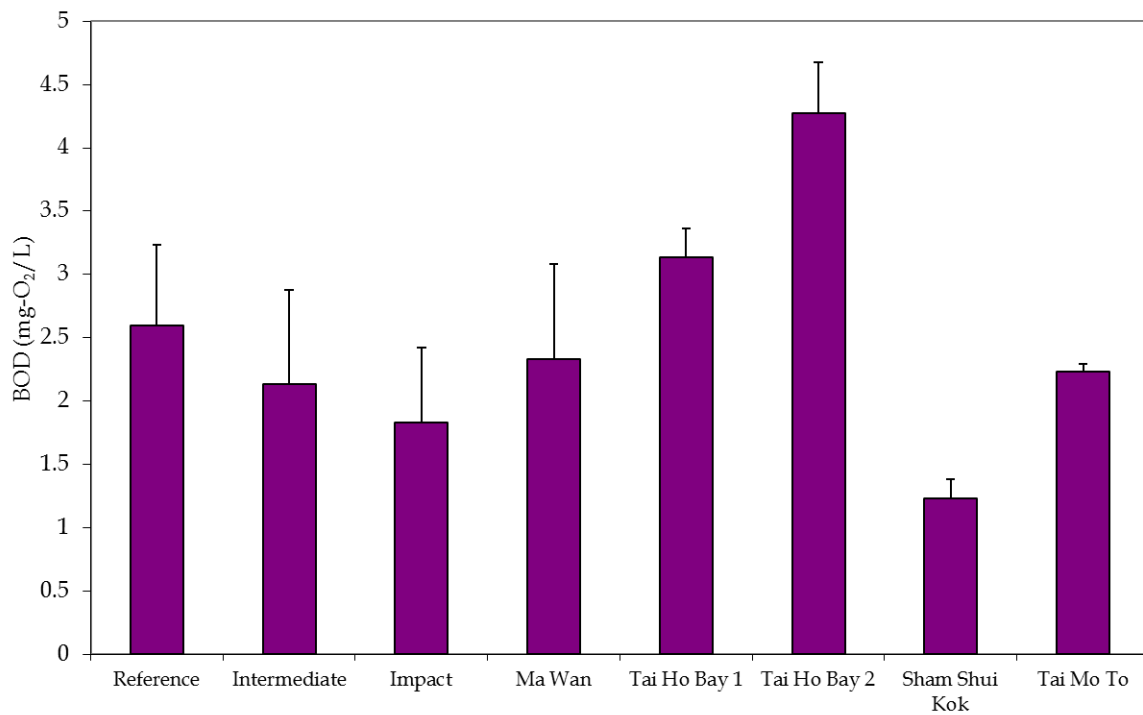


Figure 18: Level of BOD₅ (mg-O₂/L; mean + SD) recorded from Water Quality Monitoring during Capping for SB CMP 2 in June 2016.

Annex C

Water Quality Monitoring Results

Table C1 Action and Limit Levels of Water Quality for Dredging, Backfilling and Capping Activities at ESC CMPs

Parameter	Action Level	Limit Level
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) ⁽¹⁾	<u>Surface and Mid-depth</u> ⁽²⁾ 5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 3.76 mg L⁻¹	<u>Surface and Mid-depth</u> ⁽²⁾ 1%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 3.11 mg L⁻¹ ⁽³⁾
	and	and
	Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
	<u>Bottom</u> 5%-ile of baseline data for bottom layers = 2.96 mg L⁻¹	<u>Bottom</u> The average of the impact station readings are <2 mg/L⁻¹
	and	and
	Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
Depth-averaged Suspended Solids (SS) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	95%-ile of baseline data for depth average = 37.88 mg L⁻¹	99%-ile of baseline data for depth average = 61.92 mg L⁻¹
	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
Depth-averaged Turbidity (Tby) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	95%-ile of baseline data = 28.14 NTU	99%-ile of baseline data = 38.32 NTU
	and	and
	120% of control station's Tby at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's Tby 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) The Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface & 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 & 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 C2 *Water Column Profiling Results for ESC CMP Vd in June 2016*

Stations	Temp (°C)	Salinity (ppt)	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved Oxygen		pH (mg L ⁻¹)	Suspended Solids (mg L ⁻¹)
				(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)	(mg L ⁻¹)	
WCP 1 (Downstream)	27.45	21.82	24.08	69.06	4.83	7.75	13.25
WCP 2 (Upstream)	27.87	20.25	11.86	74.70	5.24	7.74	9.38
WQO (Wet season)	N/A	18.93 - 22.27#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	11.1

Note:

#Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.

Cell shaded yellow / red indicate value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.

Cell shaded grey indicate value exceeding the WQO.

Table C3 Action and Limit Levels of Water Quality for Dredging, Backfilling and Capping Activities for SB CMPs

Parameter	Action Level	Limit Level
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) ⁽¹⁾	<u>Surface and Mid-depth</u> ⁽²⁾ The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are < 5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 4.32 mg L⁻¹ and Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	<u>Surface and Mid-depth</u> ⁽²⁾ The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are < 4 mg L⁻¹ and Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
	<u>Bottom</u> The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are < 5%-ile of baseline data for bottom layers = 3.12 mg L⁻¹ and Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	<u>Bottom</u> The average of the impact station, WSR 45C and WSR 46 readings are < 2 mg L⁻¹ and Significantly less than the reference stations mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
Depth-averaged Suspended Solids (SS) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are > 95%-ile of baseline data for depth average = 21.60 mg L⁻¹ and 120% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day	The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are > 99%-ile of baseline data for depth average = 40.10 mg L⁻¹ and 130% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day
Depth-averaged Turbidity (Tby) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are > 95%-ile of baseline data = 25.04 NTU and 120% of control station's Tby at the same tide of the same day	The average of the impact, WSR 45C and WSR 46 station readings are > 99%-ile of baseline data = 32.68 NTU and 130% of control station's Tby 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) The Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface & Middle layers were calculated from the combined pool of baseline surface layer data and baseline middle layer data.
- (3) "Depth-averaged" is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.
- (4) For turbidity and SS, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.

Table C4 Monitoring Results for Water Quality Monitoring during Capping of SB CMP in June 2016

Sampling Period	Stations	Temp	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolved Oxygen		pH	SS	NH3	TIN	BOD ₅
		(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)	(mg L ⁻¹)	(mg L ⁻¹)	(mg L ⁻¹)	(mg L ⁻¹)	(mg L ⁻¹)
June 2016	RFF (Reference)	28.49	17.33	5.18	7.48	106.08	8.07	7.10	0.06	1.13	2.6
	IPF (Impact)	28.37	17.98	7.85	7.22	102.50	8.05	10.69	0.06	1.09	2.13
	INF (Intermediate)	27.53	23.31	6.81	5.73	82.57	7.94	8.20	0.09	0.95	1.83
	Ma Wan	26.84	29.31	2.61	5.57	82.16	7.96	4.02	0.08	0.42	2.33
	Sham Shui Kok	27.21	26.09	8.08	5.60	81.60	7.94	9.80	0.10	0.67	1.23
	Tai Mo To	27.78	21.39	24.13	6.19	88.67	7.97	23.12	0.07	1.00	2.23
	Tai Ho Bay 1	29.64	13.67	11.87	10.06	142.53	8.32	16.53	0.02	1.17	3.13
	Tai Ho Bay 2	29.81	13.94	15.83	10.45	148.80	8.13	12.43	0.02	0.89	4.28
	WQO	N/A	15.60-19.06*	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	11.1	N/A	0.50	N/A

Notes:

Not exceeding 2°C of change of the results from the Reference Station.

#Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.

Cell shaded yellow / red indicate value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.

Cell shaded grey indicate value exceeding the WQO.

Annex D

Study Programme

