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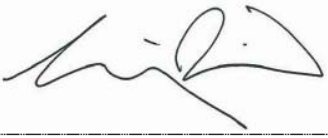


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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Water Column Profiling, Routine Water Quality Monitoring, Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry and Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry, Sediment Toxicity Test and Demersal Trawling* were carried out for the Contaminated Mud Pits (CMPs) to the East of Sha Chau (ESC) during the quarterly period of January to March 2019. This report presents the results of these monitoring activities to identify whether the disposal operations at ESC CMP V are causing any unacceptable impact(s) to the surrounding aquatic environment or to those marine organisms that utilize these habitats.

***Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMPs***

*Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vd – January to March 2019*

Results indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and Dissolved Oxygen (DO) complied with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) at both Upstream and Downstream stations. Levels of DO, Turbidity and Suspended Solids (SS) complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations. Overall, the results indicated that the mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vd did not appear to cause any unacceptable impact in water quality during this quarterly period.

*Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs – January and February 2019*

Results of Routine Water Quality Monitoring conducted in January and February 2019 showed that levels of DO, Salinity and pH complied with the WQOs at all stations. Levels of DO, Turbidity and SS complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations.

From the monitoring results and statistical analysis, there were no trends indicating any increase in the concentrations of contaminants with proximity to the pit or with time. Thus, it appears that mud disposal operations at CMP Vd have not caused any unacceptable impact in water quality during the reporting period.

***Sediment Quality Monitoring for ESC CMPs***

*Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd – January to March 2019*

Monitoring results showed that the concentrations of inorganic contaminants were generally below the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) at most monitoring stations. Statistical analysis indicated that there did not appear any trend of increasing sediment contaminants' concentrations with proximity

to the pit or with time. Thus, it appears that mud disposal operation did not cause any unacceptable impact in sediment quality of ESC CMP Vd during the reporting period.

#### *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs – February 2019*

Monitoring results showed that the concentrations of inorganic contaminants were generally below the LCEs at all monitoring stations. Statistical analysis indicated that there did not appear to be any significant trend of increasing concentrations of contaminants with proximity to the pit or with time. Thus, it is considered that mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vd have not caused any unacceptable impact in sediment quality during the reporting period.

#### *Sediment Toxicity Test of ESC CMPs – February 2019*

Statistical analysis showed that there were no significant differences between Impact and Reference stations in the toxicity tests of all tested marine benthos. Therefore, there did not appear to be any evidence of unacceptable impacts to sediment toxicity due to the mud disposal operations at ESC CMPs.

#### *Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs*

During the sampling period in January and February 2019, the mean number of faunal species caught was generally lower at Impact stations in January and February 2019. Biotic abundance, biomass, Catch per Unit Effort (CPUE) and Yield per Unit Effort (YPUE) were lower at Impact stations ESC-INA and ESC-INB in January and February 2019.



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沙洲以東海泥卸置設施的環境監察及審核 (2017 - 2020) - 勘查研究

環境監察及審核季度報告 (二零一九年一月至三月)

行政摘要

在2019年1月至3月的季度報告期內，環境小組在沙洲以東海泥卸置設施進行了水層質量監察、例行水質監察、指定污泥坑沉積物化學監察、沉積物化學累積性影響監察、沉積物毒性測試及底棲漁業資源監察。本報告詳述以上的環境監察結果，從而分析在沙洲以東海泥卸置設施CMP V的卸置作業有否對鄰近水體環境及利用這水體為棲身地的海洋生物造成不可接受的環境影響。

*沙洲以東海泥卸置設施 (ESC CMPs) 之水質監察*

*水層質量監察 - 2019年1月至3月*

監察結果顯示上游及下游監測站的鹽度、酸鹼值及溶解氧含量均符合海水水質指標。上游及下游監測站的溶解氧含量、混濁度及懸浮固體含量符合行動及極限水平。總體而言，水層質量監察結果表明報告期內沙洲以東海泥卸置設施CMP Vd的污泥卸置活動沒有引致任何不可接受的水質影響。

*例行水質監察 - 2019年1月和2月*

2019年1月和2月的例行水質監察結果顯示受影響監測站、中距離監測站及參考監測站的溶解氧含量、鹽度及酸鹼值均符合海水水質指標。所有監測站的溶解氧含量、混濁度及懸浮固體含量也符合行動及極限水平。從監察數據和統計結果顯示，海水的污染物濃度沒有因越接近泥坑而趨向增加，亦沒有隨著時間而增加。總體而言，沒有證據顯示在報告期內沙洲以東海泥卸置運作對周邊水體環境產生任何不可接受的水質影響。

*沙洲以東海泥卸置設施 (ESC CMPs) 之沉積物監察*

*指定污泥坑沉積物化學監察 - 2019年1月至3月*

監察結果顯示，大部分監測站的無機污染物含量均大致低於化學物質低量值。從統計結果顯示，沉積物的污染物濃度沒有因越接近泥坑而趨向增加，亦沒有隨著時間而增加。總體而言，沒有證據顯示在報告期內沙洲以東海泥卸置運作對沉積物質素造成任何不可接受的影響。

*沉積物化學累積性影響監察 - 2019年2月*

監察結果顯示，所有監測站的無機污染物含量均大致低於化學物質低量值。從統計結果顯示，沉積物的污染物濃度沒有因越接近泥坑而趨向增加，亦沒有隨著時間而增加。總體而言，沒有證據顯示在報告期內沙洲以東海泥卸置運作對沉積物質素造成任何不可接受的影響。

## 沙洲以東污泥坑之沉積物毒性測試 - 2019年2月

從統計結果顯示，所有已測試的海洋底棲生物在受影響監測站及參考監測站的沉積物毒性測試沒有明顯分別。總體而言，沒有證據顯示在報告期內沙洲以東海泥卸置運作對沉積物毒性造成任何不可接受的影響。

## 沙洲以東污泥坑之底棲漁業資源監察

監察結果顯示，2019年1月和2月的底棲漁業資源在受影響監測站普遍錄得較低的品種數量。而在2019年1月及2月受影響監測站ESC-INA及ESC-INB的生物量、生物重量、單位努力漁獲量及單位努力生產量均錄得較低的數值。



# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1.1 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 South of The Brothers (SB) and to the East of Sha Chau (ESC) for the disposal of contaminated sediment, and 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. Two Environmental Permits (EPs), EP-312/2008/A and EP-427/2011/A, were issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to the CEDD, the Permit Holder, on 28 November 2008 and 23 December 2011 for the Dredging, Management and Capping of Contaminated Sediment Disposal Facilities at ESC CMP V and SB CMPs, respectively.

1.1.2 Under the requirements of the two EPs for ESC CMP V and SB CMPs, Environmental Monitoring and Audit (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 and SB. 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 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>. The current programme will assess the impacts resulting from dredging, disposal and capping operations of CMP V as well as capping operations of SB CMPs.

1.1.3 The present EM&A programme under *Agreement No. CE 63/2016 (EP)* (“the Study”) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V as well as the capping operations of the SB CMPs (see *Annex A* for the EM&A programme). The scheduled EM&A programme for SB CMPs was completed in December 2018.

## 1.2 ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

1.2.1 Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V and SB CMPs is shown in *Figure 1.1*. During the reporting period of January to March 2019, the following works were being undertaken at the CMPs:

- Disposal of contaminated mud at ESC CMP Vd

(1) ERM (2013). Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit V at East of Sha Chau. Final Report. For CEDD.

(2) ERM (2017). Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit V at East of Sha Chau (2012 - 2017). Final Report. For CEDD.



- 6) To assess the impact of a major storm (Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above) on the containment of any uncapped or partially capped pits.
- 7) To design and continually review the operation and monitoring programme and:
  - a. to make recommendations for changes to the operation that will rectify any unacceptable environmental impacts; and
  - b. to make recommendations for changes to the monitoring programme that will improve the ability to cost effectively detect environmental changes caused by the disposal activities.
- 8) To establish numerical decision criteria for defining impacts for each monitoring component.
- 9) To provide supervision on the field works and laboratory works to be carried out by contractors/laboratories.

1.3.2 The purpose of this *Quarterly EM&A Report for January to March 2019* is to provide information regarding the findings in the quarterly reporting period of January to March 2019 on the environmental impacts resulting from backfilling operation at ESC CMP Vd. Although the EM&A programme has been conducted since 1997, this report presents the analytical and statistical results of the quarterly reporting period. Results from previous monitoring will be presented and discussed in the Annual Review Report. Readers are referred to the *Monthly EM&A Reports* for this Study for graphical and tabular presentations of the monitoring results.

1.3.3 The objectives of this report are to:

- Confirm that all activities, tests, analyses, assessments etc. have been carried out as stated in the *EM&A Manual*; and,
- Report on any trend resulting from dredging, backfilling and capping operations at the CMPs.

## 2 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING & AUDITING PROGRAMME

### 2.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING & AUDITING TASKS

2.1.1 Six key elements were designed for the EM&A Programme for assessing whether key environmental parameters are being affected by dredging, backfilling and capping operations at the CMPs. Key tasks are as follows:

- Sediment Quality Monitoring;
- Sediment Toxicity Testing;
- Trawling & Tissue/ Whole Body Contaminant Testing;
- Water Quality Monitoring;
- Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment; and
- Benthic Recolonisation.

### 2.2 EM&A SAMPLING AND ANALYSES

2.2.1 Details regarding the methodologies for the field sampling and laboratory analyses of the monitoring tasks listed in *Section 2.1* are presented in the *EM&A Manual* <sup>(1)</sup> as well as in *Contract No. CV/2017/04 (Sediment Disposal Facilities to the East of Sha Chau and East of Tung Lung Chau – Sampling (2018-2022))* and *Contract No. CV/2017/05 (Sediment Disposal Facilities to the East of Sha Chau and East of Tung Lung Chau – Testing (2018-2022))*. Lam Geotechnics Limited and Wellab Limited were responsible for sampling under *Contract No. CV/2017/04* and laboratory analyses under *Contract No. CV/2017/05*, respectively, during the quarterly period.

(1) ERM (2017). Updated EM&A Manual for ESC CMP V. Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Disposal Facility to the East of Sha Chau (2017-2020) - Investigation. Agreement No. CE 63/2016 (EP).

### 3 MONITORING & AUDITING RESULTS

#### 3.1 OVERVIEW OF THE MONITORING & AUDITING ACTIVITIES

##### 3.1.1 Sampling & Laboratory Analysis

3.1.2 Schedules of the EM&A programme are presented in *Annex A*. The samplings, *in-situ* measurements and analyses of samples were conducted in accordance with the *EM&A Manual* during this reporting period. The samplings conducted as well as the monitoring results received from the Contractors for this reporting period are shown in *Table 3.1*.

**Table 3.1** *Samplings Conducted and Monitoring Results Received from the Contractors for the Reporting Period of January to March 2019*

| Key Task  | Date of Sampling & <i>in-situ</i> Measurement | Date of Results Received from the Contractors |
|---|---|---|
| <b>ESC CMPs</b>   |   |   |
| <i>Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP</i>                | 4 January 2019                                | 12 February 2019                              |
| <i>Vd</i>   | 14 February 2019                              | 6 March 2019                                  |
|   | 5 March 2019                                  | 25 March 2019                                 |
| <i>Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs</i>     | 9 January 2019                                | 12 February 2019                              |
|   | 19 February 2019                              | 6 March 2019                                  |
| <i>Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd</i>    | 3 January 2019                                | 12 February 2019                              |
|   | 11 February 2019                              | 6 March 2019                                  |
|   | 4 March 2019                                  | 25 March 2019                                 |
| <i>Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs</i> | 12 & 13 February 2019                         | 6 March 2019                                  |
| <i>Sediment Toxicity Test of ESC CMPs</i>               | 12 & 13 February 2019                         | 25 March 2019                                 |
| <i>Demersal Trawling of ESC CMPs</i>                    | 7 & 8 January 2019                            | 6 March 2019                                  |
|   | 20 & 21 February 2019                         | 10 April 2019                                 |

3.1.3 The monitoring results of the above environmental monitoring components for ESC CMPs have been presented in the respective *Monthly EM&A Reports* for this Study. The statistical analyses of these environmental monitoring components, where applicable, are presented in the following sections to report any trends caused by disposal activities at ESC CMPs during the reporting period. It should be noted that statistical analysis was not conducted for *Water Column Profiling for ESC CMP Vd* as the monitoring stations were mobile depending on the location of backfilling operation during the monitoring event.

## 3.2 SUMMARY OF MONITORING RESULTS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSES FOR ESC CMPS

### 3.2.1 Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vd

3.2.2 Water Column Profiling for ESC CMP Vd was conducted once every month from January to March 2019 as presented in *Table 3.1*. A total of two (2) stations were sampled, one located 100 m Upstream and one located 100 m Downstream of the disposal area. The monitoring results indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and Dissolved Oxygen (DO) complied with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) at both Upstream and Downstream stations in January, February and March 2019. Levels of DO, Turbidity and Suspended Solids (SS) also complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations during the quarterly period.

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

### 3.2.4 Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPS

#### *Background*

3.2.5 Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMPS was conducted in January and February 2019 as presented in *Table 3.1*. A total of ten (10) and sixteen (16) stations were sampled in January and February 2019 respectively, and locations of the monitoring stations are presented in *Figures 3.1* and *3.2*. The disposal volume during the reporting period is detailed in *Annex B*. The monitoring results showed that levels of DO, Salinity and pH complied with the WQOs and the levels of DO, Turbidity and SS also complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations in January and February 2019.

#### *Summary of Statistical Analyses*

3.2.6 The aim of the statistical analysis is to reveal any trends of increasing concentration of contaminants with proximity to the pit or with time. Data obtained during this reporting period were statistically compared with data obtained since monitoring began at CMP V in February 2012. For most parameters, only low concentrations were measured from February 2012 to February 2019 and some parameters have majority of their recorded values below the limit of reporting. Statistical analysis was performed on parameters for which at least 60% of data were above the limit of reporting since monitoring of CMP V began in February 2012. Spatio-temporal differences in *in-situ* parameters, dissolved metal, inorganic and organic contaminant contents were then tested by three-factor partially-nested Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). Area, Period and Station were treated as fixed factors under investigation with Station nested within Area.

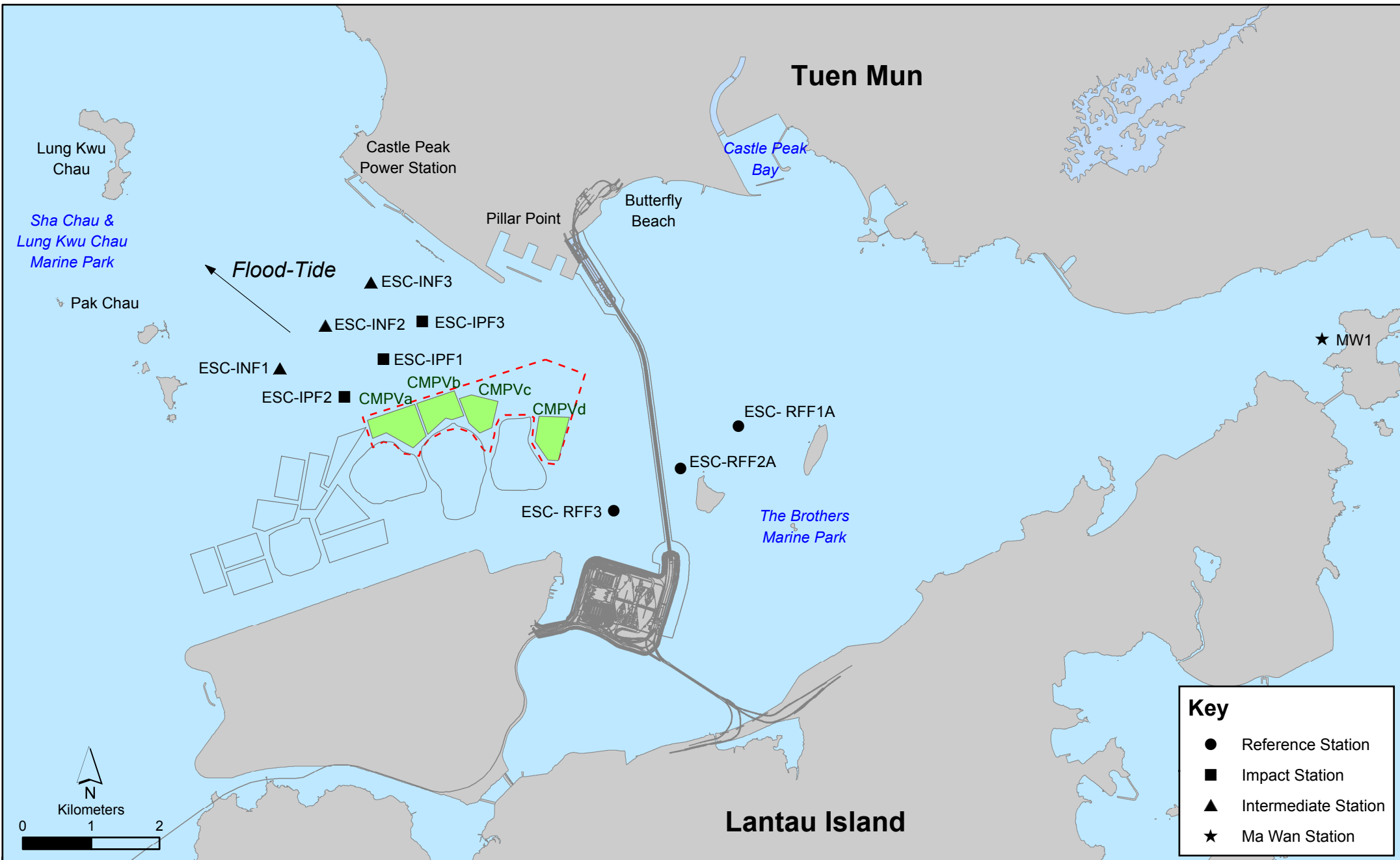


Figure 3.1

Routine & Capping Water Quality Sampling Stations (Flood-Tide) for ESC CMPs

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| Key |                      |
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| ●   | Reference Station    |
| ■   | Impact Station       |
| ▲   | Intermediate Station |
| ★   | Ma Wan Station       |

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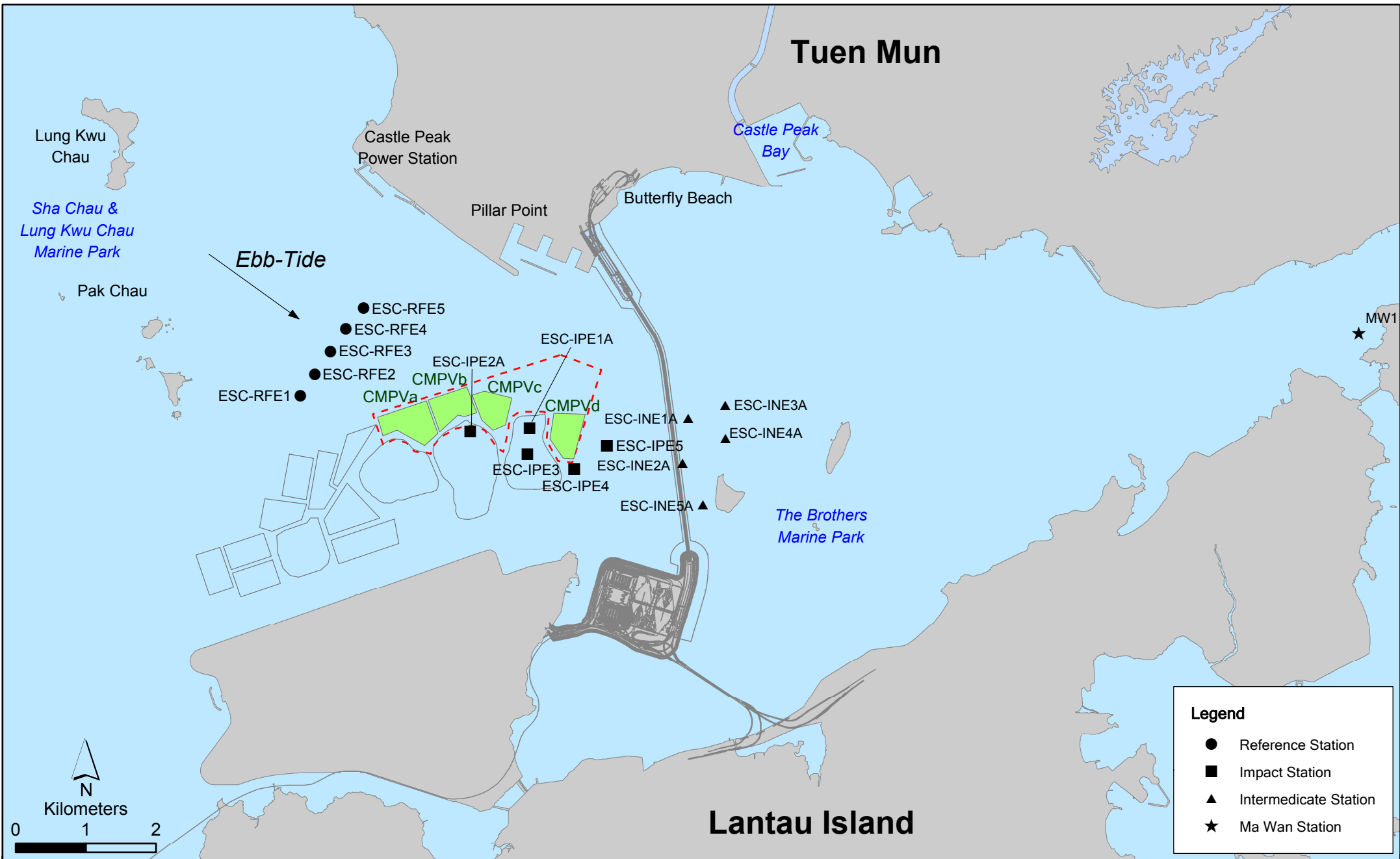


Figure 3.2

Routine & Capping Water Quality Sampling Stations (Ebb-Tide) for ESC CMPs

- 3.2.7 Should spatial or temporal trend of potential concern (i.e. increasing contaminant concentration with proximity to the pit or over time) be detected by ANOVA, linear regression analyses would be performed to examine the significance of the trend. Linear regression analysis makes assumptions of equal variance and normal distribution of data. Therefore, the significance level of the test was set at 1 % (i.e.  $p = 0.01$ ) to reduce the chance of committing a Type 1 error. If a significant regression relationship was found between contaminant concentration and time (i.e.  $p < 0.01$ ),  $r^2$  value from the analysis would be further assessed. This value represents the proportion of the total variation in the dependent variable (i.e. contaminant concentration) that is accounted for by the fitted regression line and is referred to as the coefficient of determination. An  $r^2$  value of 1 indicates a perfect relationship (or fit) whereas a value of 0 indicates that there is no relationship (or no fit) between the dependent and independent variables.
- 3.2.8 As there are no specific criteria to indicate how meaningful an  $r^2$  value is, for the purposes of this EM&A programme a value of 0.60 was adopted to indicate a meaningful regression. If  $r^2 < 0.60$  then it was considered that there was a weak relationship between contaminant concentration and time or proximity to the pit, or none at all. If the regression analysis indicated  $r^2 > 0.60$  then it had been interpreted that there was in fact a strong relationship between the dependent and independent variables (i.e. a strong temporal trend of increasing contaminant concentration with time or strong spatial trend of increasing contaminant concentration with proximity to the pit). Details regarding the statistical analyses results are presented in *Annex C*.

#### *In-situ Measurement*

##### *Dissolved Oxygen (DO)*

- 3.2.9 DO levels varied significantly with sampling periods and areas. There was no consistent spatial trend of decreasing concentrations of DO with proximity to the pit or consistent temporal trend of decreasing concentrations of DO over time. DO levels were significantly higher in February 2017 and were the lowest in July 2013, August 2016, July 2017 and August 2018. DO levels were significantly higher at Intermediate stations than at other stations.

##### *Turbidity*

- 3.2.10 Turbidity levels varied significantly with sampling periods and areas. There was no consistent spatial trend of increasing concentrations of Turbidity with proximity to the pit or consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of Turbidity over time. Turbidity levels were significantly higher in November 2017 than in other sampling periods. Ma Wan station had the significantly lowest Turbidity than at other stations.

### Metals and Metalloid

- 3.2.11 The majority of dissolved metals had high percentage of their values below the limit of reporting (i.e. > 60% of values were below the limit of reporting during February 2012 to February 2019). Copper, Nickel and Zinc were the exceptions, and all varied significantly over area and time as indicated by results of the ANOVA tests (*Annex C*), but without any consistent spatial or temporal trends. The concentration of Copper was significantly higher in August 2013 when compared to all other sampling periods. The concentration of Nickel was significantly higher in April 2012 and August 2013. The concentration of Zinc was significantly higher in November 2017 when compared to all other sampling periods. Concentrations of Copper and Zinc were significantly lower at Intermediate stations than at other stations while concentrations of Nickel were significantly higher at Reference stations than other stations.

### Inorganic Contaminants

#### *Ammonia Nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N)*

- 3.2.12 NH<sub>3</sub>-N concentrations varied significantly with sampling periods and areas. There was no consistent spatial trend of increasing concentrations of NH<sub>3</sub>-N with proximity to the pit or consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of NH<sub>3</sub>-N over time. Concentrations of NH<sub>3</sub>-N were significantly higher in April 2012. Concentrations of NH<sub>3</sub>-N were significantly lower at Intermediate stations than at other stations.

#### *Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN)*

- 3.2.13 TIN concentrations varied significantly with sampling periods and stations. There was no consistent spatial trend of increasing concentrations of TIN with proximity to the pit or consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of TIN over time. Concentrations of TIN were significantly higher in April 2012 and May 2018. Concentrations of TIN were significantly lower at Ma Wan station than at other stations.

#### *5-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>)*

- 3.2.14 Levels of BOD<sub>5</sub> varied significantly with sampling area and periods. There was no consistent spatial trend of increasing concentrations of BOD<sub>5</sub> with proximity to the pit or consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of BOD<sub>5</sub> over time. Levels of BOD<sub>5</sub> were significantly higher in August 2016. Levels of BOD<sub>5</sub> were significantly lower at the Impact and Intermediate stations than at other stations.

### *Suspended Solids (SS)*

- 3.2.15 SS levels varied significantly with sampling areas and periods. There was no consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of SS over time. SS levels were significantly higher in November 2017. SS levels were significantly higher at Impact stations, then at Intermediate stations and in turn higher than at Reference stations. Subsequent regression analysis between SS levels and proximity to the pit (i.e. Area) indicated that there was significant spatial trend of increasing SS level with proximity to the pit ( $p < 0.01$ ), but there was a weak relationship between SS level and proximity to the pit ( $r^2 < 0.60$ ).
- 3.2.16 Overall, results of statistical analyses for the water quality data did not appear to provide any evidence of unacceptable water quality impacts caused by the mud disposal operations at CMP Vd of the ESC area.

### 3.2.17 *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd*

#### *Background*

3.2.18 *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd* was conducted once every month from January to March 2019 as presented in *Table 3.1*. A total of six (6) monitoring stations for ESC CMP Vd were sampled in each monitoring event and the monitoring locations are shown in *Figure 3.3*. The monitoring results showed that the concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were below the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) at Pit-Edge and Near-Pit stations from January to March 2019, whilst the concentrations of some inorganic contaminants (e.g. Arsenic, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Silver and Zinc) were higher than LCEL / Upper Chemical Exceedance Level (UCEL) at Active Pit stations from January to March 2019.

#### *Summary of Statistical Analyses*

3.2.19 Statistical analyses were performed for data obtained from *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd* since March 2016. Statistical tests were run to examine the difference in contaminant concentrations amongst Active-Pit, Pit-Edge and Near-Pit stations and amongst sampling periods. ANOVA was employed as the statistical test, with Area, Period and Station as fixed factors and Station nested within Area.

3.2.20 Should spatial or temporal trend of potential concern (i.e. increasing contaminant concentration with proximity to the pit or over time) be detected by ANOVA, linear regression analyses would be performed to examine the significance of the trend. The assumptions of the linear regression analyses are discussed in *Sections 3.2.7* and *3.2.8*. Detailed results of statistical analyses are presented in *Annex C*.

#### *Metals and Metalloids*

3.2.21 There were significant spatial and temporal variations in the concentrations of all metal and metalloid contaminants (Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Nickel, Lead, Mercury, Silver and Zinc). The concentrations of all measured metals and metalloids did not appear to increase over time. The concentrations of Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, Mercury and Zinc were significantly higher at the Active Pit stations than at the Pit Edge stations than at Near Pit stations. Subsequent linear regression analysis for Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Nickel and Zinc levels and proximity to the pit (i.e. Area) indicated that there were significant spatial trends ( $p < 0.01$ ), but there was a weak relationship between Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Nickel and Zinc levels and proximity to the pit ( $r^2 < 0.60$ ).

#### *Organic Contaminants*

3.2.22 Concentrations of majority of organic contaminants were below their limits of reporting. Statistical analyses were only performed for contaminants for which 60% of data were over their limits of reporting.



3.2.23 In this reporting period, only Total Organic Carbon (TOC) concentrations were statistically analysed. Levels of TOC varied significantly with sampling area and time. It was significantly higher at the Active Pit stations than at the Pit Edge stations than at Near Pit stations. Subsequent linear regression analysis for TOC levels and proximity to the pit (i.e. Area) indicated that there were significant spatial trends ( $p < 0.01$ ), but there was a weak relationship between TOC levels and proximity to the pit ( $r^2 < 0.60$ ). There was no consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of TOC over time.

3.2.24 From the results of the above statistical analyses, there did not appear to be any significant trend of increasing sediment contaminants' concentrations with proximity to the pit or with time. Therefore, 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.

### 3.2.25 *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs*

#### *Background*

3.2.26 *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs* was conducted in February 2019 as presented in *Table 3.1*. A total of nine (9) monitoring stations were sampled and the monitoring locations are shown in *Figure 3.4*. The monitoring results showed that the concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were generally below the LCEs at all monitoring stations in February 2019, except concentrations of Arsenic were higher than the LCEL at Mid-field stations ESC-RMA and ESC-RMB and Near-field station ESC-RNA.

#### *Summary of Statistical Analysis*

3.2.27 Data obtained during this reporting period were statistically compared with previous data obtained since monitoring began for ESC CMPs in June 2016. Statistical tests were run to examine the difference in contaminant concentrations amongst Near-Field, Mid-Field, Far-Field stations. ANOVA was employed as the statistical test, with Area and Station as fixed factors and Station nested within Area.

3.2.28 Should spatial or temporal trend of potential concern (i.e. increasing contaminant concentration with proximity to the pit or over time) be detected by ANOVA, linear regression analyses would be performed to examine the significance of the trend. The assumptions of the linear regression analyses are discussed in *Sections 3.2.7* and *3.2.8*. Detailed results of statistical analyses are presented in *Annex C*.



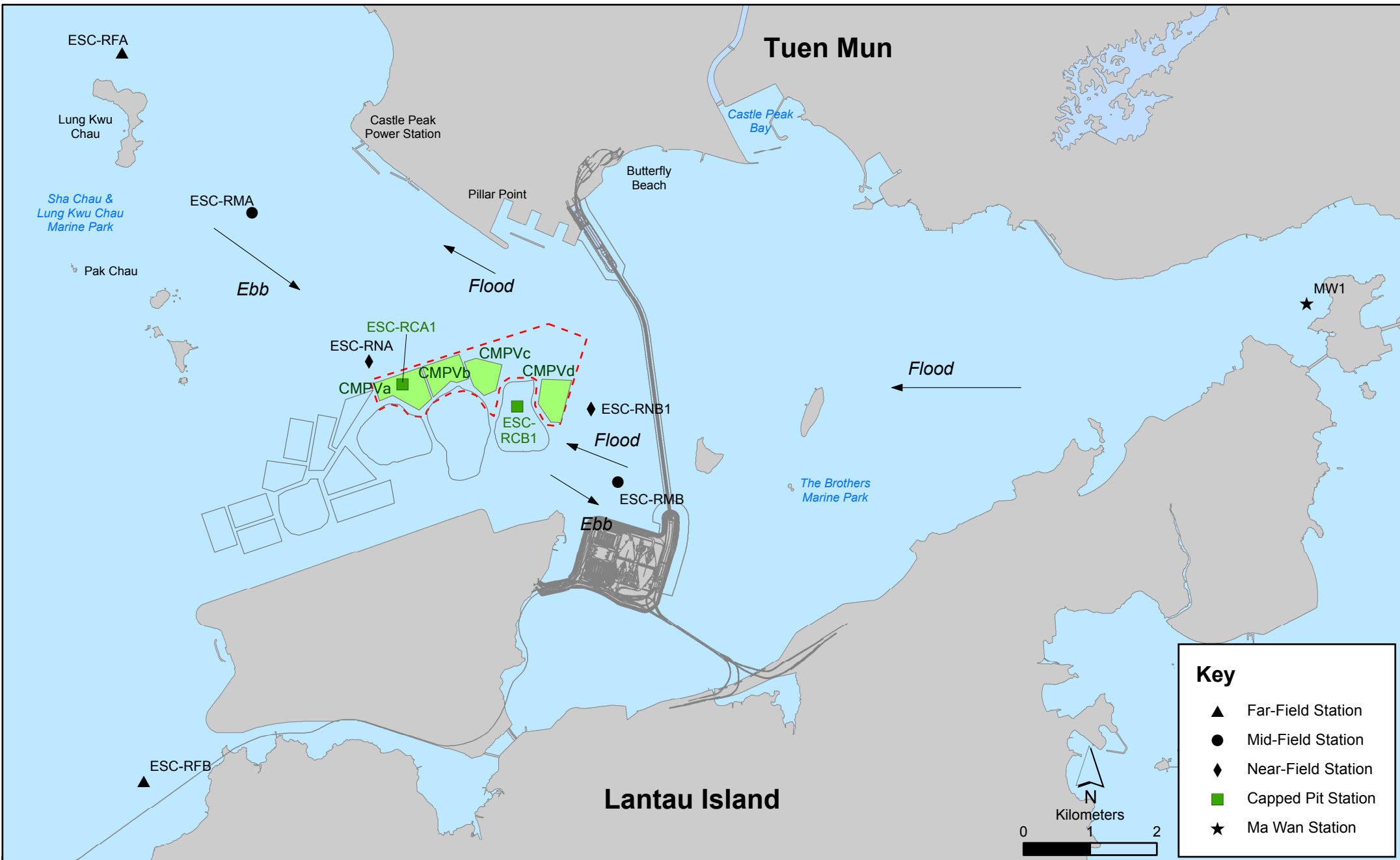


Figure 3.4

Cumulative Impacts Sediment Quality Monitoring Stations for ESC CMPs

### *Metals and Metalloid*

- 3.2.29 There were significant spatial variations in the concentrations of all metal and metalloid contaminants (Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Nickel, Lead, Mercury, Silver and Zinc), but no consistent trend (i.e. Near-Field > Mid-Field > Far-Field) was observed. In most cases, metal concentrations were significantly higher at Mid-Field or Ma Wan stations. The concentrations of all measured metals and metalloids did not appear to increase over time.

### *Organic Contaminants*

- 3.2.30 Concentrations of majority of organic contaminants were below their limits of reporting. Statistical analyses were only performed for contaminants for which 60% of data were over their limits of reporting.
- 3.2.31 In this reporting period, only TOC and Tributyltin (TBT) concentrations were statistically analysed. Levels of TOC and TBT varied significantly with sampling area and time. They were significantly higher at Ma Wan station than at other stations. There was no consistent spatial trend of increasing concentrations of TOC/TBT with proximity to the pit or consistent temporal trend of increasing concentrations of TOC/TBT over time.
- 3.2.32 From the results of the above statistical analyses, there did not appear to be any significant trend of increasing sediment contaminants' concentrations with proximity to the pit or over time. Therefore, 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 during the quarterly period.

### 3.2.33 ***Sediment Toxicity Test – February 2019***

- 3.2.34 Sediment Toxicity Tests were undertaken for sediments collected from the Impact (Near Pit), Reference and Ma Wan stations (see *Figure 3.5* for the sampling locations) in February 2019 using three international species (burrowing amphipod *Leptocheirus plumulosus*, marine benthic polychaete *Neanthes arenaceodentata* and marine bivalve *Crassostrea gigas*) and two local species (barnacles *Balanus amphitrite* and shrimp *Penaeus vannamei*).

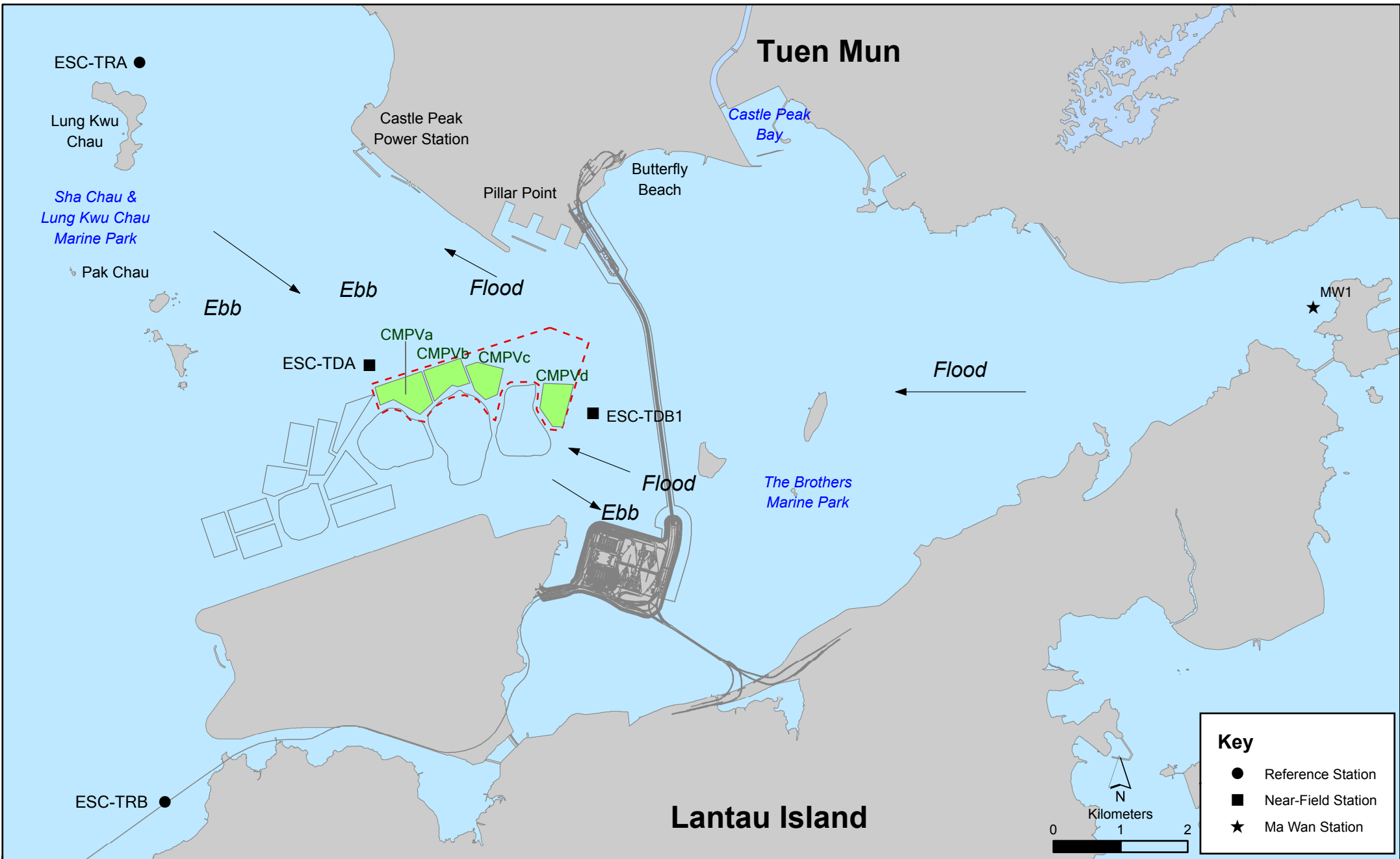


Figure 3.5

Sediment Toxicity Monitoring Stations for ESC CMPs

- 3.2.35 Appropriate statistical test, i.e. ANOVA, was applied for comparing and determining the level of significance in the results in February 2019. For all of the ANOVA techniques, initial analyses were performed to ensure that the data are independent of each other, normally distributed and homogeneous. Should the data not comply with these assumptions then the appropriate transformation would be applied to the data. Data transformation (e.g. natural logarithm of chemical concentrations, square-root of a count and arcsine square-root of a proportion or percentage) would be used to reduce the within class heterogeneity of variance. If, after transformation, the data are still non-compliant (i.e. the residual errors are not normally distributed or variances are still heterogeneous) then rank transformed data would be applied to parametric or non-parametric equivalents to ANOVA such as Kruskal-Wallis tests. When significant difference are detected then multiple comparison procedures would be used (e.g. Student Newman Keuls Test or Turkey's HSD or Dunn's Test) to isolate where the differences is occurring.
- 3.2.36 Results of the Sediment Toxicity Tests in February 2019 showed that there were no significant differences between Impact and Reference stations in the toxicity tests of all marine benthos. Therefore, there did not appear to be any evidence of unacceptable impacts to sediment toxicity due to the mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vd.
- 3.2.37 ***Demersal Trawling – January and February 2019***
- 3.2.38 Fishery resources monitoring by demersal trawling was carried out at two (2) impact and four (4) reference stations (see *Figure 3.6* for locations) in January and February 2019. Monitoring results are presented in the following sections.
- Abundance and Biomass*
- 3.2.39 The average number of species collected in the period of January and February 2019 is presented in *Table 3.2*. Mean number of faunal species caught at Impact stations was generally lower than at Reference stations in January and February 2019.
- 3.2.40 Biotic abundance, Biomass, Catch per Unit Effort (CPUE) and Yield per Unit Effort (YPUE) were lower at Impact stations ESC-INA and ESC-INB in January and February 2019 (*Table 3.3*). Annual trend and statistical analyses will be conducted in the Annual EM&A Review Report to determine whether there is any evidence of unacceptable impact to fishery resources caused by the mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vd.

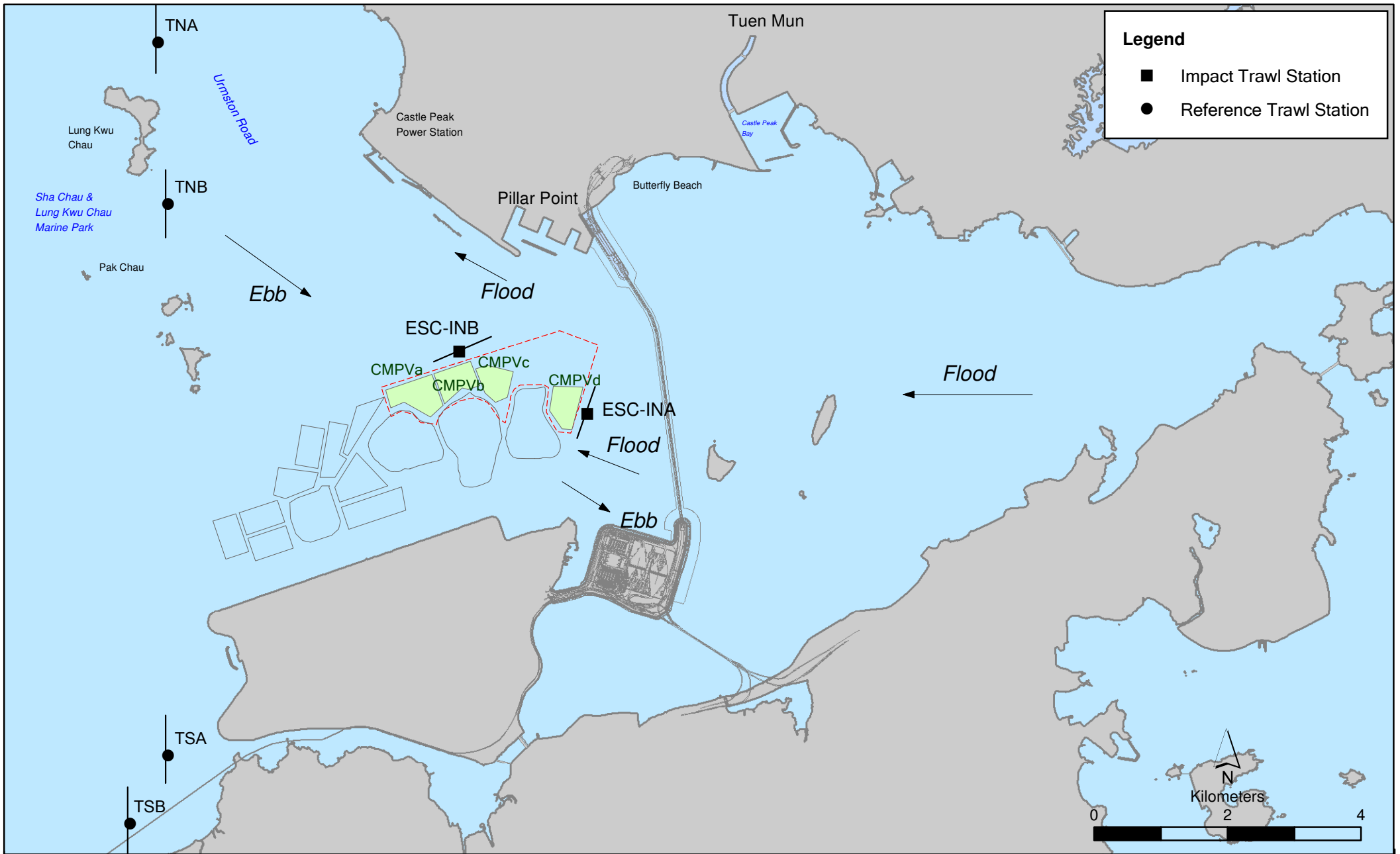


Figure 3.6

Marine Biota Monitoring Stations for CMPV

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**Table 3.2 Summary of the Mean Number of Faunal Species Caught during January and February 2019 Monitoring**

| Mean Number of Faunal Species | Impact Stations |         | Reference Stations |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|------|------|------|
|                               | ESC-INA         | ESC-INB | TNA                | TNB  | TSA  | TSB  |
| January 2019                  | 28.8            | 21.2    | 27.2               | 36.4 | 47.4 | 44.0 |
| February 2019                 | 30.8            | 27.8    | 30.2               | 41.6 | 54.8 | 48.8 |

**Table 3.3 Summary of CPUE and YPUE during January and February 2019 Monitoring**

| Date     | Stations | Stations  | No. of Individuals per Station | Total Biomass per Station (g) | Mean CPUE <sup>#1</sup> per Tow (No. / hr / net) | Mean YPUE <sup>#2</sup> per Tow (g / hr / net) |
|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Jan 2019 | ESC-INA  | Impact    | 2,658                          | 34,682                        | 532  | 6,937  |
| Jan 2019 | ESC-INB  | Impact    | 2,012                          | 22,807                        | 402  | 4,561  |
| Jan 2019 | TNA      | Reference | 2,706                          | 40,696                        | 541  | 8,139  |
| Jan 2019 | TNB      | Reference | 4,608                          | 70,967                        | 922  | 14,193   |
| Jan 2019 | TSA      | Reference | 19,176                         | 329,255                       | 3,835  | 65,851   |
| Jan 2019 | TSB      | Reference | 2,624                          | 51,454                        | 525  | 10,291   |
| Feb 2019 | ESC-INA  | Impact    | 1,280                          | 17,771                        | 256  | 3,554  |
| Feb 2019 | ESC-INB  | Impact    | 946                            | 11,211                        | 189  | 2,242  |
| Feb 2019 | TNA      | Reference | 1,680                          | 16,789                        | 336  | 3,358  |
| Feb 2019 | TNB      | Reference | 3,109                          | 46,251                        | 622  | 9,250  |
| Feb 2019 | TSA      | Reference | 2,131                          | 61,523                        | 426  | 12,305   |
| Feb 2019 | TSB      | Reference | 1,531                          | 35,316                        | 306  | 7,063  |

**Notes:**

- #1 CPUE is calculated by dividing the number of individuals with the trawling time and number of nets (in hour and number of nets)
- #2 YPUE is calculated by dividing the weight (g) of fish with trawling effort (in hour and number of nets)

4 ***FINDINGS OF THE FIELD EVENTS AND LABORATORY TESTS AND ANALYSES BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR***

4.1.1 During the reporting period, the Independent Auditor (IA) conducted an inspection of demersal trawling monitoring on 21 February 2019. Three monitoring stations were sampled, each had 5 replicate trawl with at least 6 nets. The samples were then sorted on site and non-target species were released to the sea after sorting. The target species were then collected for further measurement and tissue / wholebody sample preparation in the laboratory. The IA was satisfied with the sample collection and confirmed that the requirements as stated in the EM&A Manual were followed.



5.1.1 The monitoring activities to be conducted in the next quarterly period of April to June 2019 for ESC CMPs include:

- *Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vd* in April, May and June 2019;
- *Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs* in April and May 2019;
- *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vd* in April, May and June 2019; and
- *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs* in June 2019.

5.1.2 The sampling schedule for ESC CMPs is presented in *Annex A*.

Annex A

## Sampling Schedule



Annex B

## Disposal Records

## Annex B Disposal Record at ESC CMP Vd

| Date        | Daily Disposal Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Accumulative Disposal Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1-Jan-2019  | 0                                       | 1,260,842                                      |
| 2-Jan-2019  | 500                                     | 1,261,342                                      |
| 3-Jan-2019  | 500                                     | 1,261,842                                      |
| 4-Jan-2019  | 500                                     | 1,262,342                                      |
| 5-Jan-2019  | 1,000                                   | 1,263,342                                      |
| 6-Jan-2019  | 0                                       | 1,263,342                                      |
| 7-Jan-2019  | 1,134                                   | 1,264,476                                      |
| 8-Jan-2019  | 1,000                                   | 1,265,476                                      |
| 9-Jan-2019  | 500                                     | 1,265,976                                      |
| 10-Jan-2019 | 1,000                                   | 1,266,976                                      |
| 11-Jan-2019 | 1,130                                   | 1,268,106                                      |
| 12-Jan-2019 | 1,000                                   | 1,269,106                                      |
| 13-Jan-2019 | 0                                       | 1,269,106                                      |
| 14-Jan-2019 | 852                                     | 1,269,958                                      |
| 15-Jan-2019 | 1,000                                   | 1,270,958                                      |
| 16-Jan-2019 | 500                                     | 1,271,458                                      |
| 17-Jan-2019 | 2,040                                   | 1,273,498                                      |
| 18-Jan-2019 | 1,863                                   | 1,275,361                                      |
| 19-Jan-2019 | 1,716                                   | 1,277,077                                      |
| 20-Jan-2019 | 521                                     | 1,277,598                                      |
| 21-Jan-2019 | 620                                     | 1,278,218                                      |
| 22-Jan-2019 | 664                                     | 1,278,882                                      |
| 23-Jan-2019 | 1,700                                   | 1,280,582                                      |
| 24-Jan-2019 | 2,200                                   | 1,282,782                                      |
| 25-Jan-2019 | 1,100                                   | 1,283,882                                      |
| 26-Jan-2019 | 1,600                                   | 1,285,482                                      |
| 27-Jan-2019 | 0                                       | 1,285,482                                      |
| 28-Jan-2019 | 1,100                                   | 1,286,582                                      |
| 29-Jan-2019 | 1,400                                   | 1,287,982                                      |
| 30-Jan-2019 | 500                                     | 1,288,482                                      |
| 31-Jan-2019 | 1,000                                   | 1,289,482                                      |
| 1-Feb-2019  | 500                                     | 1,289,982                                      |
| 2-Feb-2019  | 500                                     | 1,290,482                                      |
| 3-Feb-2019  | 0                                       | 1,290,482                                      |
| 4-Feb-2019  | 0                                       | 1,290,482                                      |
| 5-Feb-2019  | 0                                       | 1,290,482                                      |
| 6-Feb-2019  | 0                                       | 1,290,482                                      |
| 7-Feb-2019  | 0                                       | 1,290,482                                      |
| 8-Feb-2019  | 0                                       | 1,290,482                                      |
| 9-Feb-2019  | 1,500                                   | 1,291,982                                      |
| 10-Feb-2019 | 3,000                                   | 1,294,982                                      |
| 11-Feb-2019 | 3,200                                   | 1,298,182                                      |
| 12-Feb-2019 | 4,600                                   | 1,302,782                                      |
| 13-Feb-2019 | 4,600                                   | 1,307,382                                      |
| 14-Feb-2019 | 3,000                                   | 1,310,382                                      |
| 15-Feb-2019 | 2,000                                   | 1,312,382                                      |

## Annex B Disposal Record at ESC CMP Vd

| Date        | Daily Disposal Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Accumulative Disposal Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-------------|---|--|
| 16-Feb-2019 | 1,644                                   | 1,314,026                                      |
| 17-Feb-2019 | 500                                     | 1,314,526                                      |
| 18-Feb-2019 | 600                                     | 1,315,126                                      |
| 19-Feb-2019 | 600                                     | 1,315,726                                      |
| 20-Feb-2019 | 600                                     | 1,316,326                                      |
| 21-Feb-2019 | 1,108                                   | 1,317,434                                      |
| 22-Feb-2019 | 2,247                                   | 1,319,681                                      |
| 23-Feb-2019 | 1,100                                   | 1,320,781                                      |
| 24-Feb-2019 | 0                                       | 1,320,781                                      |
| 25-Feb-2019 | 1,062                                   | 1,321,843                                      |
| 26-Feb-2019 | 2,200                                   | 1,324,043                                      |
| 27-Feb-2019 | 2,089                                   | 1,326,132                                      |
| 28-Feb-2019 | 1,600                                   | 1,327,732                                      |
| 1-Mar-2019  | 1,600                                   | 1,329,332                                      |
| 2-Mar-2019  | 1,000                                   | 1,330,332                                      |
| 3-Mar-2019  | 500                                     | 1,330,832                                      |
| 4-Mar-2019  | 1,100                                   | 1,331,932                                      |
| 5-Mar-2019  | 1,684                                   | 1,333,616                                      |
| 6-Mar-2019  | 1,835                                   | 1,335,451                                      |
| 7-Mar-2019  | 500                                     | 1,335,951                                      |
| 8-Mar-2019  | 1,713                                   | 1,337,664                                      |
| 9-Mar-2019  | 2,336                                   | 1,340,000                                      |
| 10-Mar-2019 | 709                                     | 1,340,709                                      |
| 11-Mar-2019 | 1,741                                   | 1,342,450                                      |
| 12-Mar-2019 | 2,052                                   | 1,344,502                                      |
| 13-Mar-2019 | 3,568                                   | 1,348,070                                      |
| 14-Mar-2019 | 2,199                                   | 1,350,269                                      |
| 15-Mar-2019 | 3,348                                   | 1,353,617                                      |
| 16-Mar-2019 | 4,154                                   | 1,357,771                                      |
| 17-Mar-2019 | 0                                       | 1,357,771                                      |
| 18-Mar-2019 | 2,793                                   | 1,360,564                                      |
| 19-Mar-2019 | 3,457                                   | 1,364,021                                      |
| 20-Mar-2019 | 1,852                                   | 1,365,873                                      |
| 21-Mar-2019 | 5,458                                   | 1,371,331                                      |
| 22-Mar-2019 | 1,823                                   | 1,373,154                                      |
| 23-Mar-2019 | 1,537                                   | 1,374,691                                      |
| 24-Mar-2019 | 625                                     | 1,375,316                                      |
| 25-Mar-2019 | 1,231                                   | 1,376,547                                      |
| 26-Mar-2019 | 1,232                                   | 1,377,779                                      |
| 27-Mar-2019 | 1,227                                   | 1,379,006                                      |
| 28-Mar-2019 | 3,502                                   | 1,382,508                                      |
| 29-Mar-2019 | 2,465                                   | 1,384,973                                      |
| 30-Mar-2019 | 641                                     | 1,385,614                                      |
| 31-Mar-2019 | 0                                       | 1,385,614                                      |

Annex C

## Statistical Analysis



**Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMPs – Analysis of Variance and Linear Regression Analysis up to February 2019**

**Dissolved Oxygen**

| Source        | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F        | Sig. |
|---------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------|------|
| Area          | 1138221.485             | 3    | 379407.162   | 11.588   | **   |
| Period        | 1200041642.857          | 36   | 33334490.079 | 1018.076 | **   |
| Area * Period | 64468584.942            | 108  | 596931.342   | 18.231   | **   |
| Error         | 87422864.099            | 2670 | 32742.646    |          |      |
| Total         | 7463313199.500          | 2818 |              |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Feb 17 ≥ Feb 13 ≥ Apr 16 = Jan 17 > Feb 18 = Jan 13 > Jan 18 ≥ Feb 12 ≥ **Feb 19** = Nov 18 > **Jan 19** > Apr 13 = Apr 17 > Apr 18 = Nov 16 > Nov 17 > Apr 12 = May 13 ≥ Nov 12 ≥ May 16 = May 18 ≥ Oct 16 = Oct 12 > Jul 12 ≥ May 17 = Jul 18 = May 12 > = Aug 17 = Jul 16 = Oct 18 = Oct 17 > Aug 12 > Aug 13 ≥ Aug 18 = Jul 17 = Aug 16 = Jul 13
- Intermediate > Impact > Reference > Ma Wan Station

**Turbidity**

| Source        | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|---------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Area          | 53090692.256            | 3    | 17696897.419 | 103.150 | **   |
| Period        | 758786374.081           | 36   | 21077399.280 | 122.854 | **   |
| Area * Period | 189540845.017           | 108  | 1755007.824  | 10.229  | **   |
| Error         | 458075929.238           | 2670 | 171564.018   |         |      |
| Total         | 7463244271.000          | 2818 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Nov 17 > Oct 17 = Aug 13 ≥ **Jan 19** > Apr 17 ≥ Aug 18 = Apr 12 = Aug 12 = Nov 18 = Nov 16 ≥ Oct 16 ≥ Jul 18 = Nov 12 ≥ Jul 16 ≥ Jul 17 = May 16 = Oct 18 ≥ Apr 13 = Feb 12 ≥ Apr 16 ≥ Jan 17 = May 18 = Oct 12 ≥ Jul 12 ≥ Jan 18 = Aug 17 = Aug 16 ≥ Feb 13 ≥ Feb 18 = May 12 = Jan 13 = **Feb 19** = Apr 18 ≥ Jul 13 = May 17 = May 13 > Feb 17
- Impact = Reference > Intermediate > Ma Wan Station

## Copper

| Source        | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|---------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period        | 2422750229.391          | 35   | 69221435.125 | 747.855 | **   |
| Area          | 18525626.697            | 3    | 6175208.899  | 66.716  | **   |
| Station(Area) | 33951607.791            | 24   | 1414650.325  | 15.284  | **   |
| Period * Area | 401386524.606           | 102  | 3935162.006  | 42.515  | **   |
| Period *      | 503498648.471           | 300  | 1678328.828  | 18.132  | **   |
| Station(Area) |                         |      |              |         |      |
| Error         | 305818043.438           | 3304 | 92559.941    |         |      |
| Total         | 17914332424.500         | 3776 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Aug 13 > May 18 > Feb 12 > Nov 18 = Jul 18 > Jul 13 = Apr 12 > **Feb 19** = Oct 18 = Aug 18 = Jan 13 > **Jan 19** = May 16 = Apr 13 = Apr 18 = Nov 12 > Apr 17 > May 12 > Apr 16 = Oct 12 > Jul 16 = May 13 = Jan 18 > Aug 16 = May 17 > Aug 12 ≥ Jul 12 ≥ Nov 17 = Feb 13 > Feb 18 ≥ Aug 17 = Oct 17 > Oct 16 = Jan 17 = Jul 17 ≥ Feb 17 = Nov 16
- Ma Wan Station > Reference > Impact > Intermediate

## Nickel

| Source        | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|---------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period        | 2400877385.182          | 35   | 68596496.719 | 445.767 | **   |
| Area          | 29019607.178            | 3    | 9673202.393  | 62.860  | **   |
| Station(Area) | 71898465.649            | 24   | 2995769.402  | 19.468  | **   |
| Period * Area | 440007387.997           | 102  | 4313797.922  | 28.033  | **   |
| Period *      | 301814432.493           | 300  | 1006048.108  | 6.538   | **   |
| Station(Area) |                         |      |              |         |      |
| Error         | 508432876.875           | 3304 | 153884.043   |         |      |
| Total         | 17879901583.000         | 3776 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Apr 12 = Aug 13 > May 13 > May 12 ≥ Aug 16 = Apr 13 = Jul 13 = Jan 13 = Oct 12 > Feb 12 = Aug 12 = Nov 12 > Jul 17 = Apr 18 = Jul 12 > Feb 17 = Aug 17 ≥ Apr 17 = Feb 18 = May 18 = Nov 18 = Jul 18 > Jan 18 = Oct 18 = Aug 18 = Feb 13 > Oct 17 > May 17 ≥ Oct 16 = Jul 16 = Nov 17 > Jan 17 > Apr 16 ≥ **Jan 19** = Nov 16 = **Feb 19** = May 16
- Reference > Impact ≥ Ma Wan Station = Intermediate

## Zinc

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 2824255356.842          | 35   | 80693010.195 | 709.803 | **   |
| Area                   | 50576802.974            | 3    | 16858934.325 | 148.297 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 59040748.044            | 24   | 2460031.168  | 21.639  | **   |
| Period * Area          | 293472753.267           | 102  | 2877183.856  | 25.309  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 475012904.615           | 300  | 1583376.349  | 13.928  | **   |
| Error                  | 375610767.688           | 3304 | 113683.646   |         |      |
| Total                  | 17952156673.000         | 3776 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Nov 17 > Jul 17 ≥ Oct 17 ≥ Feb 17 ≥ Apr 17 = Aug 17 = Feb 18 = Jan 18 = May 17 = Nov 18 = Jul 18 > Apr 18 > May 18 > Apr 12 > Feb 12 = Aug 13 > Oct 18 = Aug 18 ≥ Jul 12 = Nov 12 > Jul 13 ≥ **Feb 19** = May 16 = May 12 = **Jan 19** > Jan 17 = Jan 13 = Apr 13 = Oct 16 = Apr 16 = Oct 12 > Jul 16 = Nov 16 > May 13 = Aug 12 > Aug 16 > Feb 13
- Ma Wan Station > Reference > Impact > Intermediate

## Ammonia Nitrogen

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 3095581433.787          | 35   | 88445183.822 | 760.190 | **   |
| Area                   | 6159717.952             | 3    | 2053239.317  | 17.648  | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 19230823.406            | 24   | 801284.309   | 6.887   | **   |
| Period * Area          | 154435137.783           | 102  | 1514069.978  | 13.013  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 150797128.902           | 300  | 502657.096   | 4.320   | **   |
| Error                  | 384407900.687           | 3304 | 116346.217   |         |      |
| Total                  | 17944746796.000         | 3776 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Apr 12 > Apr 13 = Apr 16 > May 13 = **Feb 19** = Jan 18 = Apr 17 > Feb 17 = May 17 ≥ Feb 12 = Apr 18 > Feb 18 = May 16 ≥ Jan 13 ≥ Jan 17 = Nov 17 = Jul 16 > Jul 18 = May 18 > Oct 17 = **Jan 19** > Jul 13 = Nov 16 > Aug 16 = Aug 12 > Aug 17 = May 12 > Jul 17 = Oct 16 = Aug 18 > Oct 12 = Oct 18 = Aug 13 > Nov 12 > Jul 12 = Feb 13 > Nov 18
- Reference = Ma Wan Station > Impact > Intermediate

**Total Inorganic Nitrogen**

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | Df   | Mean Square  | F        | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------|------|
| Period                 | 2836048491.220          | 35   | 81029956.892 | 1199.903 | **   |
| Area                   | 63067150.559            | 3    | 21022383.520 | 311.302  | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 78391126.701            | 24   | 3266296.946  | 48.368   | **   |
| Period * Area          | 212044993.849           | 102  | 2078872.489  | 30.784   | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 216203274.328           | 300  | 720677.581   | 10.672   | **   |
| Error                  | 223120579.313           | 3304 | 67530.442    |          |      |
| Total                  | 17952161245.500         | 3776 |              |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Apr 12 = May 18 > Aug 13 > Apr 17 > Jul 16 = May 13 > Jul 12 > Nov 18 = Aug 17 > Jul 17 > May 12 = Aug 16 > May 17 ≥ Aug 12 = Apr 18 = Jul 18 > Jul 13 = May 16 > Aug 18 = Oct 17 > Apr 13 > Feb 17 = Apr 16 = Jan 18 > Oct 12 ≥ **Feb 19** = Feb 12 > Nov 16 > Jan 17 = Oct 18 = Oct 16 > Nov 12 = Feb 18 > **Jan 19** > Nov 17 = Jan 13 > Feb 13
- Reference > Impact > Intermediate > Ma Wan Station

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| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 1579530873.948          | 35   | 45129453.541 | 176.090 | **   |
| Area                   | 58160335.536            | 3    | 19386778.512 | 75.645  | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 39195474.298            | 24   | 1633144.762  | 6.372   | **   |
| Period * Area          | 738808985.685           | 102  | 7243225.350  | 28.262  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 608235917.377           | 300  | 2027453.058  | 7.911   | **   |
| Error                  | 846770426.500           | 3304 | 256286.449   |         |      |
| Total                  | 17938192957.500         | 3776 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Aug 16 > Nov 16 = Apr 16 > Jan 17 = May 12 > Aug 18 = Jan 13 = May 18 = Jul 17 = Nov 17 = May 17 = May 16 > Oct 18 = Apr 18 = Feb 12 = Nov 18 = Jul 18 = Feb 18 = Apr 17 = Oct 16 > **Feb 19** ≥ Oct 17 = Apr 13 ≥ Nov 12 ≥ **Jan 19** = Apr 12 = Jul 12 = Feb 13 = Oct 12 > Feb 17 ≥ May 13 = Aug 17 = Jul 16 > Aug 12 = Jan 18 > Aug 13 > Jul 13
- Reference = Ma Wan Station > Impact = Intermediate

### Suspended Solids

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F        | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------|------|
| Period                 | 2250534345.641          | 35   | 64300981.304 | 1445.876 | **   |
| Area                   | 19786688.255            | 3    | 6595562.752  | 148.308  | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 200465621.846           | 24   | 8352734.244  | 187.820  | **   |
| Period * Area          | 472297105.441           | 102  | 4630363.779  | 104.119  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 935129912.129           | 300  | 3117099.707  | 70.091   | **   |
| Error                  | 146935492.500           | 3304 | 44472.001    |          |      |
| Total                  | 17951674404.000         | 3776 |              |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant different;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Nov 17 > Jul 12 > Nov 12 > **Jan 19** > Nov 16 = Jul 16 = Oct 16 = Aug 12 > Apr 12 ≥ Apr 17 = Oct 17 ≥ May 16 = Oct 12 > Aug 13 > Jan 17 = Nov 18 = Aug 18 = Jul 18 = Apr 16 ≥ Jul 17 = Oct 18 = Apr 13 > Feb 12 > Jan 18 > Aug 16 > May 18 = Feb 13 > Feb 18 = Jan 13 = Apr 18 > Aug 17 > **Feb 19** = May 13 > Jul 13 = May 12 > May 17 > Feb 17
- Impact > Intermediate > Reference > Ma Wan Station

#### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | df | Slope  | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|--------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -0.181 | 0.104 | 0.011          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

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**Arsenic**

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | Df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 893222736.373           | 36   | 24811742.677 | 337.021 | **   |
| Area                   | 7380996.248             | 2    | 3690498.124  | 50.129  | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 137239293.031           | 3    | 45746431.010 | 621.380 | **   |
| Period * Area          | 187570292.388           | 72   | 2605142.950  | 35.386  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 143061673.577           | 107  | 1337024.987  | 18.161  | **   |
| Error                  | 178751015.334           | 2428 | 73620.682    |         |      |
| Total                  | 6199596472.000          | 2649 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Oct 17 = Jul 18 = Jun 18 = Oct 18 = Nov 18 = **Feb 19** ≥ **Jan 19** ≥ **Mar 19** = May 18 = Jul 17 = Nov 17 = Mar 18 > Sep 18 = Aug 18 ≥ Aug 16 = Sep 17 = Aug 17 ≥ Dec 18 ≥ Apr 18 = Dec 17 = Feb 18 = Jan 18 = Mar 16 > May 17 ≥ Jun 17 ≥ Jul 16 ≥ Apr 16 = Feb 17 = Apr 17 > Oct 16 = May 16 = Nov 16 > Mar 17 = Jun 16 = Jan 17 = Sep 16 > Dec 16
- Active Pit ≥ Pit Edge = Near Pit

**Cadmium**

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square   | F        | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------|----------|------|
| Period                 | 466713264.911           | 36   | 12964257.359  | 103.647  | **   |
| Area                   | 352680638.454           | 2    | 176340319.227 | 1409.809 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 31612715.767            | 3    | 10537571.922  | 84.246   | **   |
| Period * Area          | 151971772.592           | 72   | 2110719.064   | 16.875   | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 219566196.521           | 107  | 2052020.528   | 16.406   | **   |
| Error                  | 303321443.849           | 2425 | 125081.008    |          |      |
| Total                  | 6169117953.000          | 2646 |               |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Oct 18 = Jun 18 > Jun 16 = May 17 ≥ Dec 17 = Mar 18 = Jul 17 ≥ May 18 ≥ Nov 17 = Oct 17 ≥ Sep 17 = Aug 17 = Apr 16 ≥ Apr 18 ≥ May 16 ≥ Sep 16 = Nov 18 = Aug 16 = Feb 17 ≥ Jun 17 = Feb 18 = Jan 18 = Dec 16 ≥ Sep 18 ≥ Aug 18 = Mar 17 ≥ Nov 16 = Mar 16 = Apr 17 = Jan 17 = Jul 16 ≥ **Jan 19** = Feb 19 ≥ Dec 18 = **Mar 19** = Jul 18 > Oct 16
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

**Linear Regression Analysis**

| Source | Df | Slope  | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|--------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -0.049 | 0.296 | 0.087          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

## Chromium

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 506144507.336           | 36   | 14059569.648 | 101.060 | **   |
| Area                   | 90020159.701            | 2    | 45010079.851 | 323.533 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 66099037.813            | 3    | 22033012.604 | 158.374 | **   |
| Period * Area          | 300706133.753           | 72   | 4176474.080  | 30.021  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 246524320.170           | 107  | 2303965.609  | 16.561  | **   |
| Error                  | 337784329.401           | 2428 | 139120.399   |         |      |
| Total                  | 6199696542.000          | 2649 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Jul 17 > Oct 17 > Mar 16 ≥ Oct 18 = Jun 18 ≥ Nov 17 ≥ **Mar 19 ≥ Jan 19 = Feb 19** = Jul 18 = Nov 18 = Sep 17 = Aug 17 = Jun 16 = Mar 18 = Apr 16 ≥ May 18 ≥ Aug 16 ≥ Feb 18 ≥ Jan 18 ≥ Jul 16 ≥ Aug 18 ≥ Sep 18 = Dec 18 = Sep 16 = Apr 18 = Nov 16 = May 16 = Dec 16 = Feb 17 = Oct 16 > May 17 = Dec 17 = Jan 17 > Mar 17 = Jun 17 > Apr 17
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope  | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|--------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -3.160 | 0.191 | 0.036          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

## Copper

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square   | F        | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------|----------|------|
| Period                 | 265724566.162           | 36   | 7381237.949   | 80.911   | **   |
| Area                   | 518933212.588           | 2    | 259466606.294 | 2844.184 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 69618652.195            | 3    | 23206217.398  | 254.379  | **   |
| Period * Area          | 227609263.237           | 72   | 3161239.767   | 34.652   | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 248317948.423           | 107  | 2320728.490   | 25.439   | **   |
| Error                  | 221499352.996           | 2428 | 91227.081     |          |      |
| Total                  | 6199696931.500          | 2649 |               |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Nov 18 > **Mar 19** = Oct 17 ≥ Nov 17 = Mar 18 = Oct 18 = Jun 18 ≥ May 18 = Dec 17 ≥ Aug 16 ≥ **Jan 19 = Feb 19** = Feb 18 = Apr 18 = Sep 18 = Sep 17 = Aug 17 = Dec 18 = Aug 18 = Jul 18 = Sep 16 = Feb 17 = Jun 16 = Jan 18 > Apr 16 ≥ Jun 17 ≥ Mar 16 = Dec 16 ≥ May 16 ≥ May 17 = Mar 17 = Oct 16 = Jan 17 = Jul 17 = Nov 16 = Jul 16 > Apr 17
- Active Pit > Near Pit > Pit Edge

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope   | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|---------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -25.436 | 0.167 | 0.028          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

## Lead

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 384161652.292           | 36   | 10671157.008 | 69.173  | **   |
| Area                   | 158893224.634           | 2    | 79446612.317 | 514.995 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 166955601.020           | 3    | 55651867.007 | 360.751 | **   |
| Period * Area          | 215163471.342           | 72   | 2988381.546  | 19.372  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 248926473.962           | 107  | 2326415.645  | 15.080  | **   |
| Error                  | 374559383.158           | 2428 | 154266.632   |         |      |
| Total                  | 6199696655.500          | 2649 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Mar 17 > Nov 18 = **Mar 19** = Oct 18 = Jul 17 ≥ Jun 18 = Oct 17 ≥ May 17 ≥ Jul 18 ≥ **Jan 19** = **Feb 19** = Jun 17 = Sep 17 = Aug 17 ≥ May 18 = Mar 18 = Nov 17 ≥ Apr 16 ≥ Mar 16 = Dec 18 = Jan 18 = Jul 16 = Jun 16 = Aug 16 ≥ Nov 16 = Apr 17 = Aug 18 ≥ Sep 18 = Feb 18 = May 16 = Dec 17 = Apr 18 = Oct 16 = Feb 17 > Dec 16 > Sep 16 = Jan 17
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope  | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|--------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -4.485 | 0.198 | 0.039          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

## Mercury

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 926737510.573           | 36   | 25742708.627 | 222.823 | **   |
| Area                   | 48348369.475            | 2    | 24174184.737 | 209.247 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 4662196.109             | 3    | 1554065.370  | 13.452  | **   |
| Period * Area          | 143590504.943           | 72   | 1994312.569  | 17.262  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 97377380.625            | 107  | 910068.978   | 7.877   | **   |
| Error                  | 280506043.264           | 2428 | 115529.672   |         |      |
| Total                  | 6160370000.500          | 2649 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Apr 16 = Mar 16 > May 16 = Jun 16 > Sep 16 = Jul 16 = Aug 16 ≥ Oct 16 = Jun 17 = Nov 16 > Dec 16 = May 17 = May 18 = Oct 18 = Nov 17 = Jan 17 > Mar 17 = Jun 18 = Apr 17 = Feb 17 = Sep 18 = Jul 17 = Oct 17 = Jul 18 > Aug 18 ≥ Dec 17 = Sep 17 = Aug 17 = **Jan 19** = **Feb 19** = **Mar 19** = Nov 18 > Dec 18 > Mar 18 = Jan 18 = Feb 18 = Apr 18
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope  | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|--------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -0.039 | 0.125 | 0.016          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.



## Nickel

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 416238452.208           | 36   | 11562179.228 | 138.668 | **   |
| Area                   | 151808309.747           | 2    | 75904154.874 | 910.336 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 186433354.520           | 3    | 62144451.507 | 745.313 | **   |
| Period * Area          | 319535985.486           | 72   | 4437999.798  | 53.226  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 270898254.308           | 107  | 2531759.386  | 30.364  | **   |
| Error                  | 202447591.729           | 2428 | 83380.392    |         |      |
| Total                  | 6199696053.500          | 2649 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Jul 17 = Oct 17 > Jun 18 = Oct 18 = Mar 16 = May 17 = Jun 17 ≥ Nov 18 = Nov 17 ≥ **Mar 19** ≥ Sep 17 = Aug 17 = **Jan 19 = Feb 19** = Apr 16 = Jul 16 = Jul 18 = Jun 16 > Dec 18 = May 18 = Mar 18 = Jan 18 ≥ Nov 16 = Aug 18 = Sep 18 ≥ Feb 18 = May 16 ≥ Aug 16 ≥ Sep 16 = Apr 18 = Dec 17 = Dec 16 = Feb 17 = Jan 17 = Apr 17 > Mar 17 > Oct 16
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope  | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|--------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -2.098 | 0.235 | 0.055          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

## Silver

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square   | F        | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------|----------|------|
| Period                 | 195698906.941           | 36   | 5436080.748   | 51.386   | **   |
| Area                   | 529300745.959           | 2    | 264650372.980 | 2501.686 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 15036987.649            | 3    | 5012329.216   | 47.381   | **   |
| Period * Area          | 278467718.723           | 72   | 3867607.204   | 36.560   | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 265714979.230           | 107  | 2483317.563   | 23.474   | **   |
| Error                  | 256749381.162           | 2427 | 105788.785    |          |      |
| Total                  | 6190871919.500          | 2648 |               |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Dec 17 ≥ Nov 17 ≥ May 17 ≥ **Mar 19** = Apr 17 ≥ May 18 = Aug 16 = Jun 16 = Jun 18 = Oct 18 = Mar 18 = Jun 17 ≥ Mar 17 = Feb 17 = Jul 17 = Sep 16 = Oct 17 ≥ Apr 18 ≥ Nov 18 = Feb 18 = **Feb 19** = Sep 17 = Aug 17 = Jan 18 = Mar 16 = Apr 16 = Sep 18 = May 16 = Aug 18 ≥ **Jan 19** = Dec 16 = Jul 16 ≥ Nov 16 = Dec 18 = Jan 17 = Jul 18 > Oct 16
- Active Pit > Near Pit > Pit Edge

## Zinc

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F        | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------|------|
| Period                 | 524809499.995           | 36   | 14578041.667 | 174.690  | **   |
| Area                   | 194778643.344           | 2    | 97389321.672 | 1167.022 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 153029441.840           | 3    | 51009813.947 | 611.254  | **   |
| Period * Area          | 268631334.949           | 72   | 3730990.763  | 44.709   | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 203438888.334           | 107  | 1901298.022  | 22.783   | **   |
| Error                  | 202619338.814           | 2428 | 83451.128    |          |      |
| Total                  | 6199693258.500          | 2649 |              |          |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Nov 18 > Jul 17 = Oct 17 = Jun 18 = Oct 18 = **Mar 19** ≥ Nov 17 = May 18 = Mar 18 ≥ **Feb 19** ≥ Jul 18 = Apr 18 = Mar 16 = Feb 18 ≥ **Jan 19** ≥ Sep 17 = Aug 17 = Apr 16 = Jan 18 = Aug 16 = Dec 17 ≥ Jun 16 = Sep 18 = Aug 18 ≥ Dec 18 = Jul 16 > Nov 16 ≥ May 16 = Oct 16 = May 17 > Feb 17 = Dec 16 > Mar 17 = Jan 17 > Jun 17 = Sep 16 = Apr 17
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope   | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|---------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -18.386 | 0.261 | 0.068          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

## Total Organic Carbon

| Source                 | Type III Sum of Squares | Df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                 | 497936496.819           | 36   | 13831569.356 | 154.346 | **   |
| Area                   | 91032851.281            | 2    | 45516425.641 | 507.918 | **   |
| Station(Area)          | 70992991.688            | 3    | 23664330.563 | 264.070 | **   |
| Period * Area          | 316872209.136           | 72   | 4401002.905  | 49.111  | **   |
| Period * Station(Area) | 354842007.142           | 107  | 3316280.441  | 37.006  | **   |
| Error                  | 217582314.721           | 2428 | 89613.803    |         |      |
| Total                  | 6199263386.500          | 2649 |              |         |      |

Note:

1. Data are rank-transformed;
2. NS: No significant difference;
3. \*\*: Significant difference

SNK Results:

- Oct 17 = Feb 18 ≥ Jun 18 ≥ Dec 18 ≥ Apr 16 ≥ Aug 18 = Nov 18 = Jul 17 = May 18 = Mar 16 = Dec 17 = Mar 18 = Jul 18 ≥ **Feb 19** ≥ Jun 16 ≥ Aug 16 = Jul 16 = **Jan 19** = Nov 17 = **Mar 19** = Nov 16 = Jan 17 > May 17 ≥ Sep 16 = Oct 16 = Dec 16 = May 16 = Apr 18 = Sep 18 = Sep 17 = Aug 17 = Oct 18 = Jun 17 > Jan 18 > Mar 17 = Apr 17 = Feb 17
- Active Pit > Pit Edge > Near Pit

### Linear Regression Analysis

| Source | Df | Slope    | r     | r <sup>2</sup> | P  |
|--------|----|----------|-------|----------------|----|
| Area   | 1  | -870.503 | 0.229 | 0.053          | ** |

Note: Linear regression analysis on spatial changes of contaminant concentrations.

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(up to February 2019)**

**Arsenic**

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 48027531.273            | 11   | 4366139.207 | 436.352 | **   |
| Area                    | 31937662.881            | 4    | 7984415.720 | 797.963 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 1119342.351             | 4    | 279835.588  | 27.967  | **   |
| Period * Area           | 81324591.030            | 43   | 1891269.559 | 189.014 | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 5251425.087             | 44   | 119350.570  | 11.928  | **   |
| Error                   | 11887119.917            | 1188 | 10005.993   |         |      |
| Total                   | 726417335.500           | 1296 |             |         |      |

Note:

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SNK Results:

- Jun 18 > Dec 18 = Dec 17 = **Feb 19** = Feb 18 > Aug 18 = Jun 17 > Jun 16 = Aug 17 > Dec 16 > Feb 17 = Aug 16
- Mid-Field > Far-Field > Ma Wan > Near-Field > Capped-Pit

**Cadmium**

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 25464749.391            | 11   | 2314977.217  | 54.310  | **   |
| Area                    | 12643319.211            | 4    | 3160829.803  | 74.154  | **   |
| Area * Station          | 40169533.280            | 4    | 10042383.320 | 235.598 | **   |
| Period * Area           | 37932330.178            | 43   | 882147.213   | 20.695  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 13194394.345            | 44   | 299872.599   | 7.035   | **   |
| Error                   | 50638655.250            | 1188 | 42625.131    |         |      |
| Total                   | 724846050.500           | 1296 |              |         |      |

Note:

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SNK Results:

- Jun 16 ≥ Aug 16 ≥ Aug 17 = Jun 18 = Feb 18 = Dec 17 = Dec 18 > Jun 17 = Aug 18 = **Feb 19** > Feb 17 > Dec 16
- Mid-Field > Ma Wan > Far-Field = Near-Field = Capped-Pit

## Chromium

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F        | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------|------|
| Period                  | 12158808.285            | 11   | 1105346.208  | 79.803   | **   |
| Area                    | 56825920.343            | 4    | 14206480.086 | 1025.675 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 13779212.904            | 4    | 3444803.226  | 248.707  | **   |
| Period * Area           | 46936662.932            | 43   | 1091550.301  | 78.807   | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 16607179.669            | 44   | 377435.902   | 27.250   | **   |
| Error                   | 16454828.500            | 1188 | 13850.866    |          |      |
| Total                   | 726433978.500           | 1296 |              |          |      |

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SNK Results:

- Jun 16 > Aug 16 > Aug 17 ≥ Dec 17 ≥ Jun 18 ≥ Jun 17 ≥ **Feb 19** = Feb 18 = Dec 16 > Dec 18 = Feb 17 > Aug 18
- Ma Wan > Mid-Field > Far-Field > Near-Field > Capped-Pit

## Copper

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 7562014.524             | 11   | 687455.866   | 51.278  | **   |
| Area                    | 43063473.807            | 4    | 10765868.452 | 803.032 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 50169893.230            | 4    | 12542473.308 | 935.549 | **   |
| Period * Area           | 37739145.806            | 43   | 877654.554   | 65.465  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 9022203.405             | 44   | 205050.077   | 15.295  | **   |
| Error                   | 15926960.042            | 1188 | 13406.532    |         |      |
| Total                   | 726434023.000           | 1296 |              |         |      |

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SNK Results:

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- Ma Wan > Mid-Field > Far-Field = Near-Field > Capped-Pit

## Lead

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 57240440.878            | 11   | 5203676.443 | 373.229 | **   |
| Area                    | 37877949.721            | 4    | 9469487.430 | 679.190 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 7381654.148             | 4    | 1845413.537 | 132.361 | **   |
| Period * Area           | 44282627.800            | 43   | 1029828.553 | 73.863  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 9166238.269             | 44   | 208323.597  | 14.942  | **   |
| Error                   | 16563477.042            | 1188 | 13942.321   |         |      |
| Total                   | 726433986.000           | 1296 |             |         |      |

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SNK Results:

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## Mercury

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | Df   | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 83574183.990            | 11   | 7597653.090 | 181.114 | **   |
| Area                    | 2995818.352             | 4    | 748954.588  | 17.854  | **   |
| Area * Station          | 5981841.445             | 4    | 1495460.361 | 35.649  | **   |
| Period * Area           | 23213618.676            | 43   | 539851.597  | 12.869  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 7272596.225             | 44   | 165286.278  | 3.940   | **   |
| Error                   | 49793999.449            | 1187 | 41949.452   |         |      |
| Total                   | 721688924.500           | 1295 |             |         |      |

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SNK Results:

- Jun 16 > Aug 16 > Dec 18 = Aug 18 = Dec 16 > **Feb 19** ≥ Feb 17 ≥ Aug 17 = Jun 17 = Dec 17 > Jun 18 > Feb 18
- Ma Wan > Capped-Pit ≥ Far-Field ≥ Mid-Field = Near-Field

## Nickel

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 12947156.563            | 11   | 1177014.233  | 96.604  | **   |
| Area                    | 44534602.569            | 4    | 11133650.642 | 913.796 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 17991091.234            | 4    | 4497772.808  | 369.155 | **   |
| Period * Area           | 56358988.971            | 43   | 1310674.162  | 107.574 | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 20746024.964            | 44   | 471500.567   | 38.698  | **   |
| Error                   | 14474542.292            | 1188 | 12183.958    |         |      |
| Total                   | 726433837.500           | 1296 |              |         |      |

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SNK Results:

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## Silver

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | Df   | Mean Square  | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 28616863.878            | 11   | 2601533.080  | 140.996 | **   |
| Area                    | 48271152.998            | 4    | 12067788.250 | 654.043 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 43264381.576            | 4    | 10816095.394 | 586.205 | **   |
| Period * Area           | 12691329.463            | 43   | 295147.197   | 15.996  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 14141203.039            | 44   | 321390.978   | 17.419  | **   |
| Error                   | 21919859.250            | 1188 | 18451.060    |         |      |
| Total                   | 726285690.500           | 1296 |              |         |      |

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SNK Results:

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## Zinc

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square  | F        | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------|------|
| Period                  | 10735002.721            | 11   | 975909.338   | 105.615  | **   |
| Area                    | 40422909.786            | 4    | 10105727.446 | 1093.660 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 33384695.483            | 4    | 8346173.871  | 903.238  | **   |
| Period * Area           | 54962188.701            | 43   | 1278190.435  | 138.328  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 10493481.330            | 44   | 238488.212   | 25.810   | **   |
| Error                   | 10977456.167            | 1188 | 9240.283     |          |      |
| Total                   | 726433279.500           | 1296 |              |          |      |

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SNK Results:

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## TOC

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 22773476.529            | 11   | 2070316.048 | 118.819 | **   |
| Area                    | 34559342.757            | 4    | 8639835.689 | 495.855 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 9356108.836             | 4    | 2339027.209 | 134.241 | **   |
| Period * Area           | 58650492.624            | 43   | 1363964.945 | 78.280  | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 22187650.674            | 44   | 504264.788  | 28.941  | **   |
| Error                   | 20699831.792            | 1188 | 17424.101   |         |      |
| Total                   | 726376986.000           | 1296 |             |         |      |

Note:

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SNK Results:

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- Ma Wan > Mid-Field > Far-Field > Near-Field = Capped-Pit

## TBT

| Source                  | Type III Sum of Squares | df   | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|---------|------|
| Period                  | 35055344.515            | 11   | 3186849.501 | 70.473  | **   |
| Area                    | 34134369.936            | 4    | 8533592.484 | 188.710 | **   |
| Area * Station          | 5032165.858             | 4    | 1258041.464 | 27.820  | **   |
| Period * Area           | 14019598.567            | 43   | 326037.176  | 7.210   | **   |
| Period * Area * Station | 13750868.476            | 44   | 312519.738  | 6.911   | **   |
| Error                   | 53722026.917            | 1188 | 45220.561   |         |      |
| Total                   | 715064435.000           | 1296 |             |         |      |

Note:

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SNK Results:

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- Ma Wan > Capped-Pit = Near-Field > Far-Field = Mid Field

**Sediment Toxicity for ESC CMP Vd – February 2019**

**Survival rate for burrowing amphipod *Leptochirus plumulosus***

|             | Survival |
|-------------|----------|
| Chi-Square  | 0.700    |
| Df          | 2        |
| Asymp. Sig. | NS       |

Note:

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**Growth rate for benthic polychaete *Neanthes arenaceodentata***

| Source         | Type III Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F    | Sig. |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------|------|------|
| Between Groups | .002                    | 2   | .001        | .136 | NS   |
| Within Groups  | .719                    | 122 | .006        |      |      |
| Total          | .721                    | 124 |             |      |      |

Note:

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**Survival rate for marine bivalve *Crassostrea gigas***

| Source         | Type III Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F    | Sig. |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------|------|------|
| Between Groups | 14.956                  | 2   | 7.478       | .394 | NS   |
| Within Groups  | 2313.578                | 122 | 18.964      |      |      |
| Total          | 2328.534                | 124 |             |      |      |

Note:

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**Mortality rate for barnacles *Balanus Amphitrite***

| Source      | Mortality |
|-------------|-----------|
| Chi-Square  | 0.400     |
| Df          | 2         |
| Asymp. Sig. | NS        |

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**Mortality rate for shrimp *Penaeus vannamei***

| Source      | Mortality |
|-------------|-----------|
| Chi-Square  | 1.000     |
| df          | 2         |
| Asymp. Sig. | NS        |

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