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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

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

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

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

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

The latest sampling schedule is provided in Appendix A.

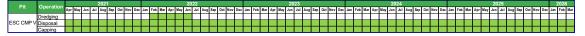
The present EM&A programme under Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the EM&A programme.) Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V is shown in **Table 1.1**. In January 2024, the following works were undertaken:

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

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

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

Table 1.1: Works Schedule for ESC CMP V



1.2 Reporting Period

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

1.3 Details of Sampling and Laboratory Testing Activities

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

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

1.4 Details of Outstanding Sampling or Analysis

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

2 Brief Discussion of Monitoring Results for ESC CMP V

2.1 Introduction

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

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

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

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 4 January 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) set by Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This consists of a review of the EPD routine water quality monitoring data for the dry season period (November to March) of 2013 – 2022 from stations in the North Western Water Control Zone (WCZ), where the ESC CMPs are located.³ For Salinity, the averaged value obtained from the Reference (Upstream) station was used for the basis as the WQO. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Turbidity were also assessed for compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (see **Table B1** of **Appendix B** for details).

2.2.1 In-situ Measurements

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

2.2.2 Laboratory Measurements for Suspended Solids (SS)

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

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

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

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 3 January 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see Section 2.2 above for details). The monitoring results are shown in Tables B3, B4 and B5 of Appendix B and Figures 1 to 11 of Appendix C. A total of ten (10) monitoring stations were sampled in January 2024 as shown in Figure 2.1.

³ <u>http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICRIVER/marine/?lang=en</u>

2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in **Figures 1 to 6** of **Appendix C**. Analyses of results indicated that the levels of pH, Salinities and DO complied with the WQOs at all stations in January 2024. The levels of DO and Turbidity complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations (**Table B3** of **Appendix B**; **Figures 3 and 6** of **Appendix C**).

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

2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

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

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) were lower than the WQO (0.5 mg/L) at all stations (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**). The concentration of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N) and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) were generally similar across all stations; except the concentrations of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) were below limit of reporting at Ma Wan station.(**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**).

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS levels complied with the dry season WQO (13.2 mg/L) and Action and Limit Levels at all stations. (**Tables B1 and B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 10** of **Appendix C**).

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

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

Monitoring locations for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vb are shown in **Figure 2.2**. A total of six (6) monitoring stations were sampled on 2 January 2024.

The concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were lower than the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) at all stations, except for Copper, and Silver at Active-Pit stations. (**Figures 12 and 13** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Silver were higher than the LCELs at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. The concentrations of Copper were higher than the Upper Chemical Exceedance Levels (UCELs) at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 12 and 13** of **Appendix C**).

Considering that the higher levels of Copper and Silver occurred within Active-Pit stations only but not at the Pit-Edge and Near-Pit stations, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environment impacts to sediment quality as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb in January 2024.

The concentrations of Arsenic were higher than the LCEL at Near-Pit station ESC-NNCA, Pit-Edge stations ESC-NECA and ESC-NECB. (**Figures 12 and 13** of **Appendix C**). Whilst the average concentration of Arsenic in the Earth's crust is generally ~2mg/kg, significantly higher Arsenic concentrations (median = 14 mg/kg) have been recorded in Hong Kong's onshore sediments.⁴ It is presumed that the natural concentrations of Arsenic are similar in onshore and offshore sediments,⁵ and relatively high Arsenic levels may thus occur throughout Hong Kong. Therefore, the LCEL exceedances of Arsenic are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb but rather as a result of naturally occurring deposits.

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

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

The concentrations of Tributyltin (TBT) were higher at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCB. (**Figure 16** of **Appendix C**) The concentrations of Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Total dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Noting that higher levels (i.e. concentrations higher than UCEL) of Low Molecular Weight and High Molecular Weight PAHs are only occurred within Active-Pit station ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. While only concentrations of Low Molecular Weight PAH and High Molecular Weight PAH at Near-Pit and Pit-Edge stations were higher than LCELs but the concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were lower than the LCELs at Near-Pit and Pit-Edge stations.

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

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

⁴ Sewell RJ (1999) Geochemical Atlas of Hong Kong. Geotechnical Engineering Office, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

⁵ Whiteside PGD (2000) Natural geochemistry and contamination of marine sediments in Hong Kong. In: The Urban Geology of Hong Kong (ed. Page A & Reels SJ). Geological Society of Hong Kong Bulletin No. 6, p109-121

3 Future Key Issues

3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of February 2024 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

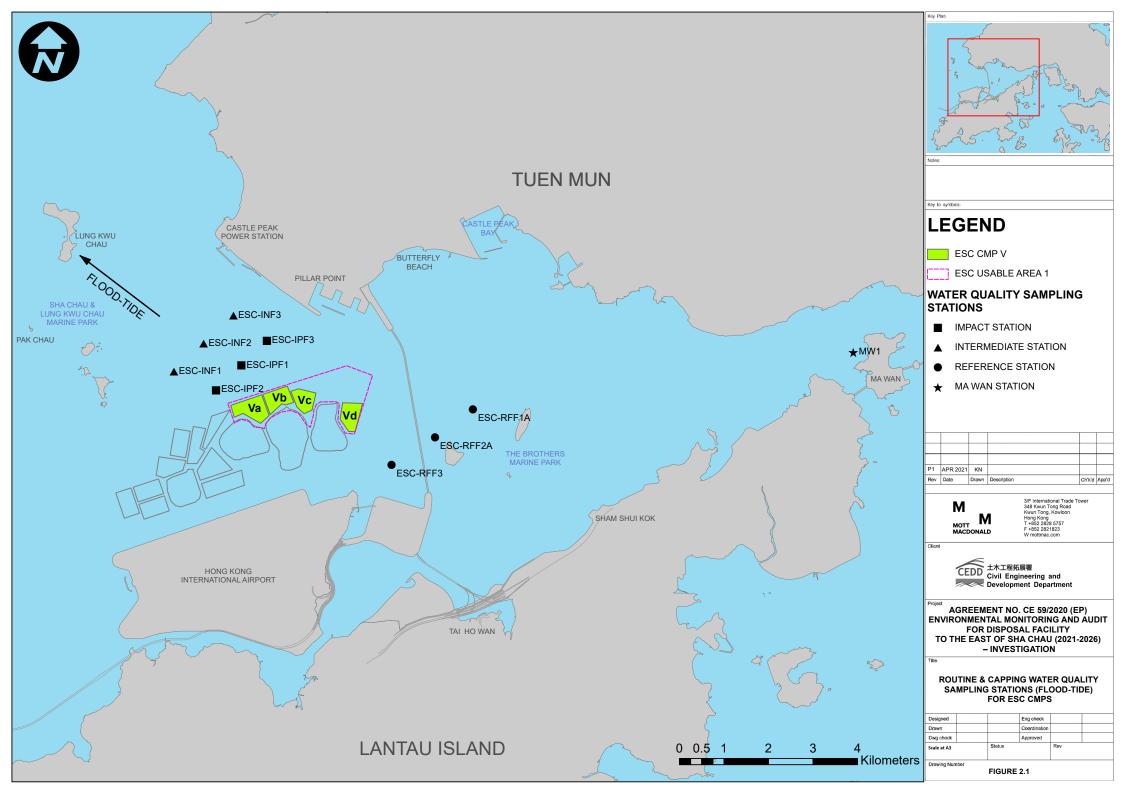
- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb;
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs;
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMPs; and
- Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs.

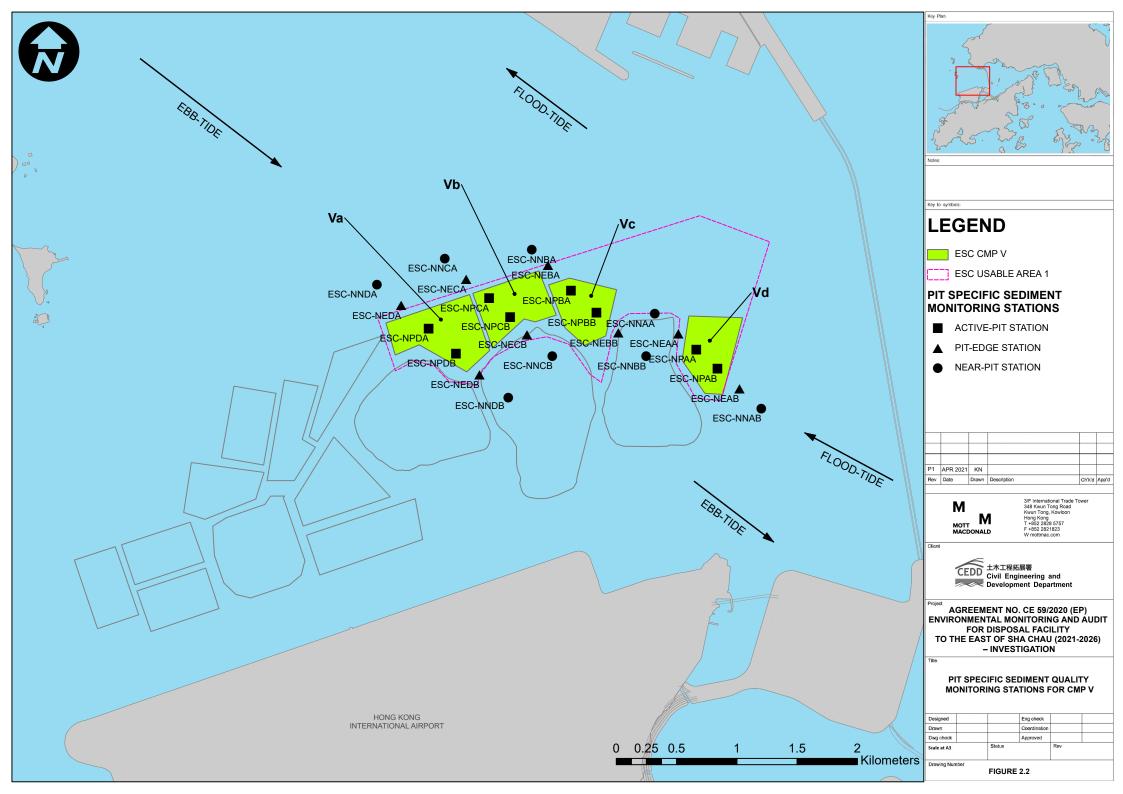
3.2 Study Programme

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

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Appendix A. Sampling Schedule

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

Parameter / Station Type Pit Specific Sediment Ch		Frequency	2021 Jan Feb Mar Apr May	Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov	2022 Dec Jan Feb Mar A	or May Jun Jul Aug	Sep Oct Nov Dec	2023 Jan Feb Mar Apr M	ay Jun Jul Aug Se	p Oct Nov Dec	2024 Jan Feb Mar Ap	r May Jun Jul A	ug Sep Oct Nov D	2025 ec Jan Feb Mar /	pr May Jun Jul	Aug Sep Oct Nov	2026 Dec Jan Feb Mar
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Far-field Stations	ESC-RCB1	4 times per year 4 times per year	6	6 6	6 6	6 2	2	2	2 2	2	2			2 2	2	2	2 2
Ma Wan Station	ESC-RFB	4 times per year 4 times per year	6	6 6	6 6	6 2	2		2 2	2	2	2		2 2	2	2	2 2
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(2) For the planned Routine Water Quality Monitoring (i.e. the numbers of replicates per monitoring station shown in black), the monitoring will be conducted at mid-ebb OR mid-flood tide. The yearly tidal selection of this monitoring will be based on a principle to obtain 6 months monitoring data at mid-ebb, and 6 months monitoring data at mid-flood.

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

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

Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results



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

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

Notes:

1. For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is lower than the limits.

2. Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface and Middle layers were calculated from the combined pool of baseline surface layer data and baseline middle layer data.

 Given the Action Level for DO for Surface and Middle layers has already been lower than 4 mg L⁻¹, it is proposed to set the Limit Level at 3.11 mg L⁻¹ which is the first percentile of the baseline data.

4. "Depth-averaged" is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.

5. For turbidity and SS, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.



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

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolve	ed Oxygen	рН	Suspended Solids
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)
WCP 1 (Downstream)	19.43	31.40	1.44	96.75	7.39	8.10	3.5
WCP 2 (Upstream)	19.44	31.45	1.55	97.55	7.44	8.10	3.0
WQO (Dry Season)	N/A	28.31-34.60#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	13.2

Notes:

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

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

3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

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

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolve	ed Oxygen	рН
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)	
RFF (Reference)	19.59	31.41	3.17	96.52	7.35	7.99
IPF (Impact)	19.67	31.17	3.49	96.45	7.34	8.01
INF (Intermediate)	19.70	31.03	2.72	97.35	7.41	8.04
Ma Wan	19.67	32.31	2.02	91.27	6.90	7.96
WQO (Dry Season)	N/A	28.27-34.55#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5

Notes:

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

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

3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.



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

Station	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Ag	Zn
	(µg/L)								
RFF	1.57	0.03	0.12	0.51	ND	ND	0.74	ND	0.36
IPF	1.81	0.03	0.06	0.52	0.01	ND	0.74	ND	0.55
INF	1.70	0.03	0.05	0.55	ND	ND	0.79	ND	0.70
Ma Wan	1.73	0.02	0.04	0.52	ND	ND	0.54	ND	0.45

Note:

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

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

Station	NH ₃	TIN	BOD ₅	SS
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
RFF	0.04	0.36	0.72	3.7
IPF	0.05	0.40	0.85	5.3
INF	0.05	0.43	0.73	3.2
Ma Wan	0.09	0.32	<lor< td=""><td>2.5</td></lor<>	2.5
			5.0	WQO of TIN: 0.5 mg/L

Dry Season WQO of SS: 13.2 mg/L

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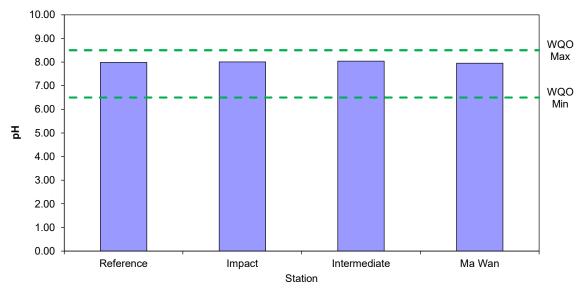
1. "<LOR" indicates the concentrations of contaminants are below the limit of reporting.

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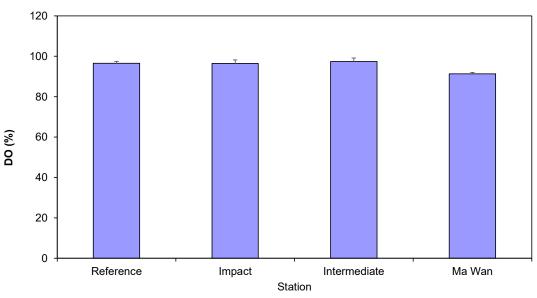
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Appendix C. Graphical Presentations



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - January 2024

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

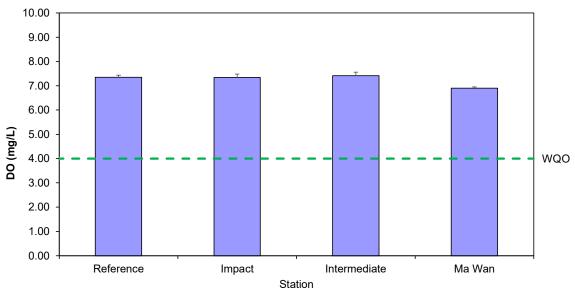


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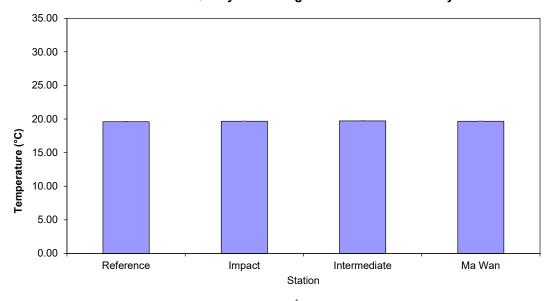
Figure 2:
 Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD)¹ recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024

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



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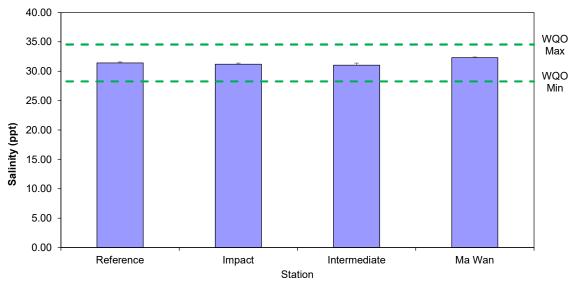
Figure 3: Concentration of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (mg/L; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024



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

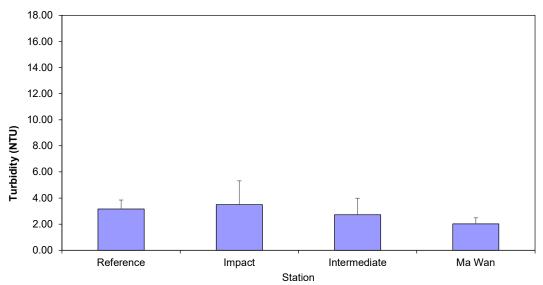
¹ The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.



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Figure 5: Level of Salinity (ppt; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024

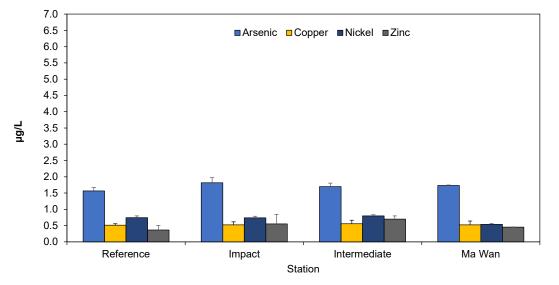


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Level of Turbidity (NTU; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024 Figure 6:

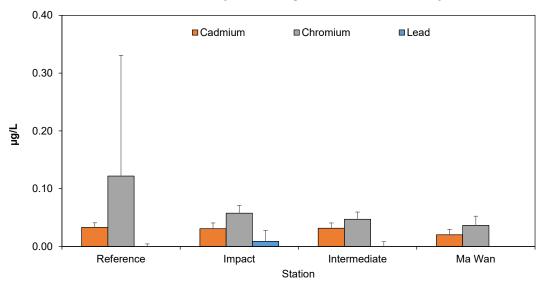
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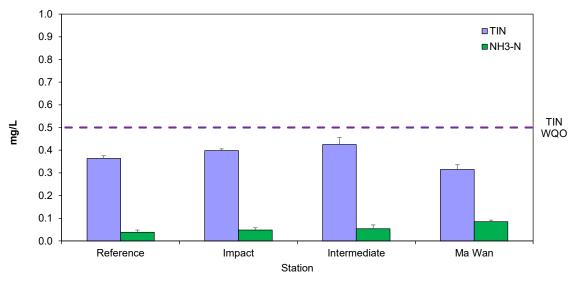
Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V January 2024

Figure 7: Concentration of Arsenic, Copper, Nickel, and Zinc (μg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024

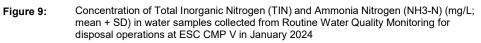


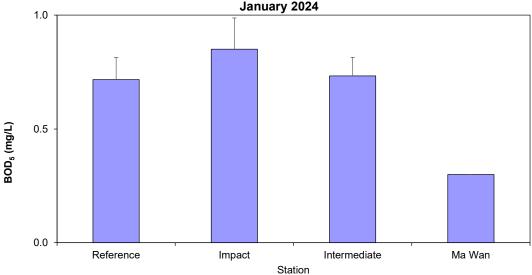
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Figure 8: Concentration of Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, Mercury (µg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Nutrients - January 2024

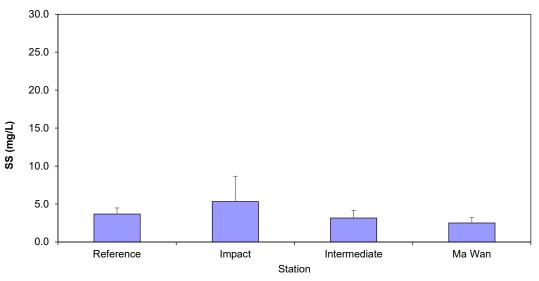




Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) -January 2024

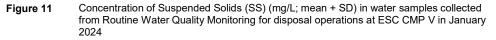
Figure 10: Level of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in January 2024

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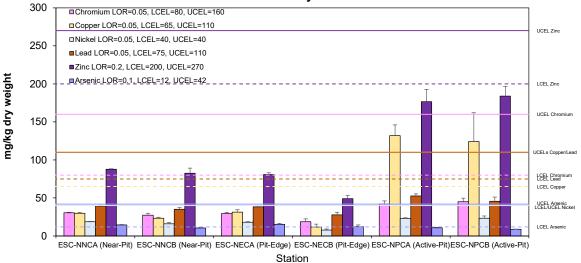


Figure 12: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in January 2024

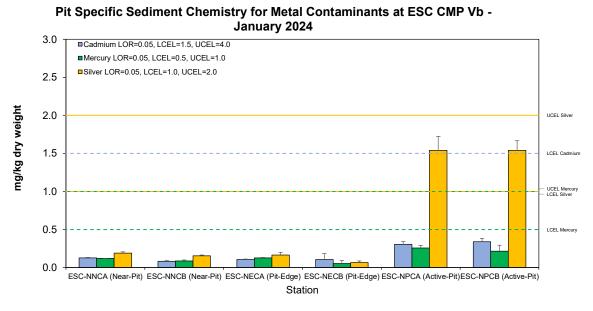
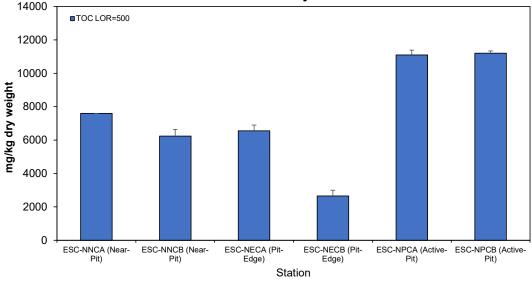


Figure 13: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in January 2024

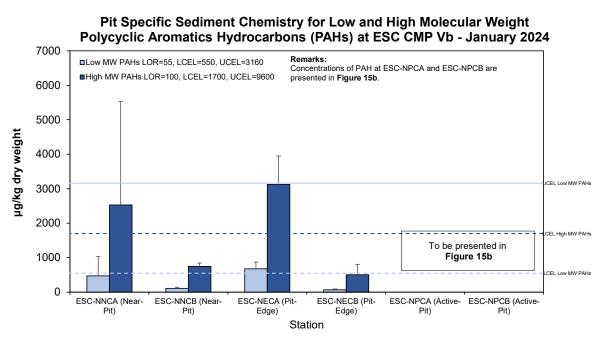


Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) at ESC CMP Vb - January 2024

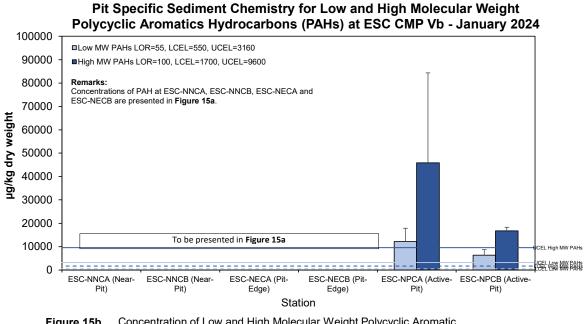
Figure 14: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in January 2024

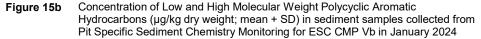
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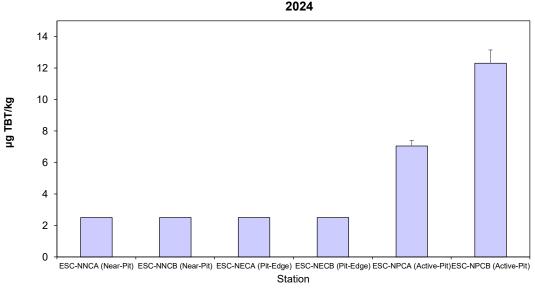


Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Figure 15a Hydrocarbons (µg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in January 2024









Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Tributyltin (TBT) at ESC CMP Vb - January 2024

Figure 16: Concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) (μg TBT/kg; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in January 2024

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Appendix D. Study Programme

Study Programme

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4	Final Report of First Review of EM&A Manual	(for ESC CMPs)		20/05/21	•									
5	Draft Report of Subsequent Review of EM&A	Manual (for ESC CMPs) - annual basis assumed	30/04/22	30/04/25		\$		\$		\$		\$		
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