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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. 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 May 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

Pit	2021				2022					2023					2024						2025						20)26																											
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1.2 Reporting Period

This Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau – May 2024 covers the EM&A activities for the reporting period of May 2024 (from 1 to 31 May 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; and
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb.

1.4 Details of Outstanding Sampling or Analysis

No outstanding sampling remained for the reporting month (May 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; and
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb.

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

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 9 May 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 wet season period (April to October) 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 May 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 May 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 May 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 8 May 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see **Section 2.2** above for details). The monitoring results are shown in **Tables B3**, **B4 and B5** of **Appendix B** and **Figures 1 to 11** of **Appendix C**. A total of sixteen (16) monitoring stations were sampled in May 2024 as shown in **Figure 2.1**.

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

2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

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

2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

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

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) were higher than the WQO (0.5 mg/L) at all stations (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**). It should be noted that due to the effect of the Pearl River, the North Western WCZ has historically experienced higher levels of TIN. ⁴ Therefore, the exceedances of TIN WQO at these stations are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operation at ESC CMPs. The concentrations of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N) were higher at Ma Wan station while the concentrations of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) were lower at Ma Wan station. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 10** of **Appendix C**).

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS levels complied with Action and Limit Levels at all stations, except SS levels were higher than wet season WQO (11.9 mg/L) at Reference (RFE), Impact (IPE) and Intermediate (INE) stations (**Tables B1 and B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 11** 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 May 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 7 May 2024.

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

Considering that the higher levels of Copper occurred within Active-Pit station 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 May 2024.

⁴ https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/marine_quality/1986-2005/eng/08_western_content.htm

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 at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 15a and Figures 15b** of **Appendix C**).

For High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), the concentrations were higher than LCEL 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 dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Considering that the higher levels (i.e. concentrations higher than LCEL) of Low Molecular Weight and High Molecular Weight PAHs are only occurred within Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB, 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.

3 Future Key Issues

3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

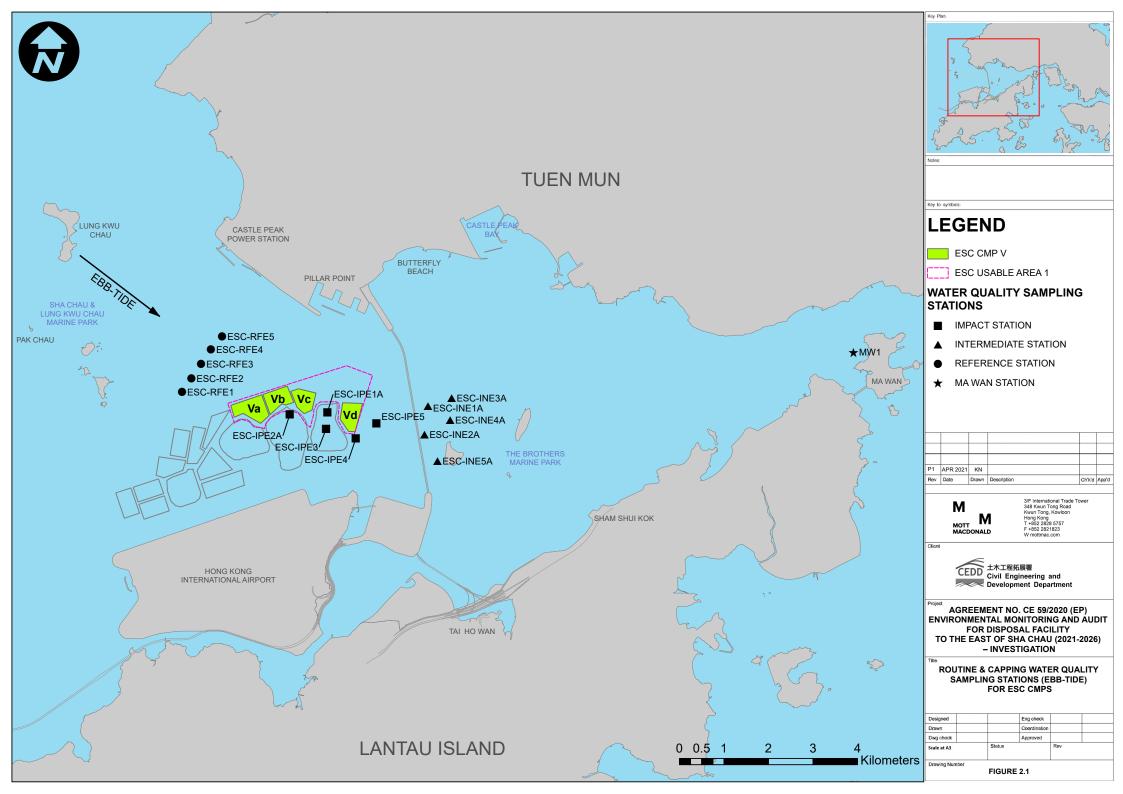
The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of June 2024 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

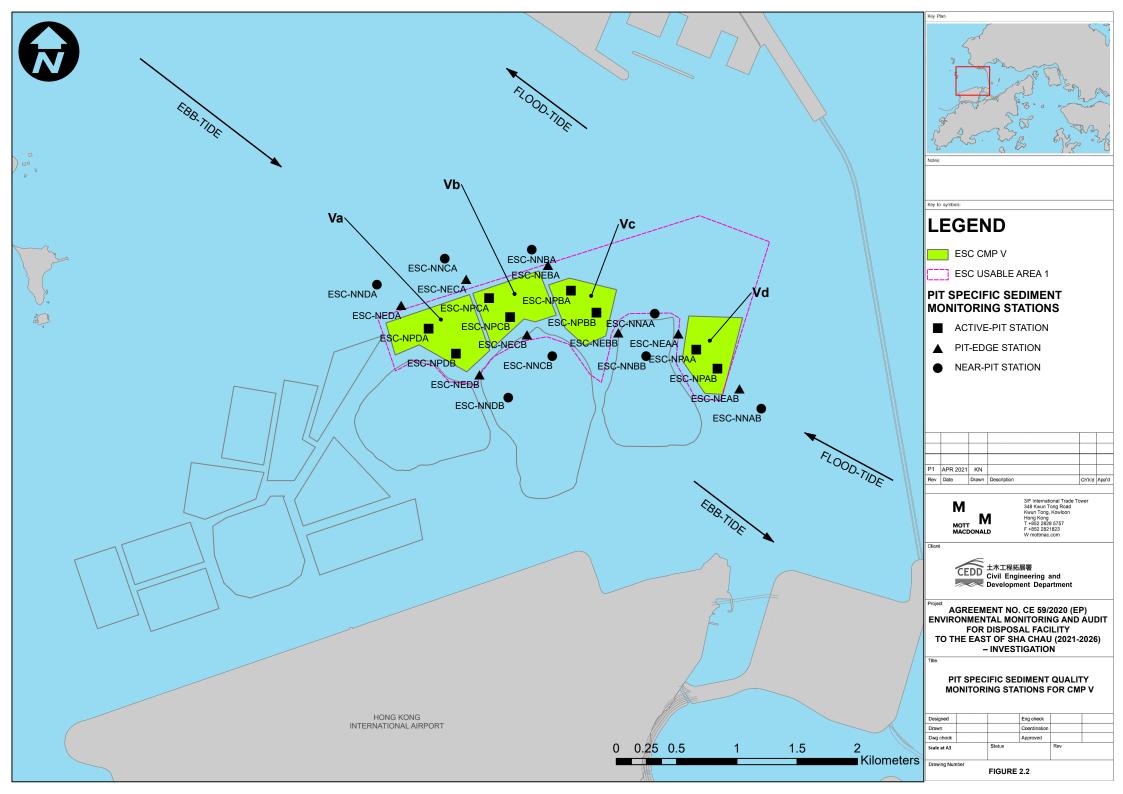
- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb; and
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs.

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	Station ID	Frequency	(January 2021 - March 2026) 2021 2023 2024 2025 2026
Pit Specific Sediment Ch Active-Pit			Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Au
Pit-Edge	ESC-NPAB	Monthly	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
Near-Pit	ESC-NEAA ESC-NEAB	Monthly Monthly	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
	ESC-NNAA ESC-NNAB	Monthly Monthly	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
Cumulative Impact Sedion Near-field Stations			Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Au
Mid-field Stations		4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 2
Capped Pit Stations	ESC-RMA ESC-RMB	4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 2
	ESC-RCA1 ESC-RCB1	4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 2
Far-field Stations	ESC-RFA ESC-RFB	4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 2
Ma Wan Station	MW1	4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Sediment Toxicity Tests Near-pit Stations			Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Reference Stations	ESC-TDA ESC-TDB1	2 times per year 2 times per year	5 5
	ESC-TRA ESC-TRB	2 times per year 2 times per year	5 5
Ma Wan Station	MW1	2 times per year	5 5 5 5 5 5
Tissue / Whole Body Sar Near-pit Stations			Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Au
Reference North	ESC-INA ESC-INB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
Reference South	TNA TNB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
Reference South	TSA TSB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
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Reference North	ESC-INA ESC-INB	4 times per year 4 times per year	5 5
	TNA TNB	4 times per year 4 times per year	5 5 5 5
Reference South	TSA TSB	4 times per year 4 times per year	5 5
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Impact Station Downcur	ESC-IPE1A	4 times per year *	
	ESC-IPE2A ESC-IPE3 ESC-IPE4	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Intermediate Station Dov	ESC-IPE5 wncurrent	4 times per year *	
	ESC-INE3A	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Reference Station Upcur	ESC-INE5A	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
	ESC-RFE1 ESC-RFE2	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
	ESC-RFE3 ESC-RFE4 ESC-RFE5	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Ma Wan Station	MW1	4 times per year *	
Flood Tide Impact Station Downcur			
	ESC-IPF1 ESC-IPF2 ESC-IPF3	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Intermediate Station Dov	ESC-INF1 ESC-INF2	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Reference Station Upcur	ESC-INF3 rrent	4 times per year *	
	ESC-RFF2A	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Ma Wan Station	MW1	4 times per year *	
Routine Water Quality M Ebb Tide			Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Apr May Jun Jul
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	ESC-IPE3 ESC-IPE4 ESC-IPE5	Monthly* Monthly* Monthly*	4 4 <td< th=""></td<>
Intermediate Station Dov	wncurrent ESC-INE1A	Monthly*	
	ESC-INE3A ESC-INE4A	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
Reference Station Upcur	rrent ESC-RFE1	Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
	ESC-RFE2 ESC-RFE3	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
Ma Wan Station	ESC-RFE4 ESC-RFE5	Monthly*	
Flood Tide	MW1	Monthly*	
Impact Station Downcur	rent ESC-IPF1 ESC-IPF2	Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Intermediate Station Dov	ESC-IPF3 wncurrent	Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	ESC-INF1 ESC-INF2 ESC-INF3	Monthly* Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
Reference Station Upcur		Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Ma Wan Station	ESC-RFF3	Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Water Column Profiling	MW1	Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Plume Stations	WCP1 WCP2	Monthly* Monthly*	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Benthic Recoloinisation	Studies	monuny	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Capped Stations at CMP	ESCV-CPA ESCV-CPB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
Peters and Ctation	ESCV-CPC ESCV-CPD	2 times per year 2 times per year 2 times per year	
Reference Stations	RBA RBB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
		2 times per year	
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Notes:
(1) The number shown in each cell represents the numbers of replicates per monitoring station. The number shown in green boided text represented monitoring works have been conducted before/ during the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report, while the number shown in black represent planned monitoring works after the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report, while the number shown in black represent planned monitoring works after the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report.

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

* A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality & sediment monitoring and combination of routine water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been implemented for the EM&A activities since December 2020. Water Quality Monitoring during Capping Operation and Routine Water Quality Monitoring have been conducted monthly starting in December 2020. A technical note presenting the data review results served as a supplementary information was submitted to EPD and presented that Phase 2 optimization of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring for the Project will be implemented in 2022 was provided to EPD in April 2022. Phase 2 optimization of sample replication in discussion of sample replication in discussion of sample replication in discussion of sample replication of water quality and adversely affecting the supply of international species adopted in testing programme of Sediment Toxicity! Tests, as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests, as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests, as s

Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results



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

Parameters	Action	Limit
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	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

Notes:

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



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

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolve	ed Oxygen	рН	Suspended Solids
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)
WCP 1 (Downstream)	25.61	21.55	8.35	86.01	6.22	8.04	4.5
WCP 2 (Upstream)	25.64	21.30	15.43	85.15	6.16	7.99	8.5
WQO (Wet Season)	N/A	19.17-23.43#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	11.9

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 May 2024

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolve	ed Oxygen	рН
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)	
RFE (Reference)	25.48	21.16	28.74	84.43	6.13	8.06
IPE (Impact)	25.51	20.97	12.22	84.83	6.17	8.04
INE (Intermediate)	25.52	21.62	17.55	85.04	6.16	8.04
Ma Wan	25.61	22.82	6.59	83.37	5.99	8.01
WQO (Wet Season)	N/A	19.05-23.28#	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 May 2024

Station	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Ag	Zn
	(µg/L)								
RFE	1.69	0.03	0.11	0.62	ND	0.002	0.77	ND	0.96
IPE	1.76	0.03	0.11	0.67	0.01	0.001	0.81	ND	0.55
INE	1.74	0.02	0.10	0.62	ND	0.001	0.76	ND	0.55
Ma Wan	1.81	0.03	0.09	0.55	ND	0.001	0.66	ND	0.30

Note:

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

Station	NH ₃	TIN	BOD ₅	SS
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
RFE	0.01	0.97	0.72	17.7
IPE	0.03	1.02	0.90	12.6
INE	0.03	1.00	0.77	22.2
Ma Wan	0.06	0.94	0.50	8.5

 $WQO \ of \ TIN: \ 0.5 \ mg/L$ Wet Season WQO of SS: 11.9 mg/L

Notes:

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

^{1. &}quot;ND" indicates the concentrations of metals and metalloids are not detected.

Appendix C. Graphical Presentations

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - May 2024

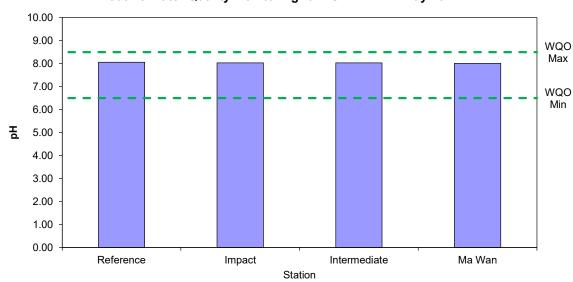


Figure 1: Level of pH recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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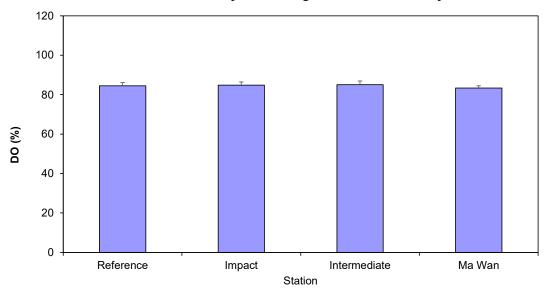


Figure 2: Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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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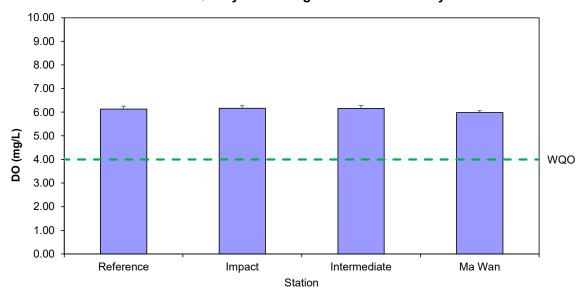


Figure 3: Concentration of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (mg/L; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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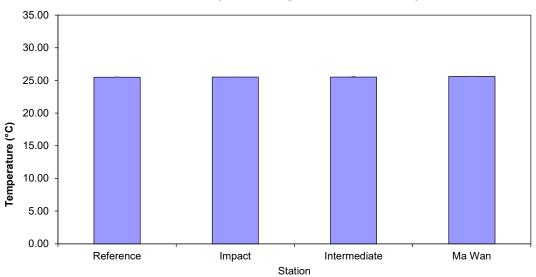


Figure 4: Level of Temperature (°C; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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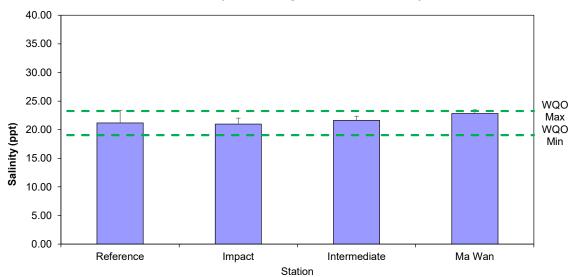


Figure 5: Level of Salinity (ppt; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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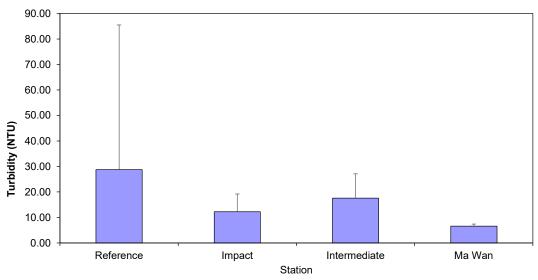


Figure 6: Level of Turbidity (NTU; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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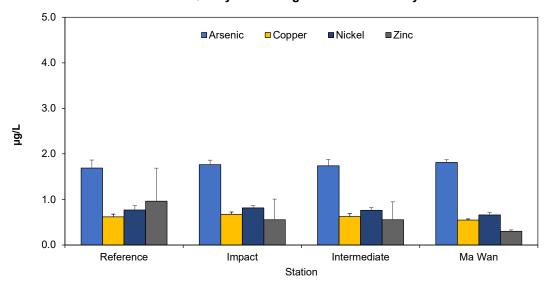


Figure 7: Concentration of Arsenic, Copper, Nickel, Zinc ($\mu g/L$; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

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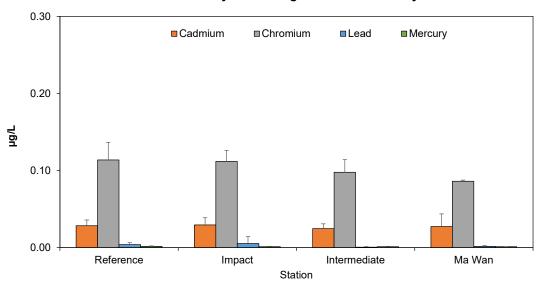


Figure 8: Concentration of Cadmium, Chromium, Lead and Mercury (µg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Nutrients - May 2024

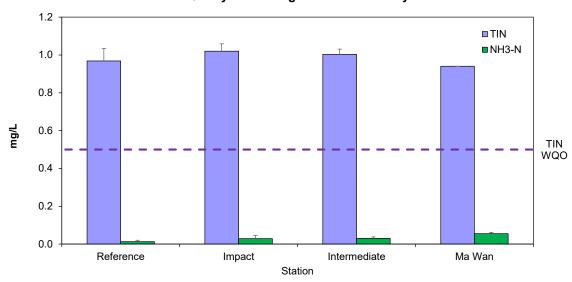


Figure 9: Concentration of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

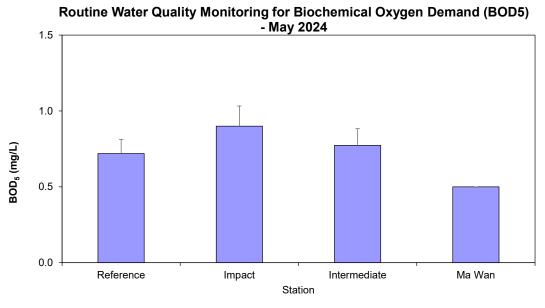


Figure 10: Level of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Suspended Solids - May 2024

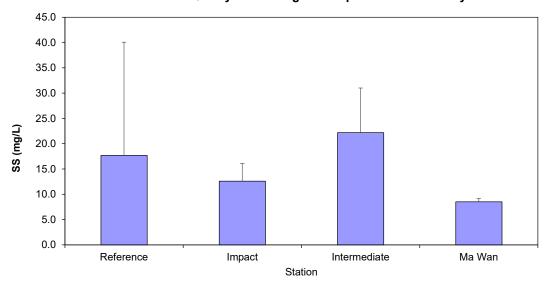


Figure 11 Concentration of Suspended Solids (SS) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in May 2024

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - May 2024

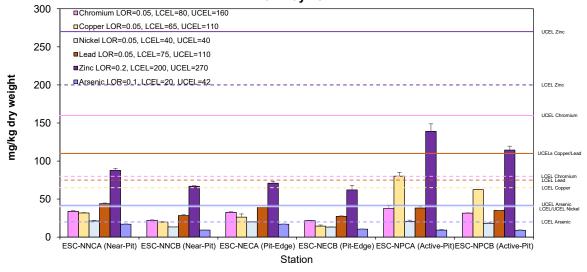


Figure 12: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid²(Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in May 2024

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Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - May 2024

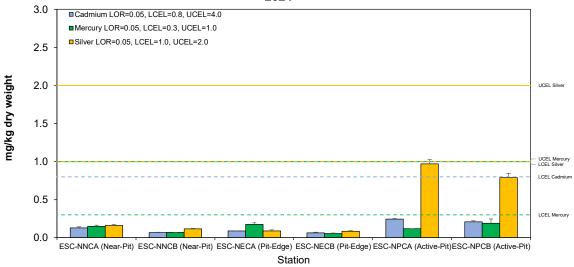


Figure 13: Concentration of Metals² (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in May 2024

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

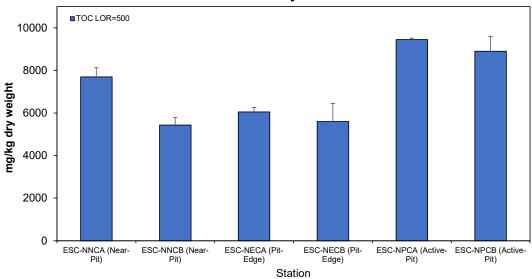
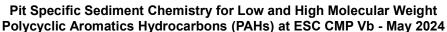


Figure 14: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in May 2024

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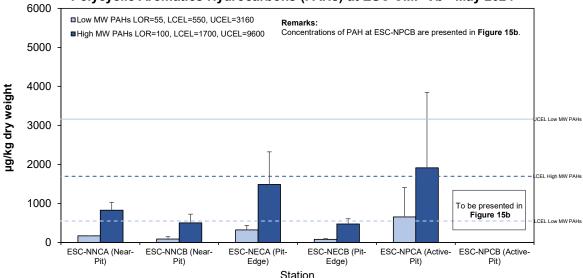


Figure 15a Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (µg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in May 2024

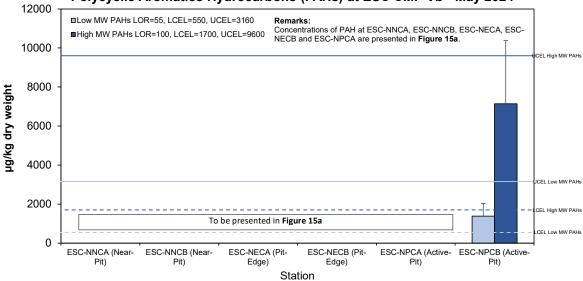


Figure 15b Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (µg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in May 2024

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

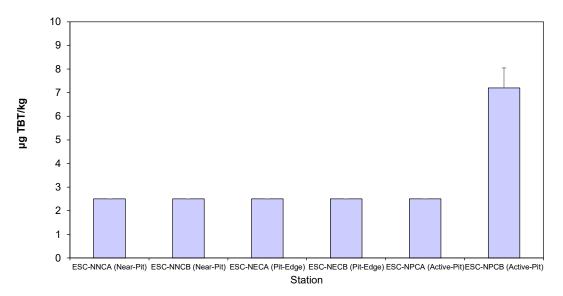


Figure 16: Concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) (μg TBT/kg; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in May 2024

Appendix D. Study Programme

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

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