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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**.

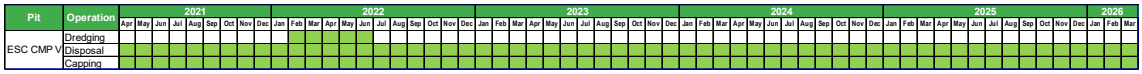
The present EM&A programme under Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the EM&A programme.) Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V is shown in **Table 1.1**. In October 2025, the following works were undertaken:

- 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* – October *2025* covers the EM&A activities for the reporting period of October 2025 (from 1 to 31 October 2025).

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 (October 2025).

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 October 2025

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 9 October 2025. 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 2015 – 2024 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 October 2025 indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and DO complied with the WQOs at both Downstream and Upstream stations in October 2025. (**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 October 2025 indicated that the SS level at Downstream station was higher than the WQO while the SS level at Upstream station complied with the WQO. However, both SS levels at Upstream and Downstream stations complied with 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 October 2025

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 10 October 2025. 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 October 2025 as shown in **Figure 2.1**.

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

2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in **Figures 1 to 6** of **Appendix C**. Analyses of results indicated that the levels of pH, and DO complied with the WQOs at all stations in October 2025, except for slightly higher levels of Salinity were recorded at Ma Wan station.

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 October 2025.

2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

Laboratory analysis of samples obtained in October 2025 indicated that the concentrations of Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Mercury, Nickel and Zinc were detected in the samples at some/ all stations and their concentrations were generally similar across stations; except the concentration of Zinc were higher at Ma Wan station. (**Table B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 7 and 8 of Appendix C**).

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) were slightly higher than the WQO (0.5 mg/L) at Reference, Impact and Intermediate 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 below limit of reporting at all stations; the concentrations of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) were slightly higher at impact station. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9 and 10** of **Appendix C**)

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS levels complied with Action and Limit Levels at all stations, except the SS levels were higher than wet season WQO (12.0 mg/L) at all 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 October 2025

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 8 October 2025.

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. The concentrations of Copper were higher than the LCEL at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA. The concentrations of Silver 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 and Silver occurred within Active-Pit station only but not at the Pit-Edge and Near-Pit stations, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable

[4] https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/sites/default/files/epd/english/environmentinhk/water/hkwqrc/files/waterquality/annual-report/marinereport2005.pdf

environment impacts to sediment quality as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb in October 2025.

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 at Near-Pit station ESC-NNCA and Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA. (**Figure 15** of **Appendix C**) For High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), the concentrations were higher at Near-Pit station ESC-NNCA and Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA. (**Figure 15** of **Appendix C**)

The concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) were higher at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA. (**Figure 16** of **Appendix C**) The concentration 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.

Therefore, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality outside the pit area as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period.

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

2.5 Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm of ESC CMP V – in September 2025

Further to **Section 2.5** of the *Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau – September 2025*, laboratory analysis data of Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm of ESC CMP V on 26 September 2025 is presented in this report.

Sampling for Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm Event were conducted at nine (9) monitoring stations (see **Figure 2.3** for the locations of the monitoring stations) on 26 September 2025 after the visit of tropical cyclone Ragasa, which led to the issue of No. 10 Hurricane Signal on 24 September 2025.The tracks of Ragasa is shown in **Figure 2.4**.

Figure 2.4: Track of Tropical Cyclone Ragasa (Source: Hong Kong Observatory)

Analyses of results for the Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm for 26 September 2025 indicated that the concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were below the LCEL after the tropical cyclone Ragasa in September 2025. **(Figures 17** and **18** of **Appendix C**).

Overall, there appeared to be no evidence showing the failure of ESC CMP V in retaining disposed mud or causing contamination of sediments after the major storm event in September 2025.

3 Future Key Issues

3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

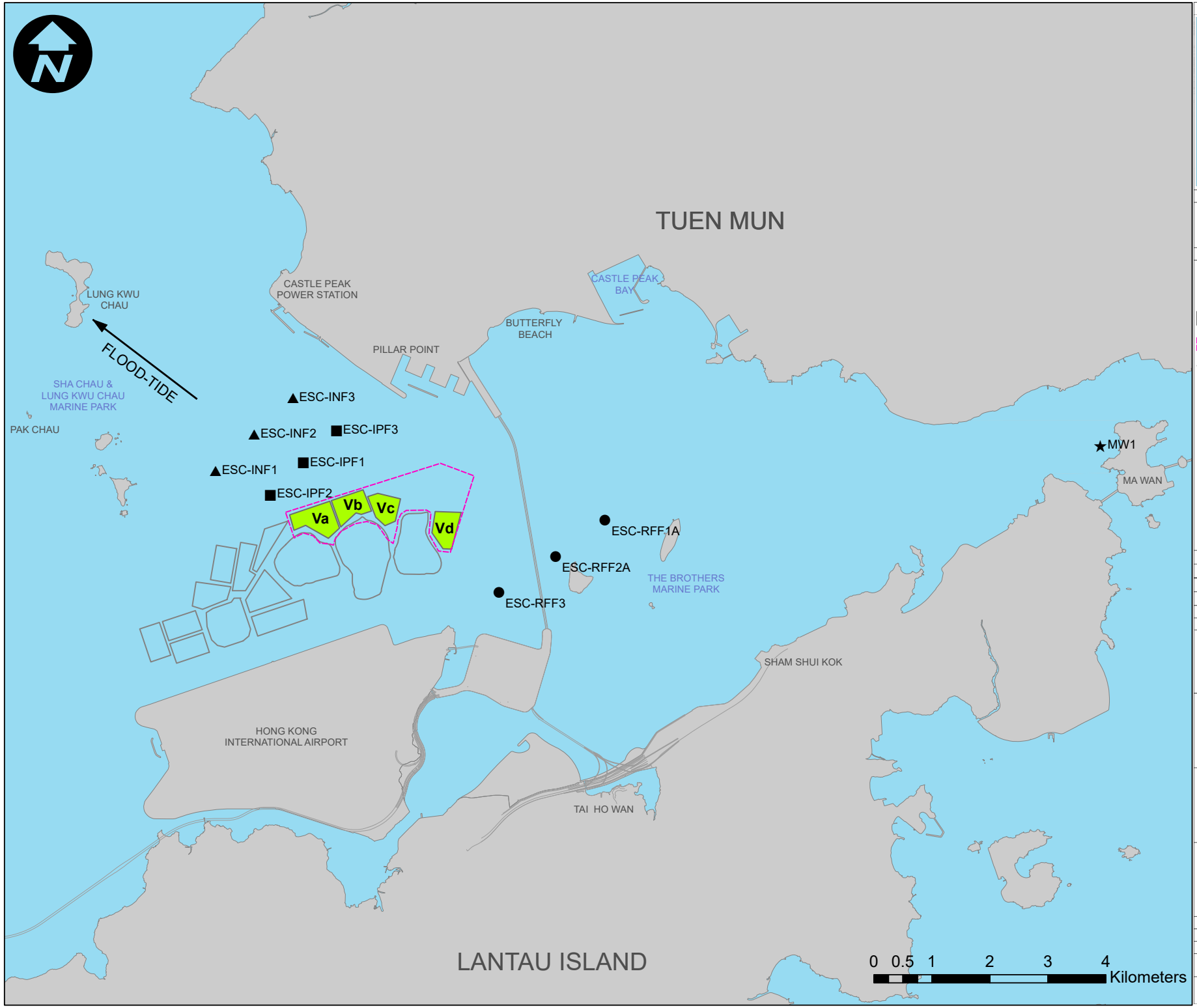
The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of November 2025 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

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

3.2 Study Programme

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

Figures



Key Plan:

Notes:

Key to symbols:

LEGEND

- ESC CMP V
- ESC USABLE AREA 1

WATER QUALITY SAMPLING STATIONS

- IMPACT STATION
- INTERMEDIATE STATION
- REFERENCE STATION
- MA WAN STATION

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

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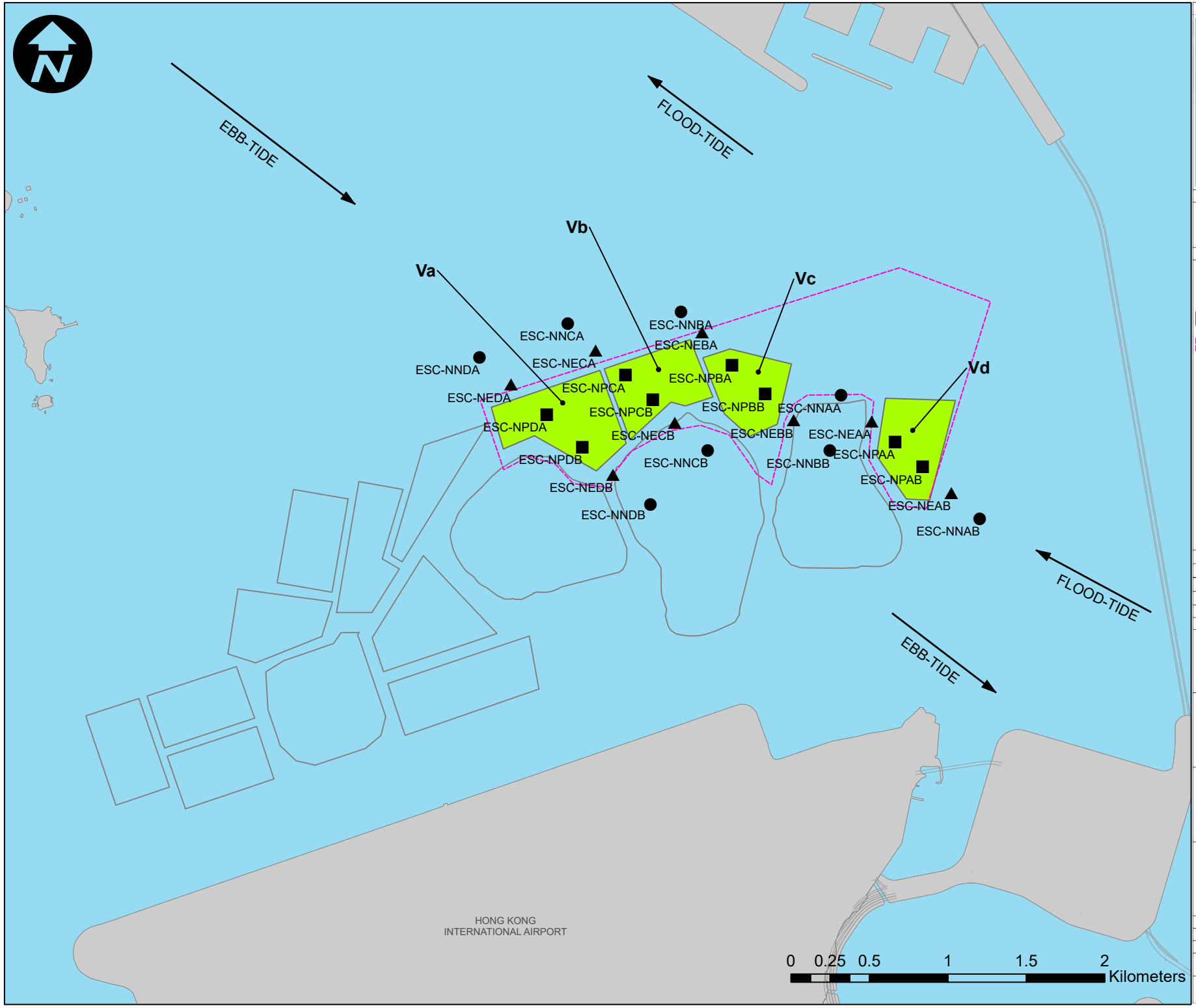

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ESC CMP V

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PIT SPECIFIC SEDIMENT MONITORING STATIONS

ACTIVE-PIT STATION

PIT-EDGE STATION

NEAR-PIT STATION

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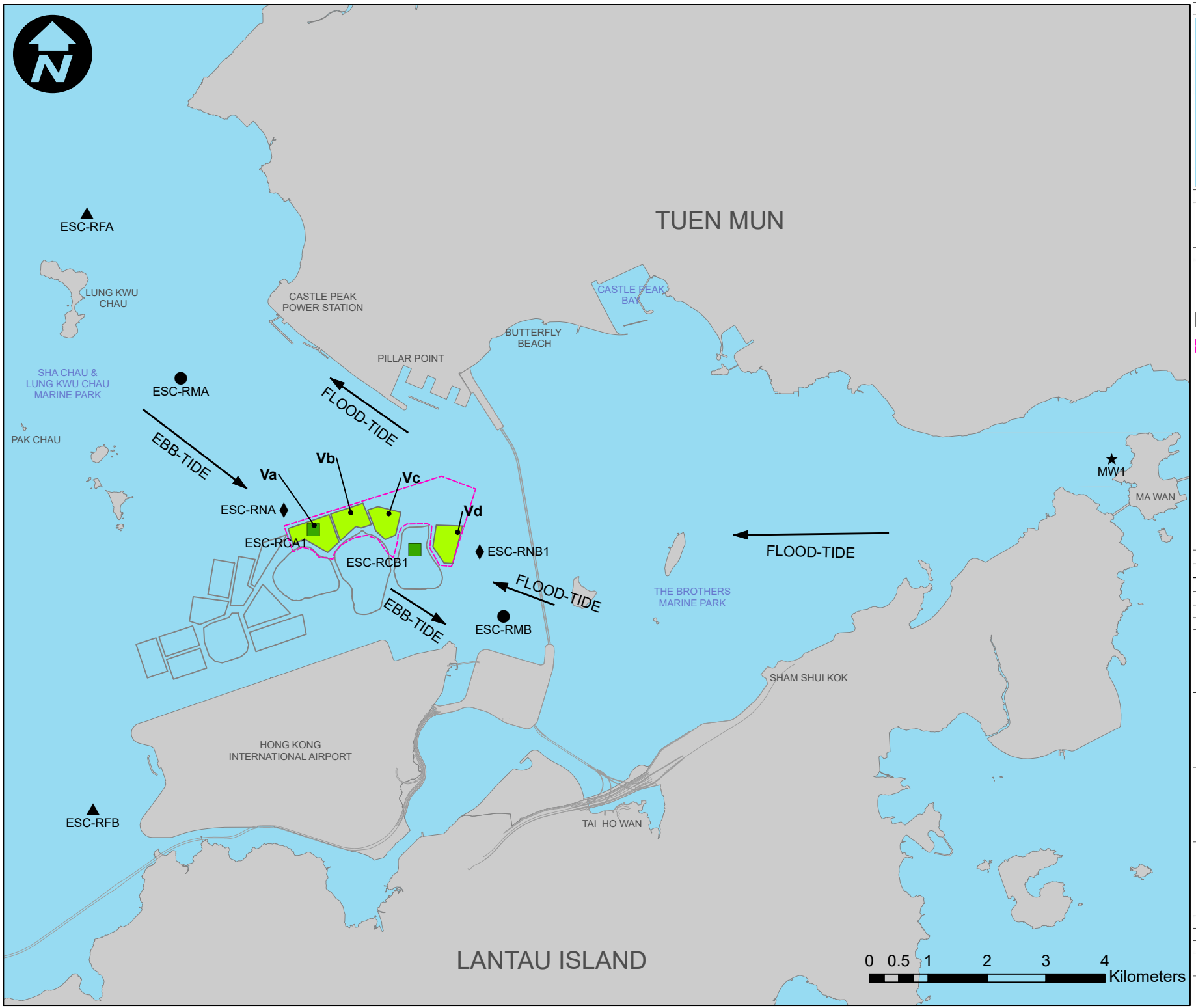

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- ESC CMP V
- ESC USABLE AREA 1

MONITORING STATIONS

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

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SEDIMENT CHEMISTRY AFTER A MAJOR STORM MONITORING STATIONS FOR ESC CMPS

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FIGURE 2.3

Appendices

Appendix A. Sampling Schedule

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

Parameter / Station Type	Station ID	Frequency	2021												2022												2023												2024												2025												2026		
Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry *			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Active-Pit																																																																
	ESC-NPAA	Monthly	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	2	2	2	2	2
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Notes:

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

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

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

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

Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results

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

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

Notes:

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

Table B2: Water Column Profiling Results for ESC CMP Vb in October 2025

Station	Temp. (°C)	Salinity (ppt)	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved Oxygen (%)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg L^{-1})	pH	Suspended Solids (mg L^{-1})
WCP 1 (Downstream)	28.86	22.76	11.16	77.60	5.28	7.92	13.0
WCP 2 (Upstream)	28.95	22.58	13.41	79.91	5.43	7.93	5.5
WQO (Wet Season)	N/A	20.32-24.84#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	12.0

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

Table B3: In-situ Monitoring Results for Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in October 2025

Station	Temp. (°C)	Salinity (ppt)	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved Oxygen (%)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg L^{-1})	pH
RFF (Reference)	28.78	23.05	20.15	78.23	5.32	7.86
IPF (Impact)	28.83	23.22	18.20	77.64	5.27	7.83
INF (Intermediate)	28.89	22.20	18.95	77.10	5.26	7.81
Ma Wan	28.69	25.57	14.12	76.55	5.14	7.89
WQO (Wet Season)	N/A	20.75-25.36#	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 October 2025

Station	As (µg/L)	Cd (µg/L)	Cr (µg/L)	Cu (µg/L)	Pb (µg/L)	Hg (µg/L)	Ni (µg/L)	Ag (µg/L)	Zn (µg/L)
RFF	1.86	0.04	0.34	0.72	ND	0.002	0.59	ND	0.17
IPF	1.93	0.06	0.25	0.81	ND	0.002	0.71	ND	0.13
INF	2.04	0.03	0.27	0.79	ND	0.002	0.65	ND	0.12
Ma Wan	2.09	0.04	0.23	0.52	ND	0.001	0.41	ND	0.49

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 October 2025

Station	NH_3 (mg/L)	TIN (mg/L)	BOD_5 (mg/L)	SS (mg/L)
RFF	<LOR	0.66	0.73	30.6
IPF	<LOR	0.71	0.90	26.5
INF	<LOR	0.76	0.63	26.2
Ma Wan	<LOR	0.50	0.70	18.5

WQO of TIN: 0.5 mg/L
Wet Season WQO of SS: 12.0 mg/L

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

Appendix C. Graphical Presentations

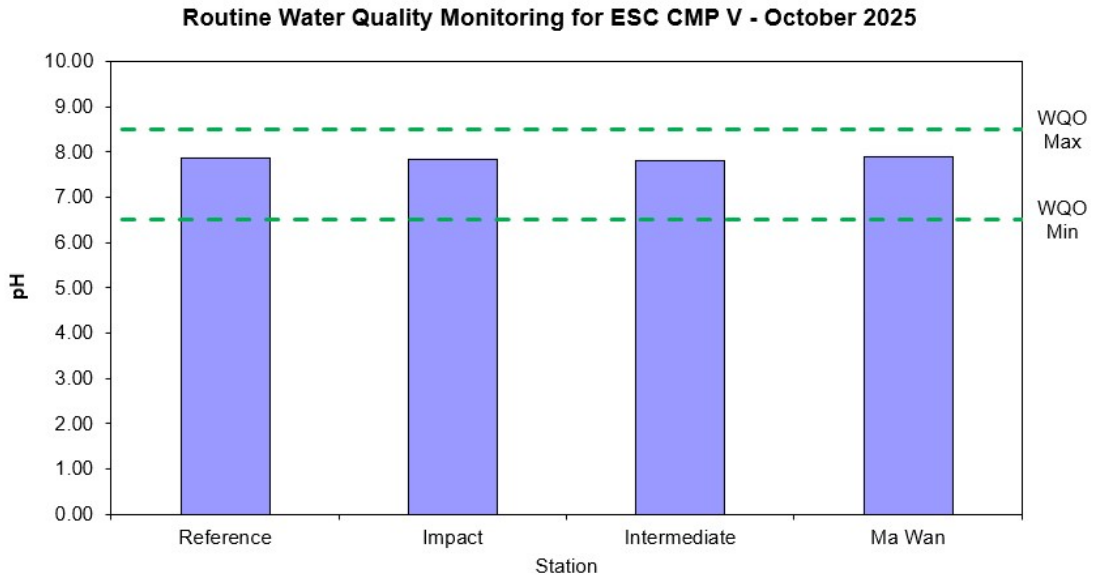

Figure 1: Level of pH recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025

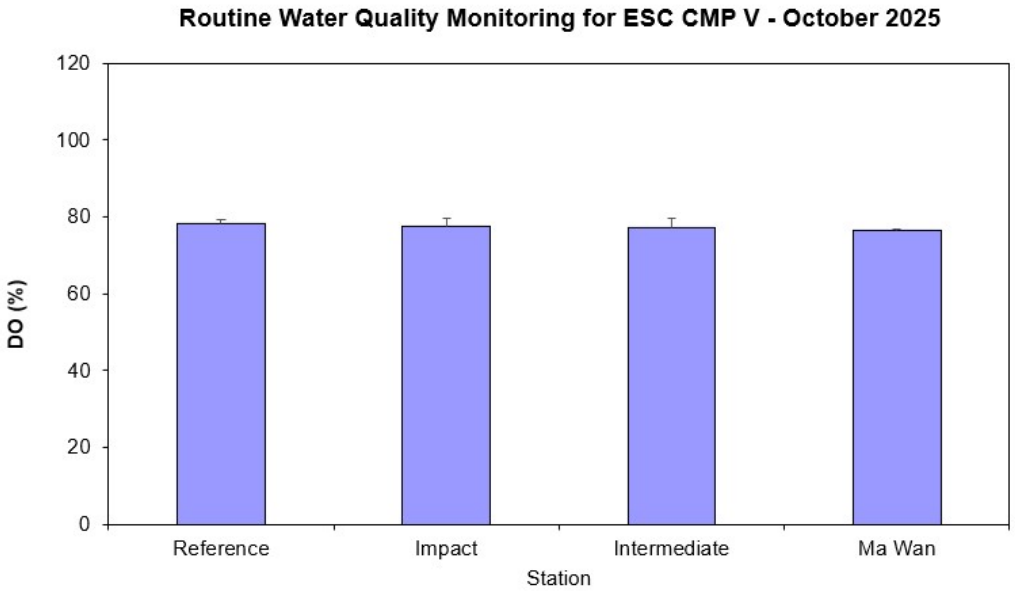

Figure 2: Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD[1]) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025

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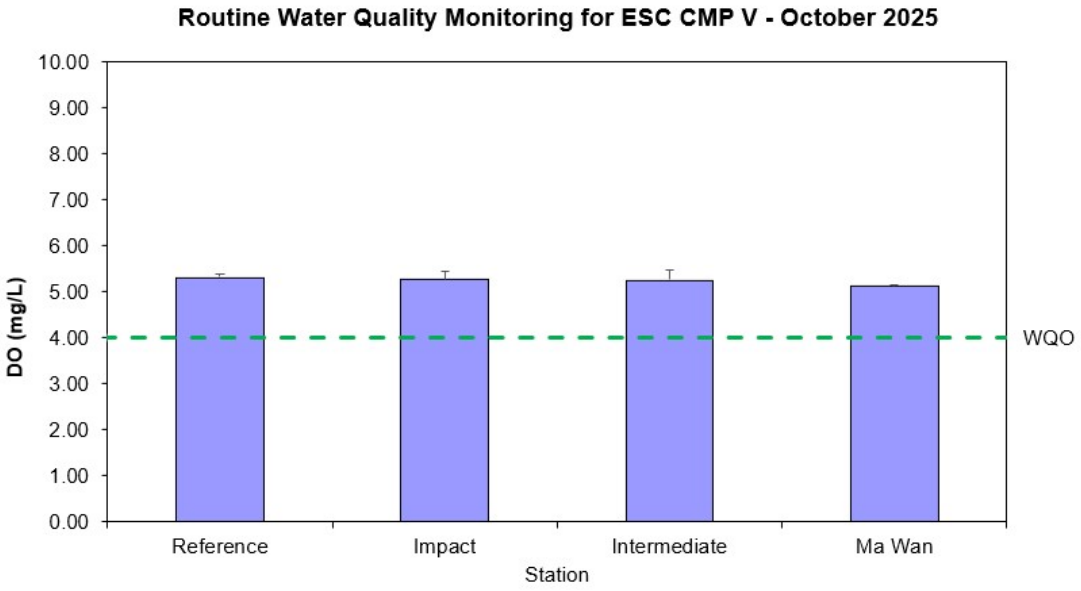

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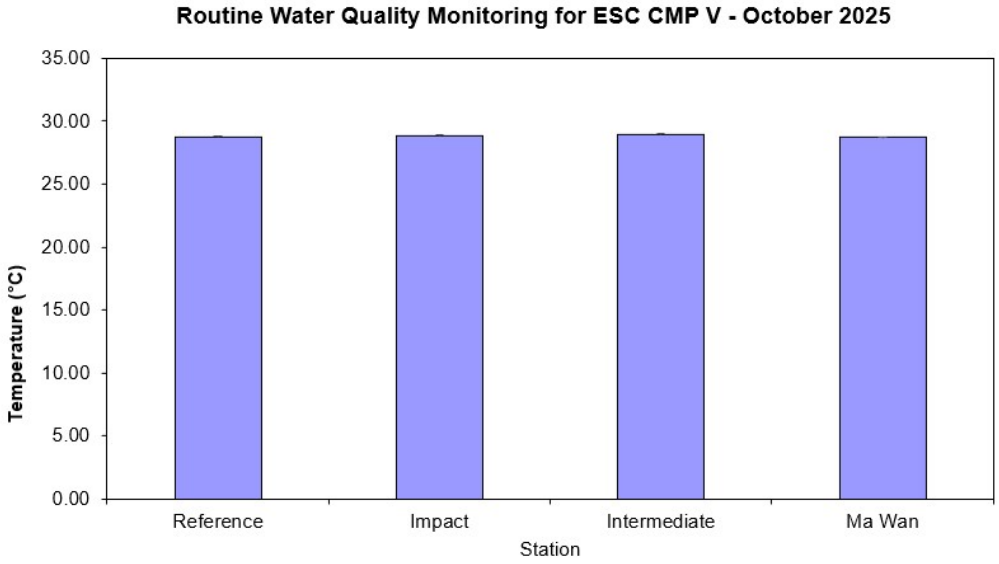

Figure 4: Level of Temperature (°C; mean + SD[1]) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025

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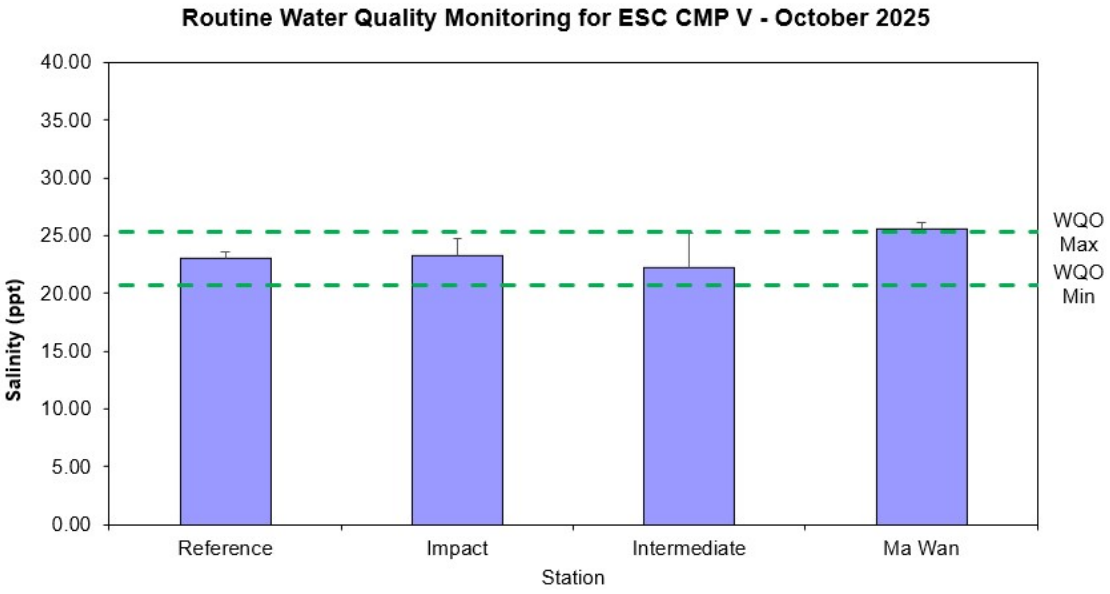

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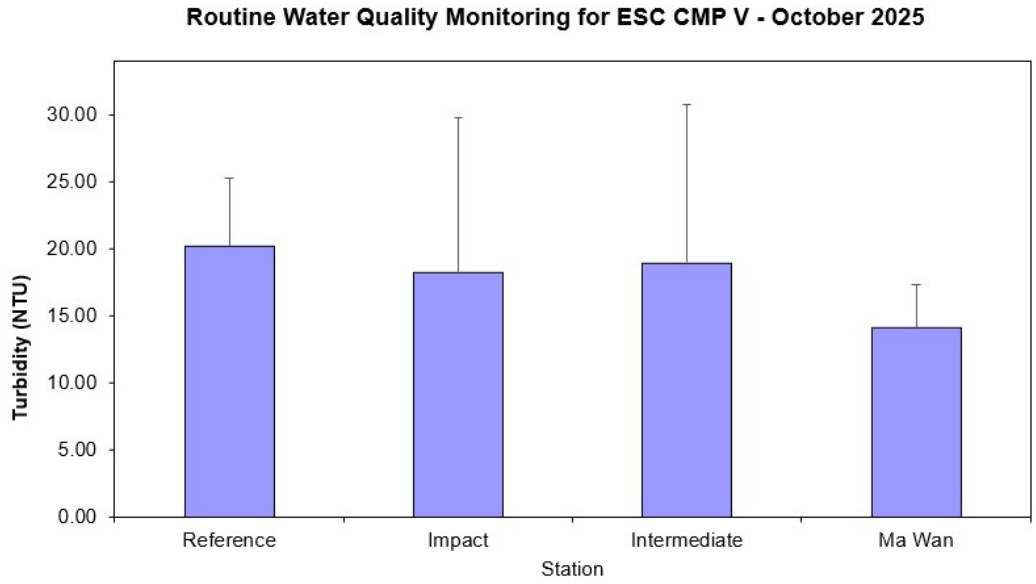

Figure 6: Level of Turbidity (NTU; mean + SD[1]) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025

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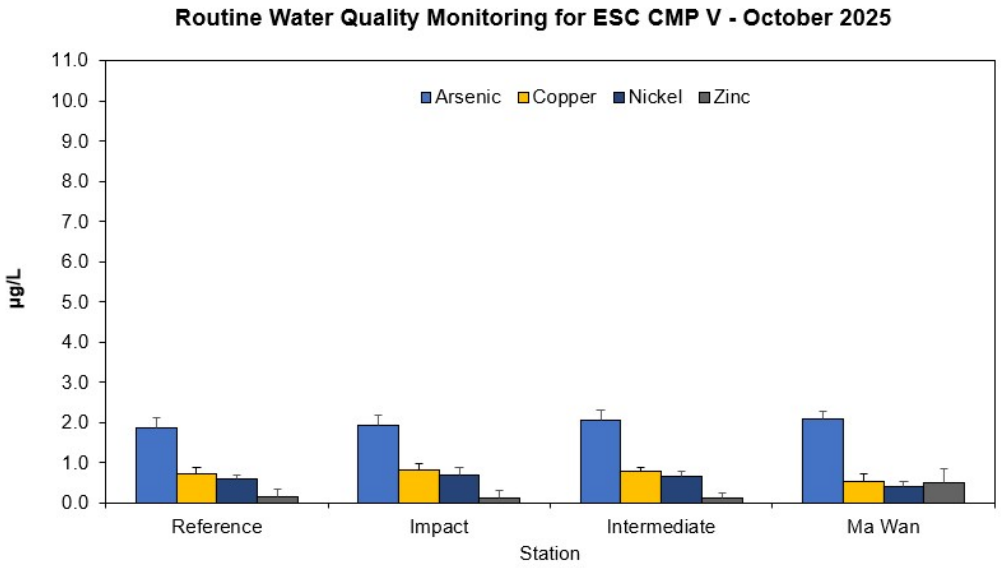
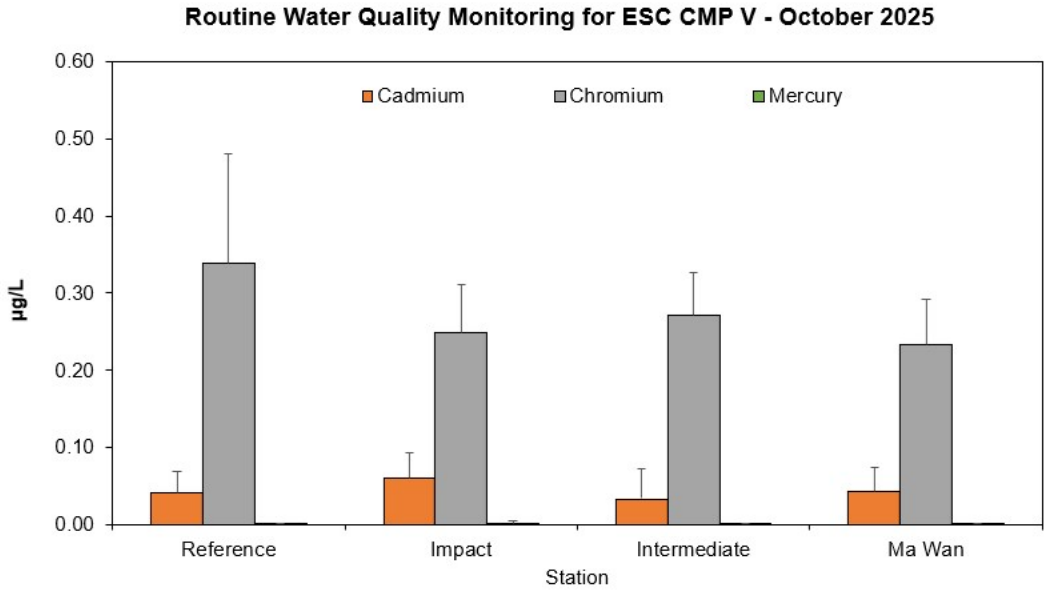


Figure 7: Concentration of Arsenic, Copper, Nickel, and Zinc (µg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025



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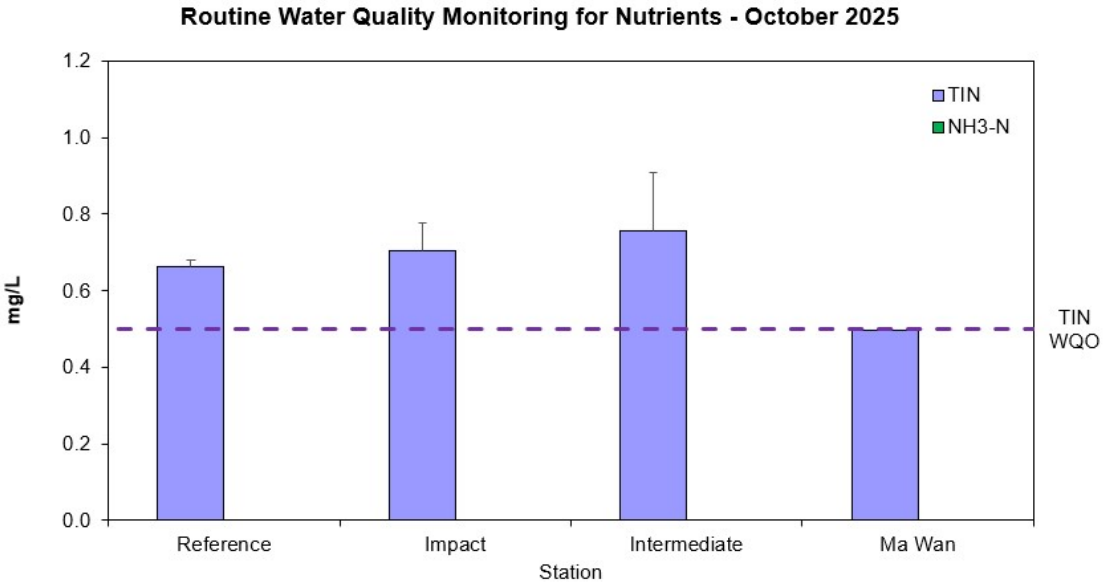


Figure 9: Concentration of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N)[1] (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025

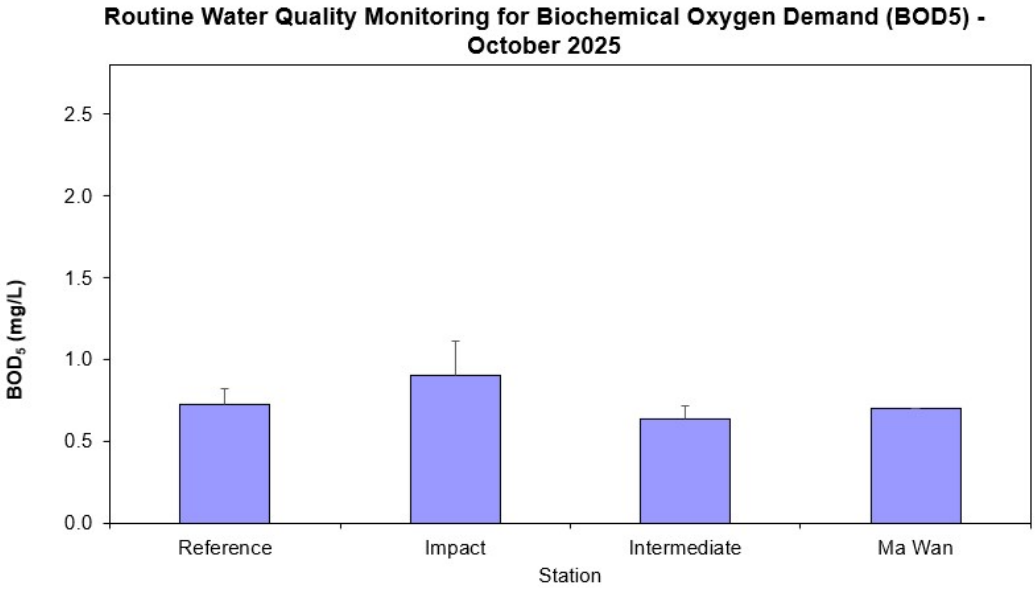
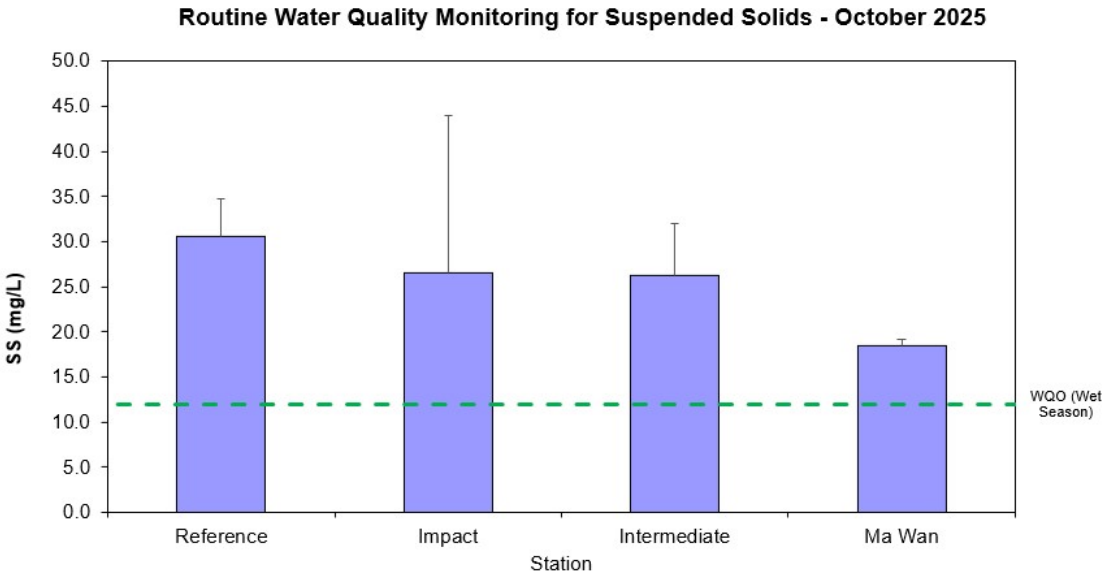


Figure 10: Level of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in October 2025

1 Concentrations of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N) are below limit of reporting (LOR) at all stations.



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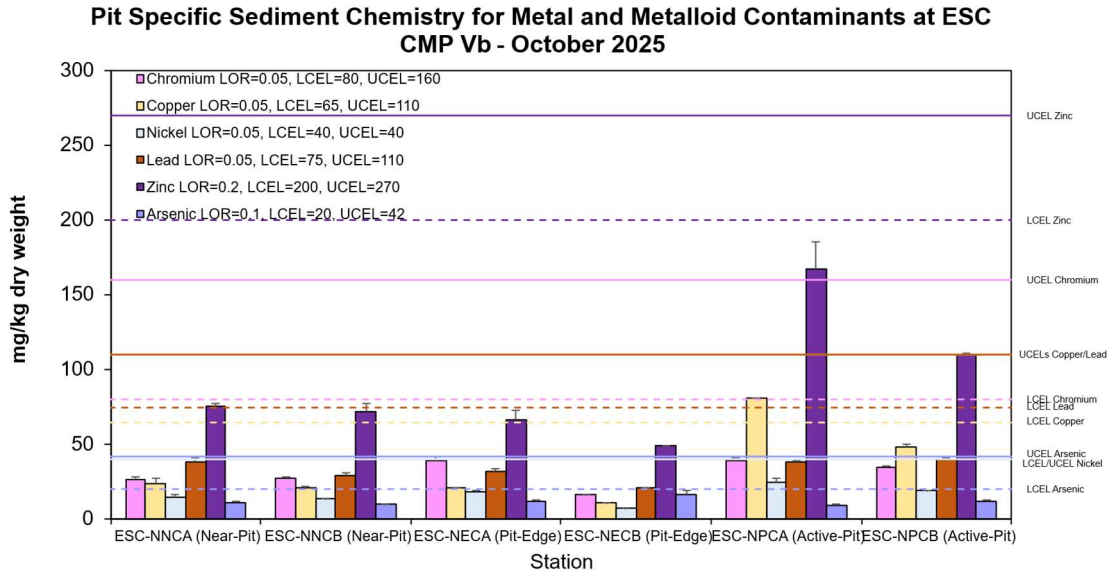
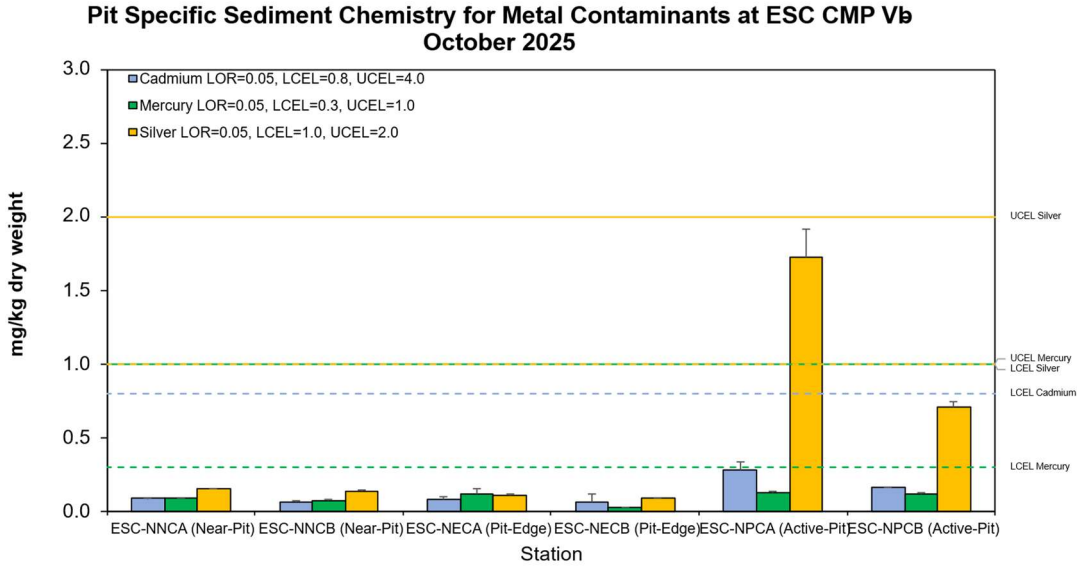


Figure 12: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid[1] (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in October 2025

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



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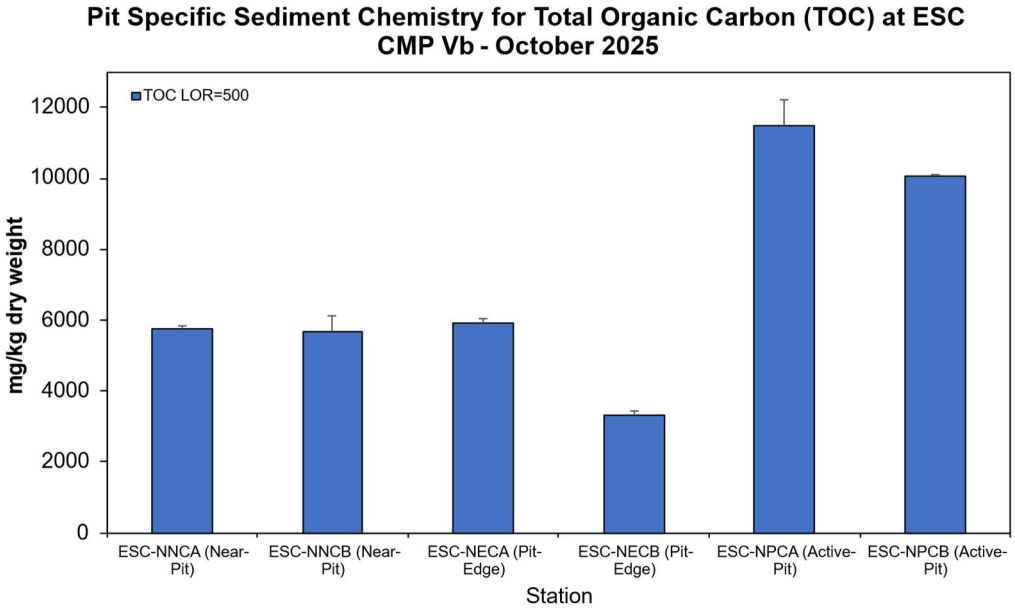


Figure 14: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in October 2025

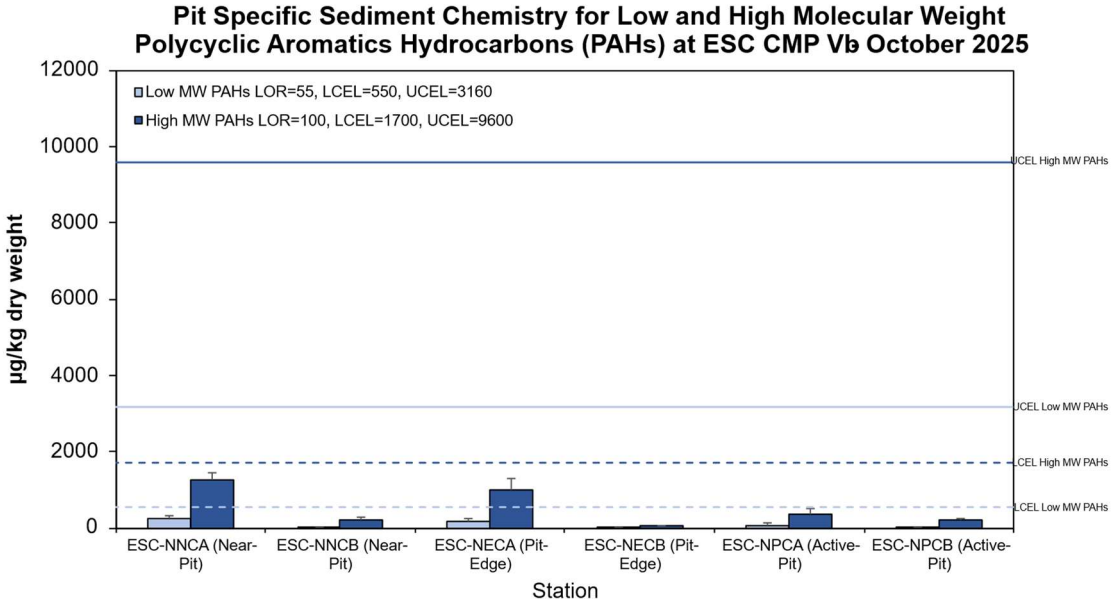
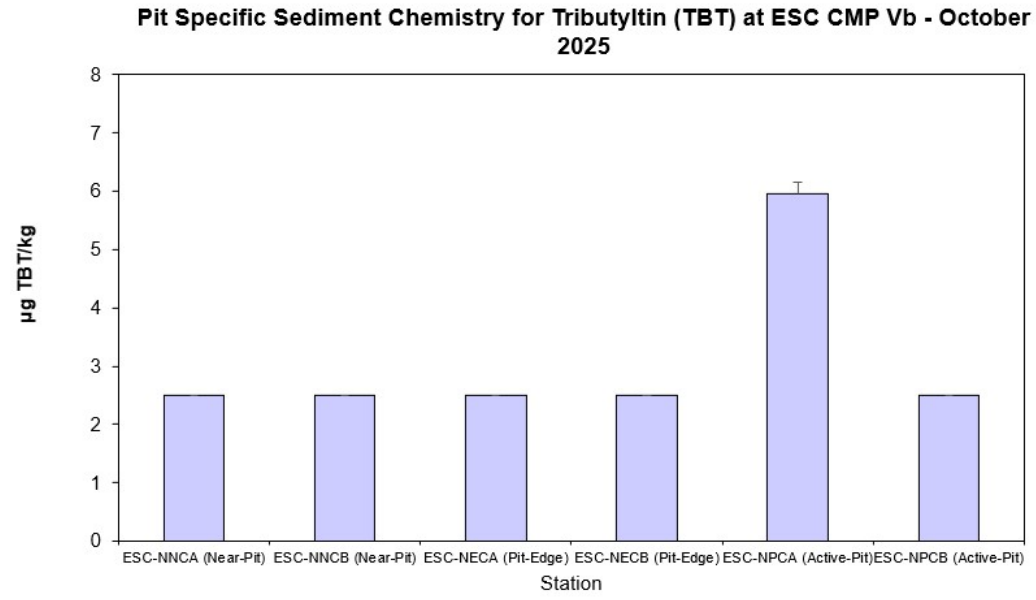


Figure 15: Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (µg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in October 2025



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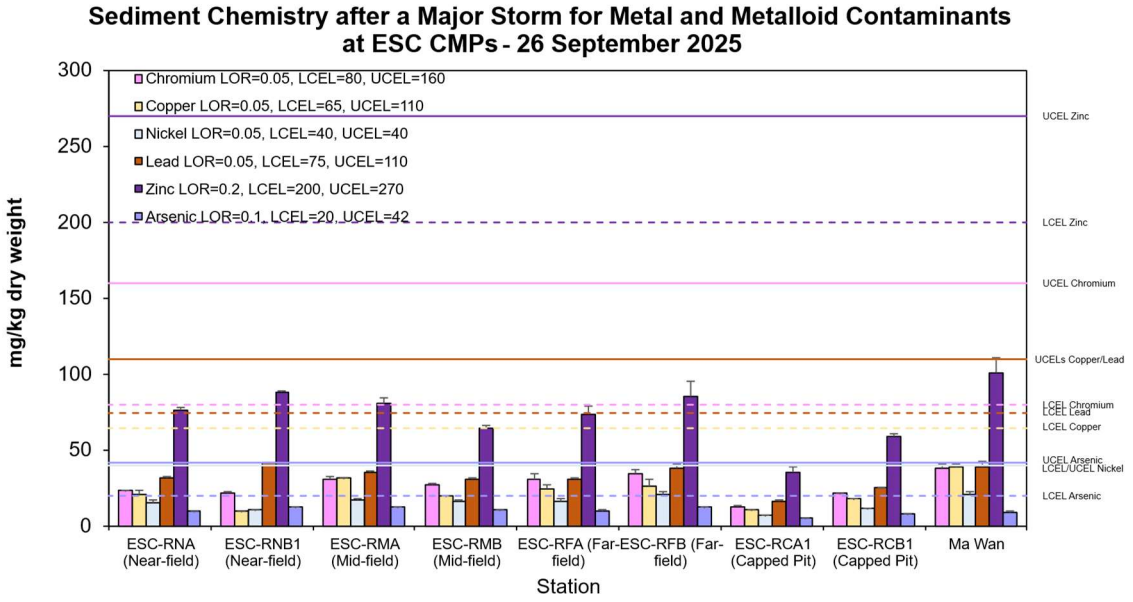

Figure 17 Concentration of Metals (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm for ESC CMPs on 26 September 2025

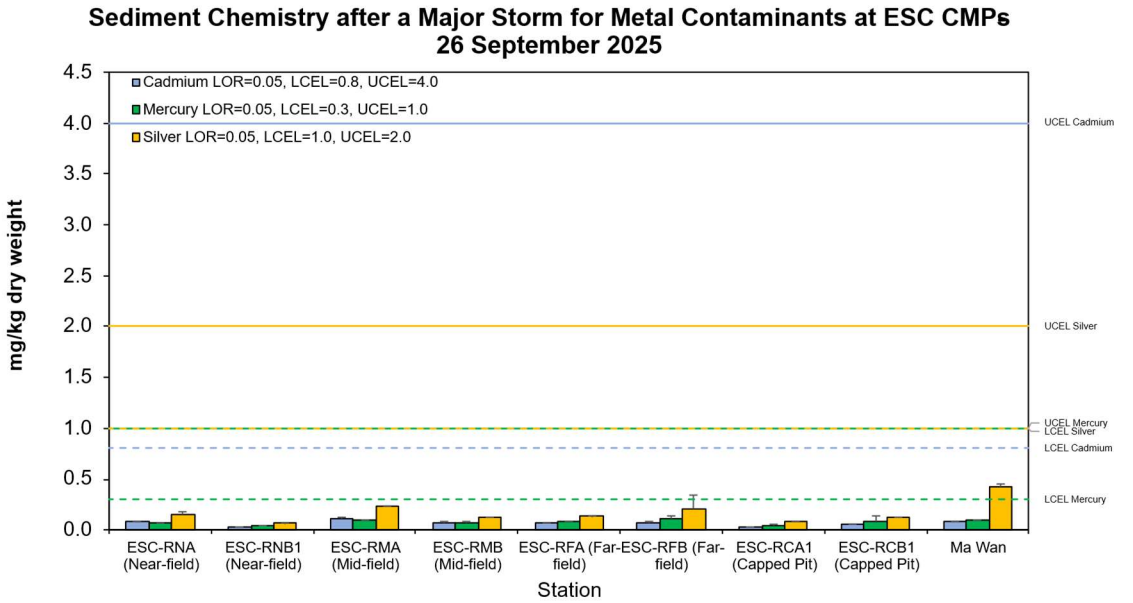

Figure 18: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Sediment Chemistry after a Major Storm for ESC CMPs on 26 September 2025

Appendix D. Study Programme

Study Programme

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

Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited

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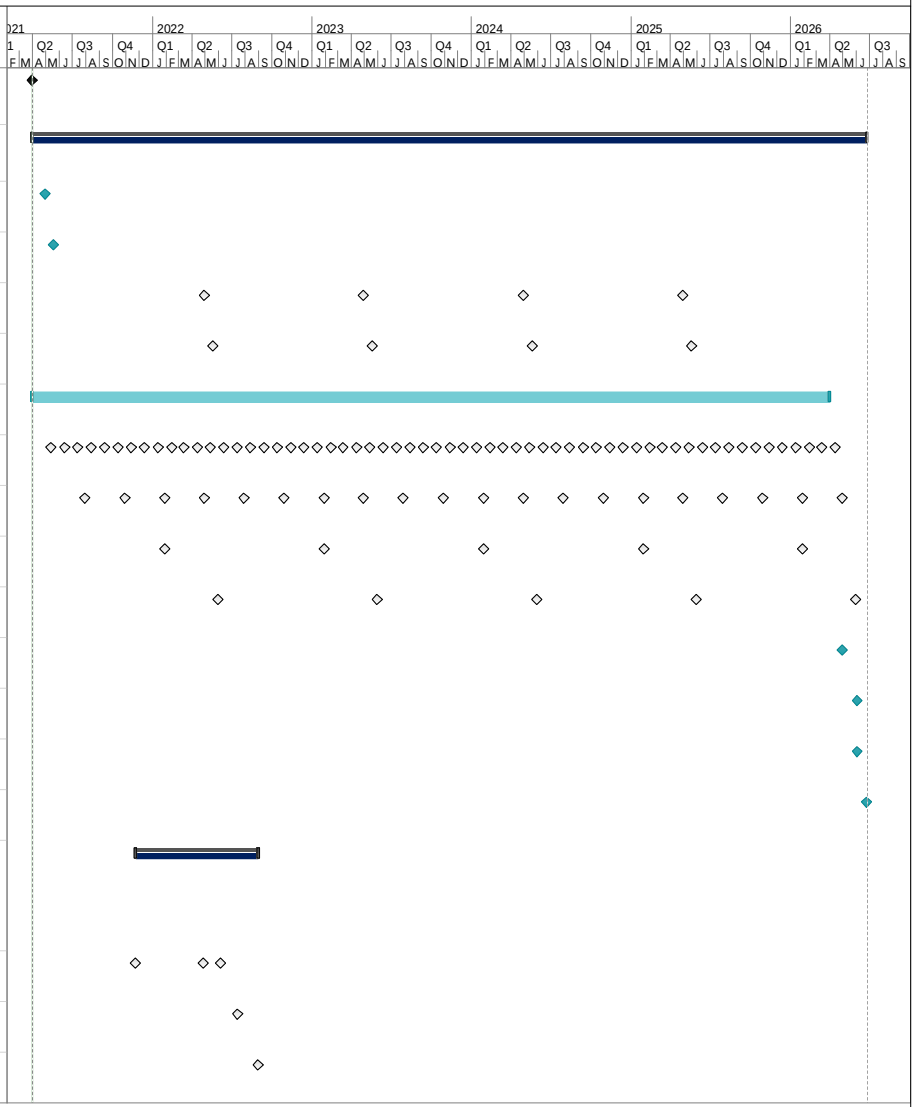

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