

## Multi-Elemental Contamination and Historic Record in Sediments from the Santos-Cubatão Estuarine System, Brazil

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**Table S1.** Concentrations (average  $\pm$  standard deviation, n=2) of major, minor and trace elements (in mg kg<sup>-1</sup>, unless otherwise indicated) determined for the reference material LKSD-3 (CANMET) and the in-house standard DST6 (Acme Analytical Laboratories) by ICP-MS

	Reference value	Our value	Recovery / (%)		Reference value	Our value	Recovery / (%)
Li	25 $\pm$ 2	28.8 $\pm$ 1.2	115.2	As	27 $\pm$ 2	22.9 $\pm$ 0.8	84.8
Be*	3.3	3.0 $\pm$ 0.0	90.9	Rb	78 $\pm$ 10	77.6 $\pm$ 0.8	99.5
Na (%)	1.72 $\pm$ 0.07	1.75 $\pm$ 0.00	101.7	Sr	240 $\pm$ 42	272 $\pm$ 3	113.3
Mg (%)	1.20 $\pm$ 0.06	1.14 $\pm$ 0.07	95.0	Y	30 $\pm$ 10	26.6 $\pm$ 0.1	88.7
Al (%)	6.61 $\pm$ 0.21	6.55 $\pm$ 0.27	99.1	Zr*	50.1	62.2 $\pm$ 1.2	124.2
P	1090 $\pm$ 40	1146 $\pm$ 8	105.1	Nb*	8.11	9.16 $\pm$ 0.11	112.9
S (%)	0.14 $\pm$ 0.03	0.17 $\pm$ 0.01	121.4	Mo*	12.70	12.8 $\pm$ 0.1	100.8
K (%)	1.84 $\pm$ 0.07	1.66 $\pm$ 0.02	90.2	Ag	2.7 $\pm$ 0.11	2.67 $\pm$ 18	98.9
Ca (%)	1.64 $\pm$ 0.14	1.77 $\pm$ 0.01	107.9	Cd*	5.60	5.66 $\pm$ 0.01	101.1
Sc	13 $\pm$ 2	12.6 $\pm$ 0.5	96.9	Sn	3 $\pm$ 2	2.1 $\pm$ 0.0	70.0
Ti	3330 $\pm$ 330	3195 $\pm$ 21	95.9	Sb	1.3 $\pm$ 0.1	1.27 $\pm$ 0.01	97.7
V	82 $\pm$ 8	84.1 $\pm$ 1.6	102.6	Cs	2.3 $\pm$ 0.3	2.6 $\pm$ 0.1	113.0
Cr	87 $\pm$ 8	76.5 $\pm$ 0.7	87.9	Hf	4.8 $\pm$ 0.7	3.6 $\pm$ 0.1	75.0
Mn	1440 $\pm$ 80	1472 $\pm$ 4	102.2	Ta	0.7 $\pm$ 0.1	0.96 $\pm$ 0.10	137.1
Fe (%)	4.0 $\pm$ 0.2	4.21 $\pm$ 0.02	105.3	Pb	29 $\pm$ 3	33.7 $\pm$ 1.3	116.2
Co	30 $\pm$ 2	32.6 $\pm$ 0.3	108.7	Bi*	4.70	4.86 $\pm$ 0.07	103.4
Ni	47 $\pm$ 5	49.4 $\pm$ 2	105.1	Th	11.4 $\pm$ 0.7	11.6 $\pm$ 0.0	101.8
Cu	35 $\pm$ 3	38.1 $\pm$ 0.0	108.9	U	4.6 $\pm$ 0.5	4.6 $\pm$ 0.0	100.0
Zn	152 $\pm$ 14	167 $\pm$ 1.5	109.9				
Ga	17 $\pm$ 4	16.85 $\pm$ 0.03	99.1				

\*DST6 (in-house standard).

**Table S2.** Correlation coefficients calculated for concentrations of select elements, grain-size and LOI (550 °C) in a sediment core from the Morrão River (n=32, entire data). Marked correlations are significant at  $p < 0.05$ 

	Li	Na	Mg	Al	S	K	Ti	V	As	Rb	Mo	Cs	Silt	Clay	Sand	LOI
Li	1.00															
Na	-0.20	1.00														
Mg	0.06	<b>0.62</b>	1.00													
Al	<b>0.96</b>	-0.09	0.13	1.00												
S	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.35</b>	0.33	<b>0.51</b>	1.00											
K	<b>0.93</b>	-0.20	0.11	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.40</b>	1.00										
Ti	<b>0.91</b>	-0.26	0.06	<b>0.89</b>	0.29	<b>0.86</b>	1.00									
V	<b>0.59</b>	-0.21	0.24	<b>0.61</b>	0.11	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.53</b>	1.00								
As	<b>0.38</b>	0.19	0.33	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.36</b>	0.24	0.23	1.00							
Rb	<b>0.78</b>	-0.31	-0.03	<b>0.73</b>	0.21	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.66</b>	0.16	1.00						
Mo	0.31	0.16	0.06	0.31	<b>0.76</b>	0.24	0.04	-0.03	<b>0.63</b>	0.14	1.00					
Cs	<b>0.80</b>	0.09	0.17	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.58</b>	1.00				
Silt	0.06	0.16	-0.28	0.15	-0.01	-0.06	-0.06	-0.09	-0.36	-0.14	0.09	0.22	1.00			
Clay	<b>-0.51</b>	0.05	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-0.47</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-0.64</b>	<b>-0.52</b>	<b>-0.46</b>	<b>-0.55</b>	<b>-0.59</b>	-0.28	<b>-0.42</b>	<b>0.62</b>	1.00		
Sand	0.02	-0.15	0.32	-0.07	0.08	0.14	0.13	0.15	<b>0.40</b>	0.21	-0.05	-0.14	<b>-0.99</b>	<b>-0.70</b>	1.00	
LOI	-0.08	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.59</b>	0.00	<b>0.38</b>	0.01	-0.12	-0.01	0.35	-0.01	0.27	0.13	-0.32	-0.34	0.34	1.00

**Table S3.** Correlation coefficients calculated for concentrations of elements associated with the phosphorous or iron in the 0-90 cm depth in a sediment core from the Morrão River (n = 15). Marked correlations are significant at  $p < 0.05$ 

	Elements associated with phosphorous													Elements associated with iron													
	Be	P	Ca	Sc	Co	Cu	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Hf	Ta	Th	U	Cr	Mn	Fe	Ni	Zn	Ga	Ag	Cd	Sn	Sb	Pb	Bi	
Be	1.00																										
P	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.00</b>																									
Ca	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.98</b>	1.00																								
Sc	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.94</b>	1.00																							
Co	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.68</b>	1.00																						
Cu	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.85</b>	1.00																					
Sr	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.60</b>	1.00																				
Y	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.63</b>	0.50	<b>0.97</b>	1.00																			
Zr	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.76</b>	1.00																		
Nb	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.98</b>	1.00																	
Hf	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.98</b>	1.00																
Ta	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.99</b>	1.00															
Th	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.88</b>	1.00														
U	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.56</b>	0.42	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.83</b>	1.00													
Cr	0.38	<b>0.56</b>	0.47	0.27	0.50	0.28	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.79</b>	0.43	0.40	0.39	0.39	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.78</b>	1.00												
Mn	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.56</b>	0.40	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.74</b>	1.00											
Fe	0.47	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.54</b>	0.36	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.99</b>	1.00										
Ni	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.94</b>	1.00									
Zn	0.21	0.19	0.25	0.13	0.25	0.40	0.22	0.19	0.30	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.32	0.18	0.19	0.34	0.40	0.49	1.00								
Ga	-0.03	0.05	-0.02	-0.15	0.21	-0.15	0.29	0.40	0.10	-0.01	0.06	0.00	0.37	0.42	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.56</b>	0.47	0.14	1.00							
Ag	-0.01	0.20	0.15	0.07	0.32	0.22	0.26	0.28	0.15	0.18	0.13	0.21	0.28	0.38	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.57</b>	0.25	0.36	1.00						
Cd	-0.20	-0.08	-0.09	-0.25	-0.26	-0.34	0.27	0.36	-0.23	-0.28	-0.28	-0.29	0.11	0.39	<b>0.63</b>	0.10	0.18	0.17	0.26	<b>0.55</b>	0.47	1.00					
Sn	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.20	0.23	0.34	-0.06	-0.03	0.11	0.19	0.11	0.21	0.00	-0.11	0.02	0.19	0.18	0.20	0.09	-0.28	0.44	-0.19	1.00				
Sb	0.31	0.40	0.38	0.21	<b>0.60</b>	0.45	0.48	<b>0.55</b>	0.54	0.44	0.48	0.47	<b>0.65</b>	0.45	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.65</b>	0.38	0.20	1.00			
Pb	0.10	0.16	0.18	0.10	0.31	0.38	0.16	0.21	0.25	0.21	0.21	0.24	0.30	0.15	0.34	0.48	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.83</b>	0.23	<b>0.56</b>	0.31	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.79</b>	1.00		
Bi	-0.08	-0.10	-0.04	-0.10	0.04	0.21	-0.08	-0.03	0.05	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.05	-0.15	0.01	0.19	0.25	0.32	<b>0.88</b>	0.07	0.22	0.23	0.35	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.89</b>	1.00	