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Environmental Risks of Car Tyre Leachate Pollutants

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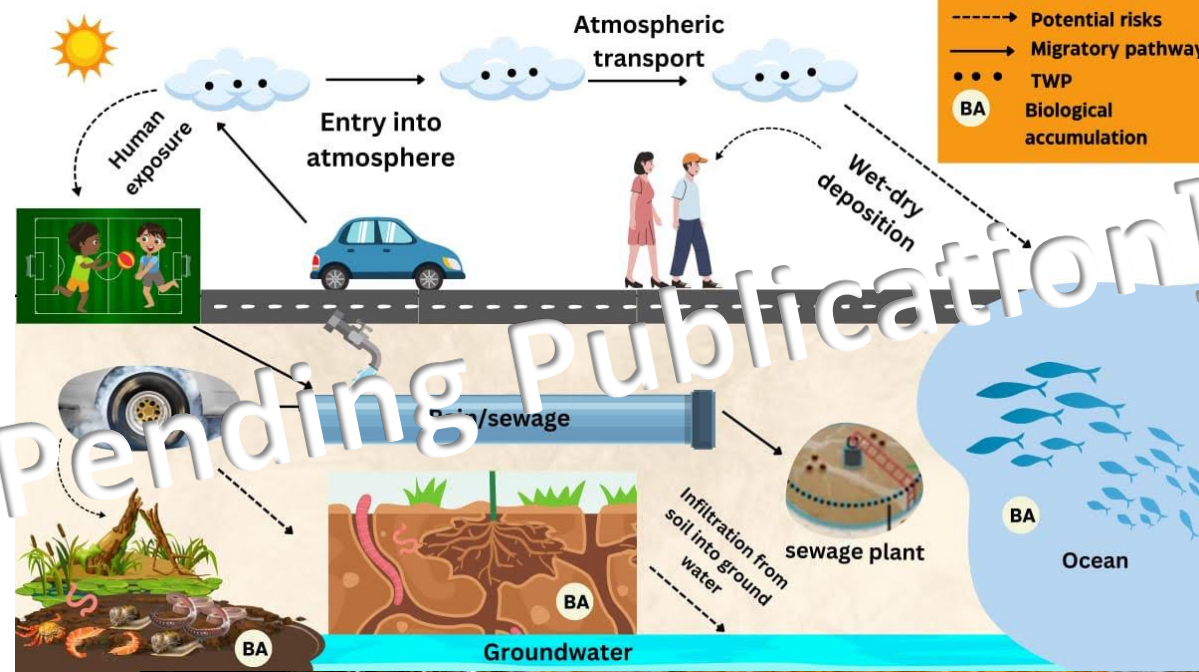
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OUTLINE

- Study background
- Output of scoping workshop
- Environmental sampling and analysis
 - Emmissions analytics lab – GC-GC TOF MS (Non-target sample analysis)
 - ALS Lab – GC MS (PAH analysis)
- Toxicity of tyre leachates to amphipod
- Mitigation measures

BACKGROUND



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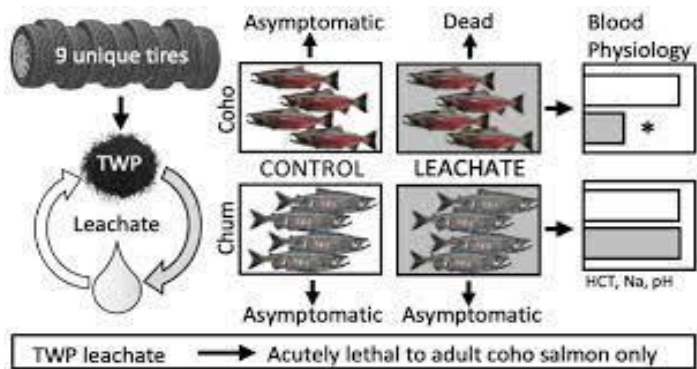


Fig. 1: Toxicity of TWP leachate. (McIntyre *et al.*, 2021)



UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES

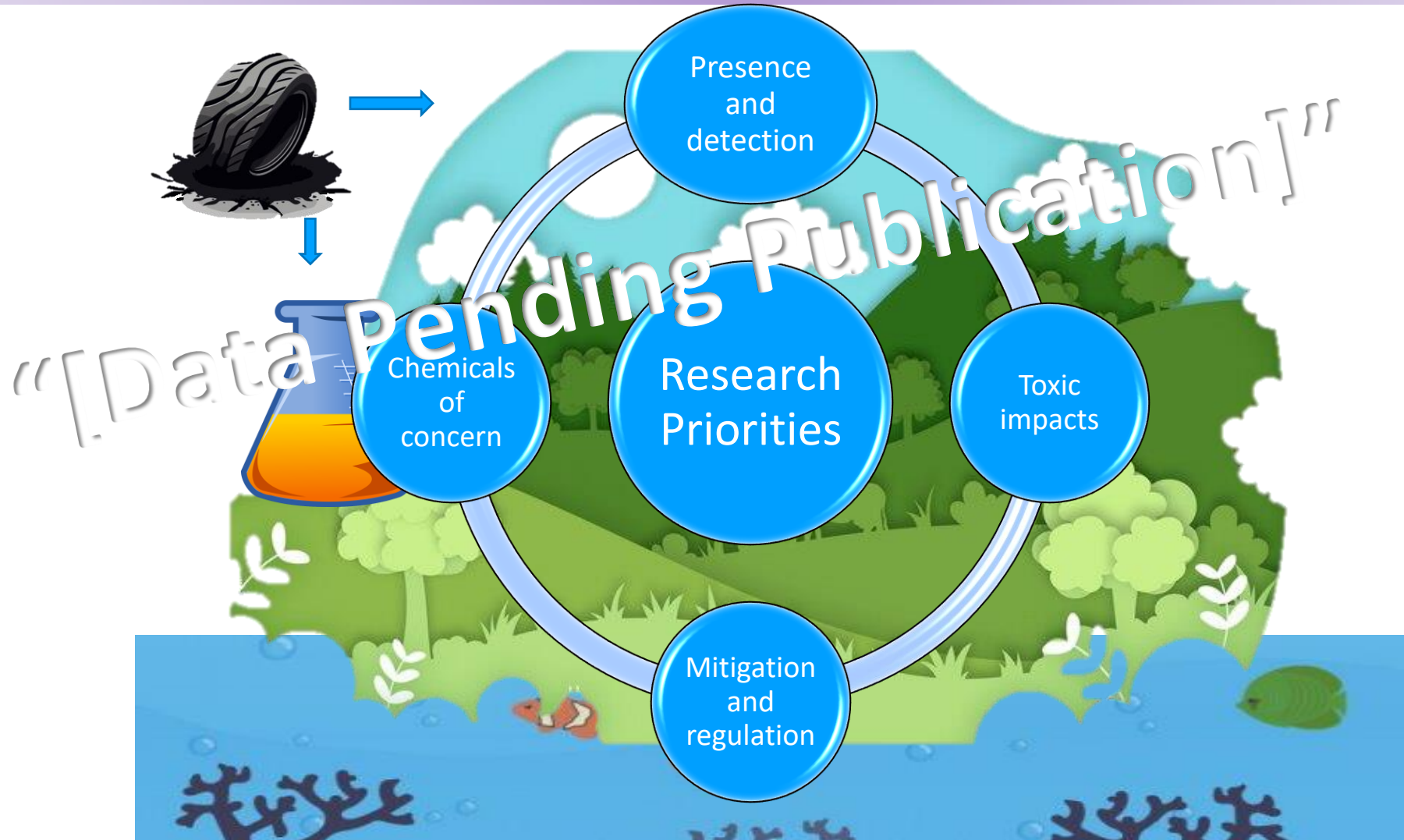
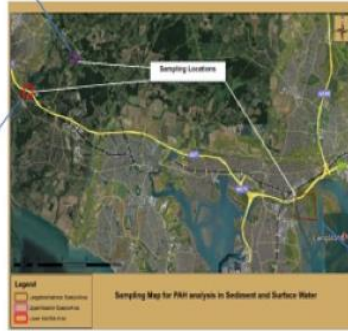
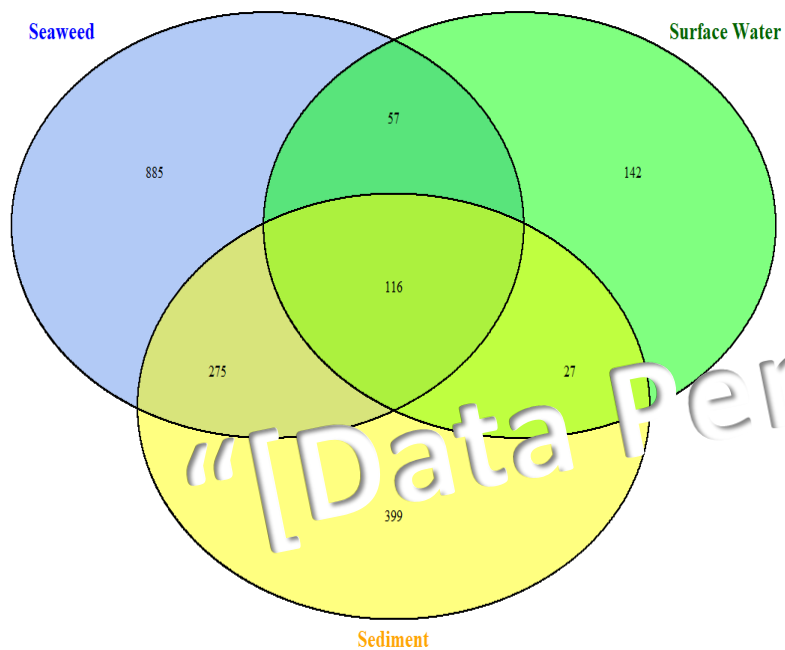


Fig: Output of scoping workshop

Sampling Locations

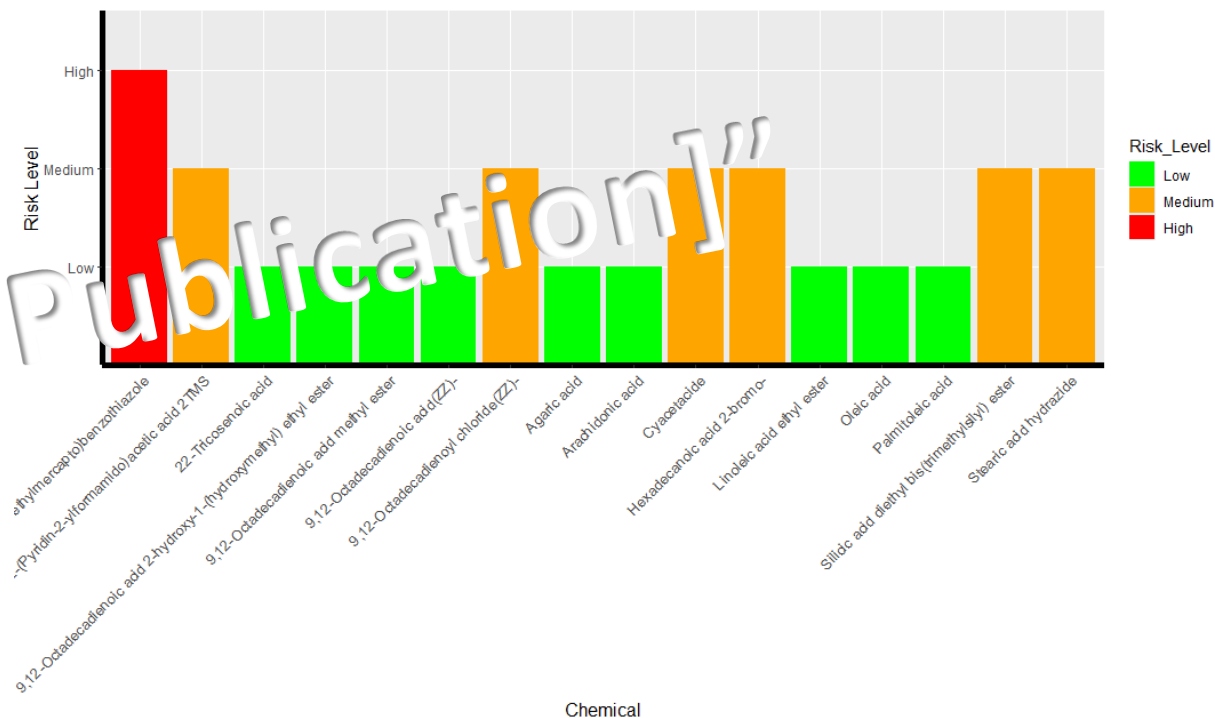


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Overall Risk Levels of Chemicals



The chemicals common to seaweed, surface water, and sediment were extracted to focus on pollutants that impact all environmental components.

This commonality indicates these chemicals' potential for environmental persistence and mobility.

Chemicals were classified into **low**, **medium**, and **high-risk** categories based on their:

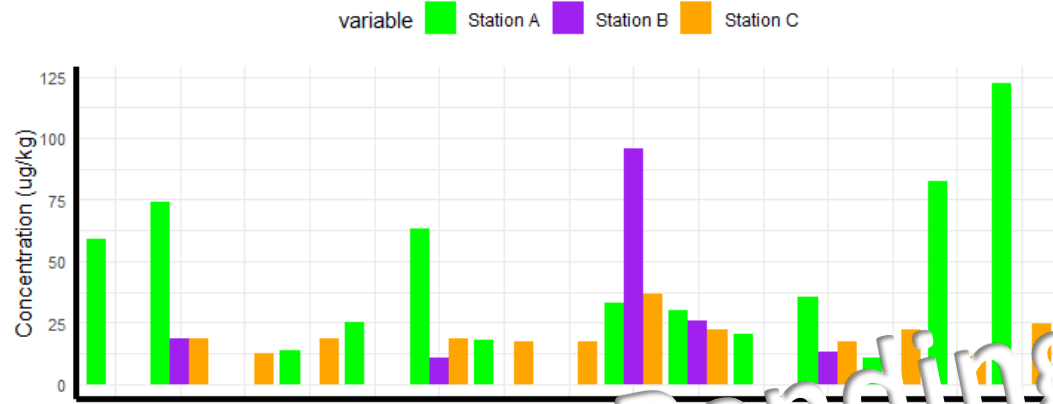
Toxicological impact: Harmful effects on humans, aquatic life, or wildlife.

Regulatory Status: Chemicals regulated or monitored by organizations like **EPA**.

Persistence and Bioaccumulation: Ability to accumulate in the environment over time

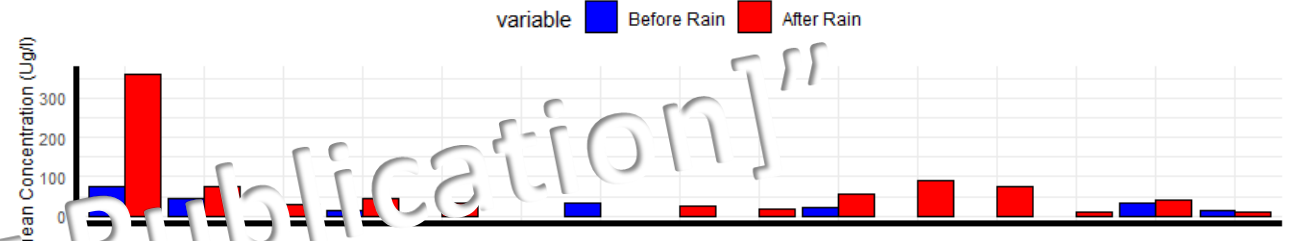
NON-TARGET ANALYSIS RESULTS (Langstone)

Sediment

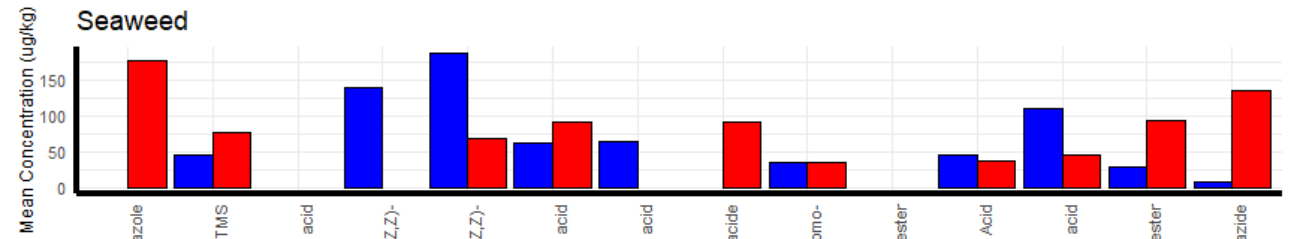
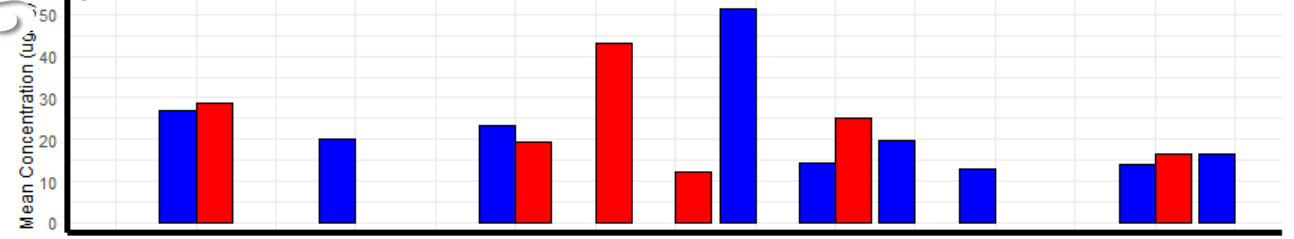
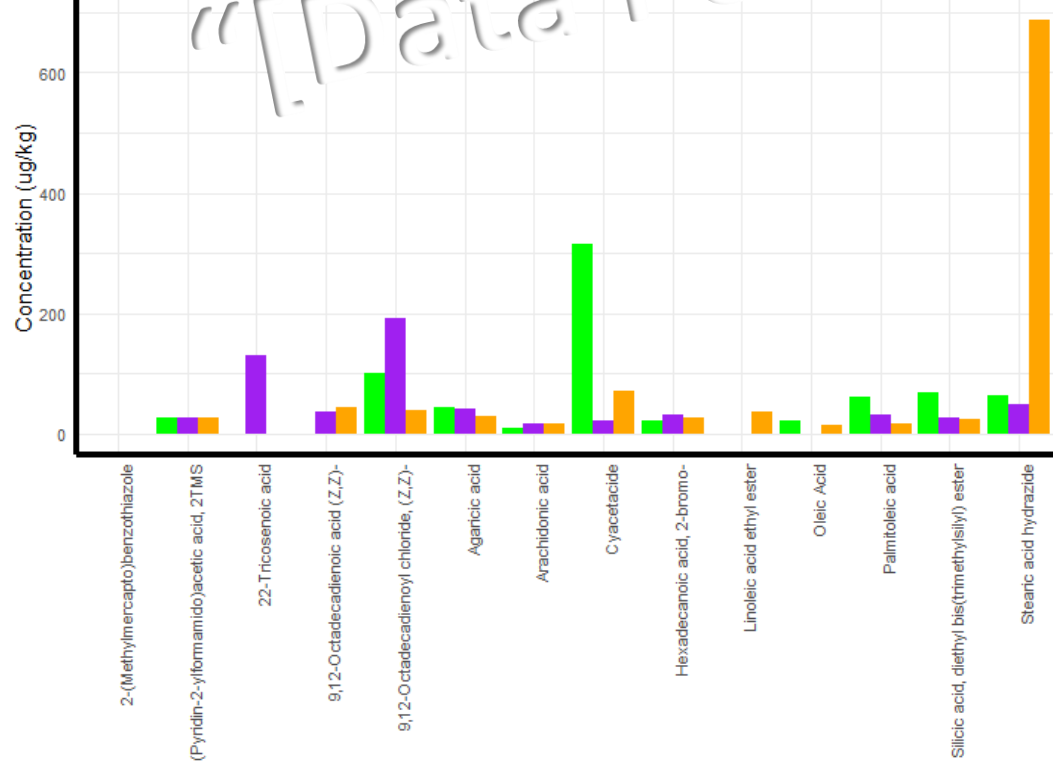


After Rain / Before Rain Comparison

Surface Water



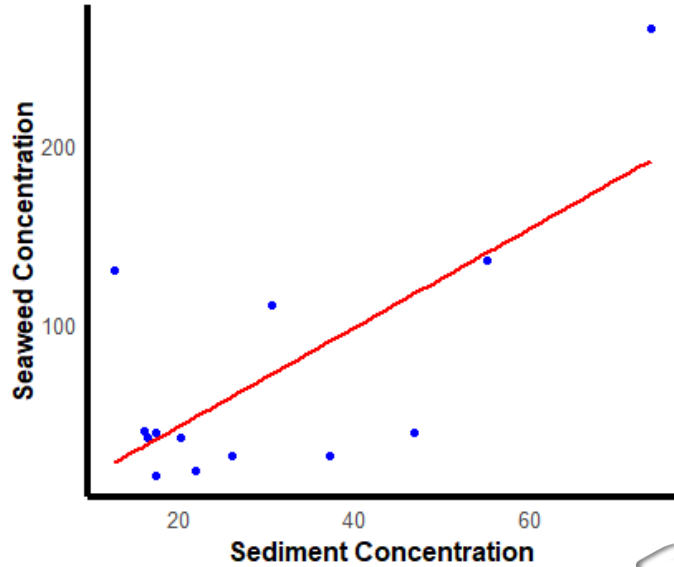
Seaweed



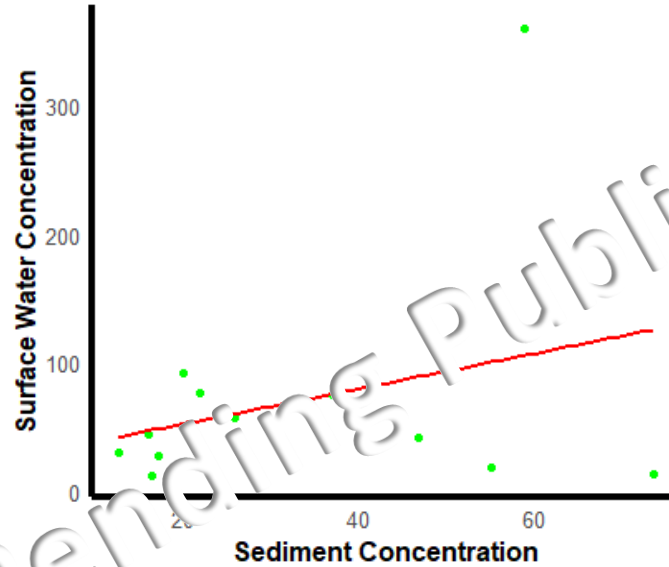
Chemical

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VARIABLES

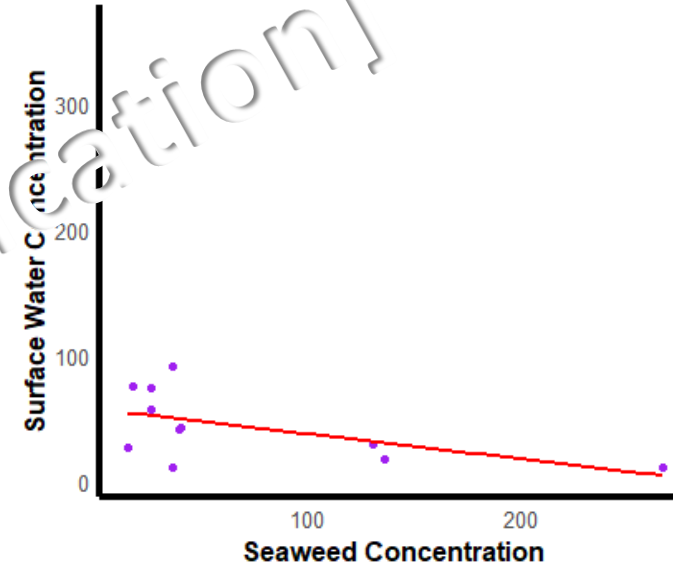
Sediment vs Seaweed
 $r = 0.71, p = 0.007$



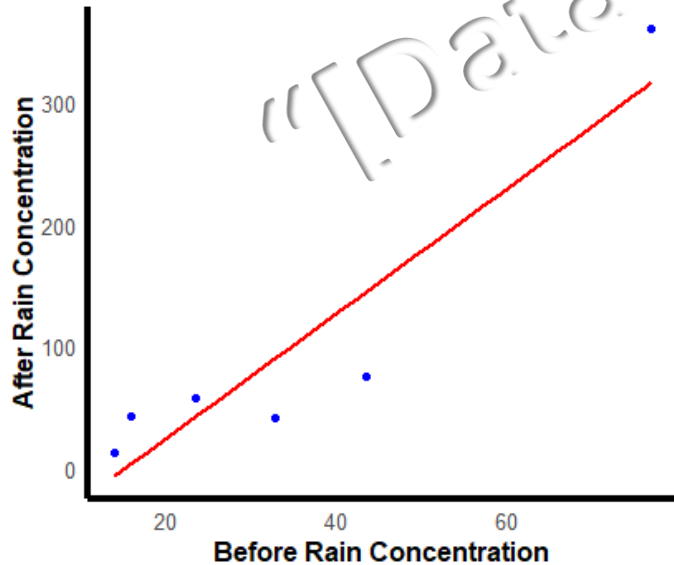
Sediment vs Surface Water
 $r = 0.29, p = 0.3531$



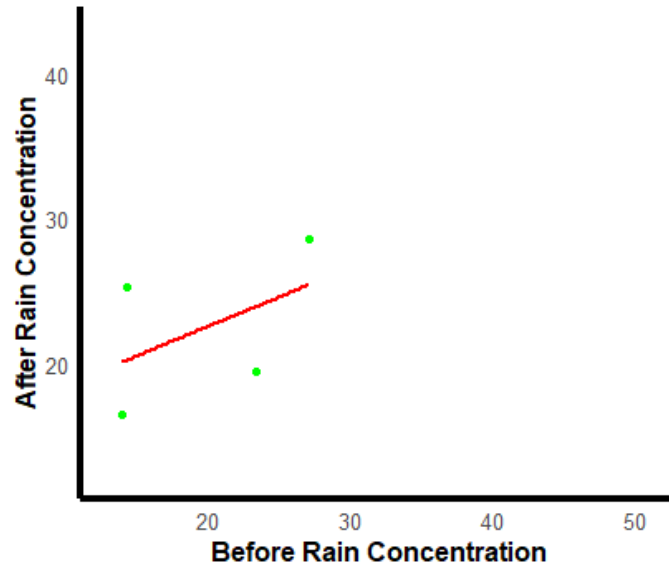
Seaweed vs Surface Water
 $r = -0.56, p = 0.0757$



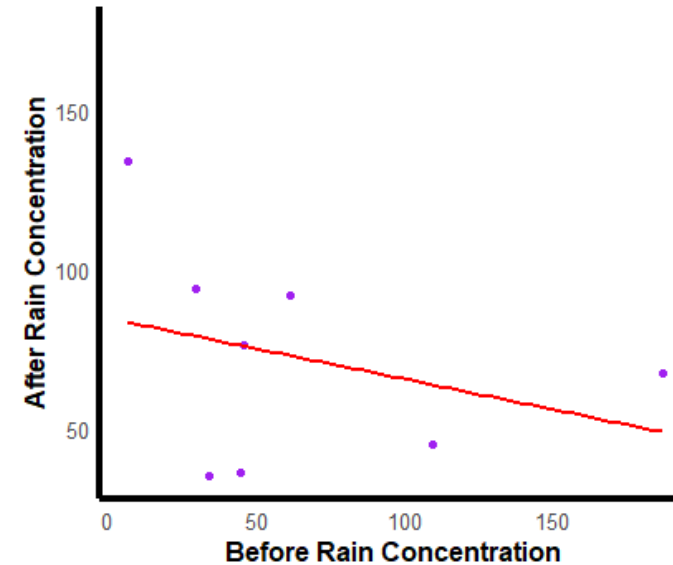
Surface Water: Before Rain vs After Rain
 $R^2 = 0.87, p = 0.0071$



Sediment: Before Rain vs After Rain
 $R^2 = 0.24, p = 0.5124$



Seaweed: Before Rain vs After Rain
 $R^2 = 0.1, p = 0.4346$

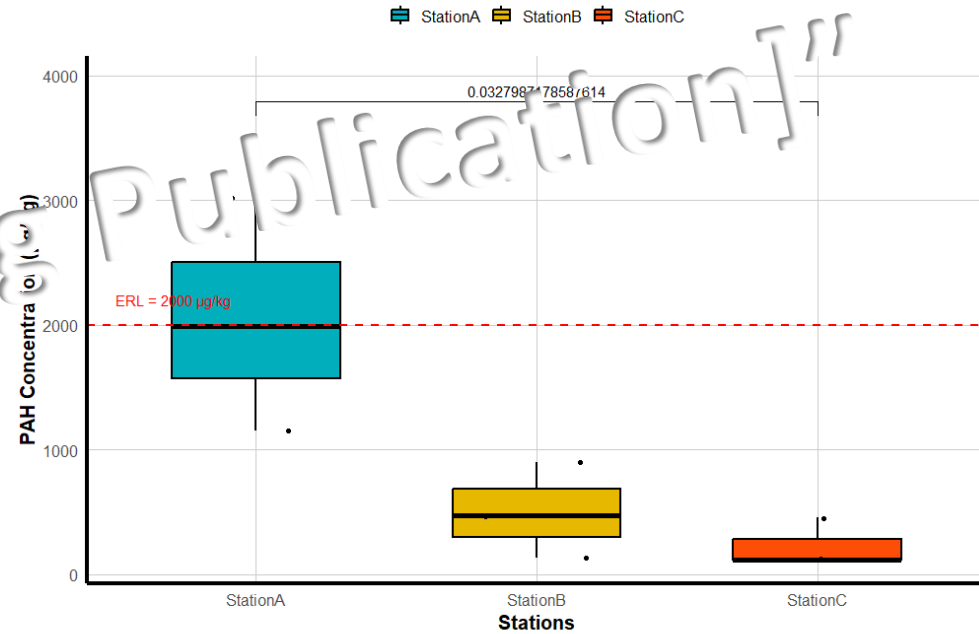


TARGET ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR PAHs (Sediment)



Langstone Harbour

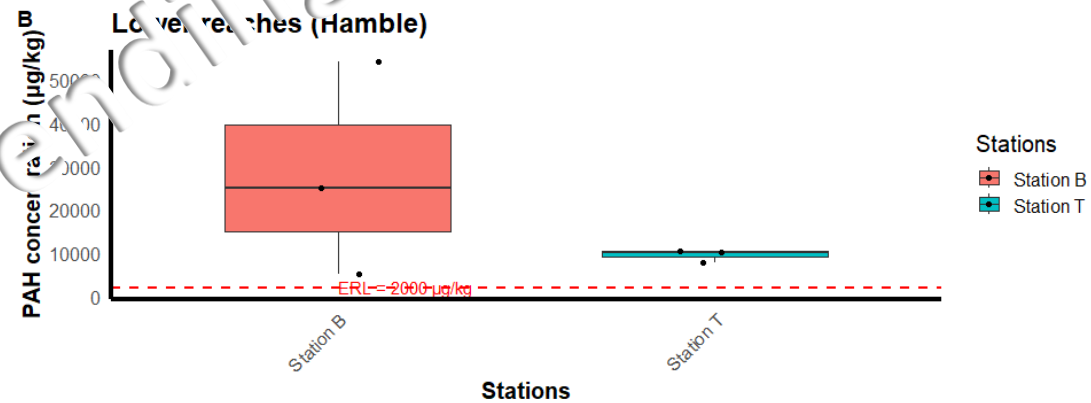
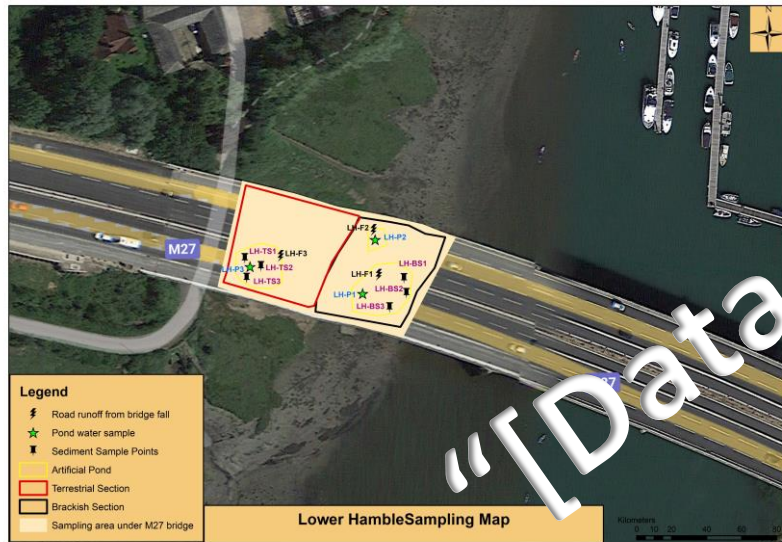
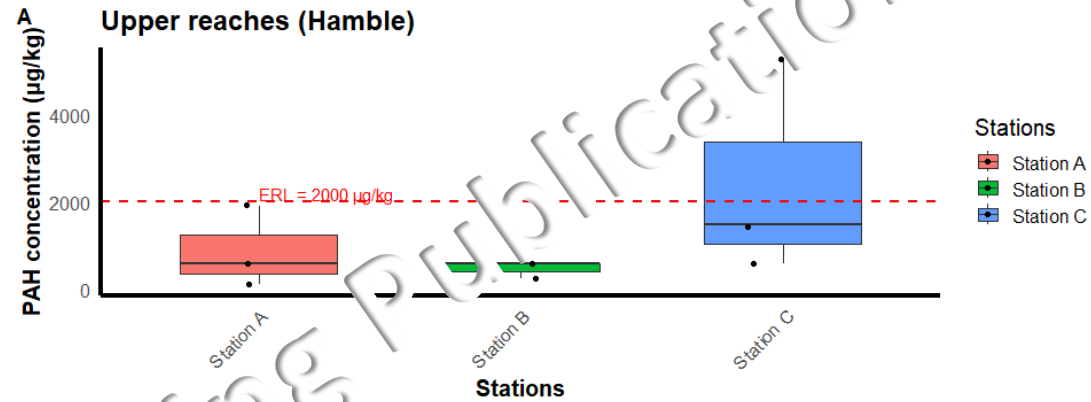
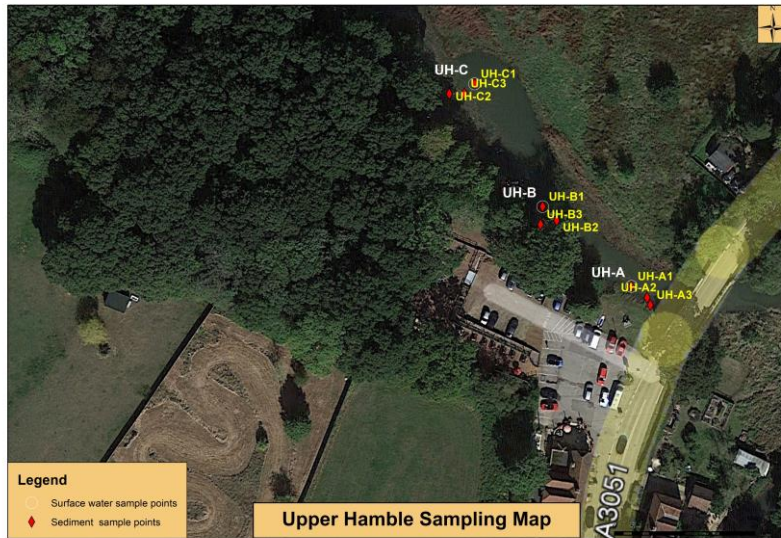
Kruskal-Wallis, $\chi^2(2) = 6.54$, $p = 0.038$, $n = 9$



pwc: Dunn test; p.adjust: Bonferroni

☐ Significant impact of road runoff seen

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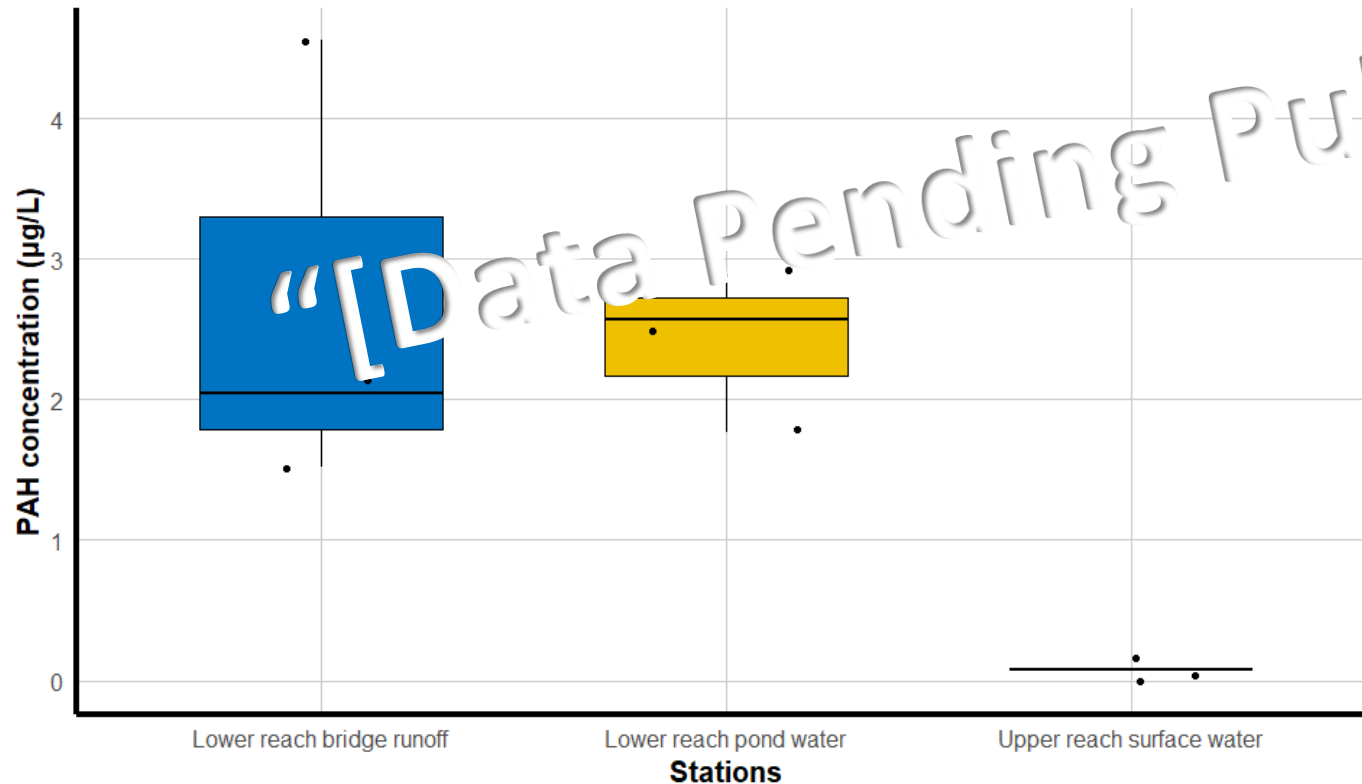
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TARGET ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR PAHs (Water)

Concentration of PAH in Water

Kruskal-Wallis, $\chi^2(2) = 5.61, p = 0.06, n = 9$

■ Lower reach bridge runoff ■ Lower reach pond water ■ Upper reach surface water



pwc: Dunn test; p.adjust: Bonferroni

Components Exceeding Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):

- Fluoranthene exceeded the EQS of **0.0120**.
- Benzo(b)fluoranthene and Benzo(k)fluoranthene exceeded their EQS of **0.0170**.
- Benzo(a)pyrene exceeded its EQS of **0.2700**.
- Benzo(g,h,i)perylene exceeded the EQS of **0.0082**.

TOXICITY OF TYRE LEACHATES TO AMPHIPODS



Fig: Contisportcontact (Ctire) and Laufenn (Ltire) before and after micronization

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Fig: Micronization

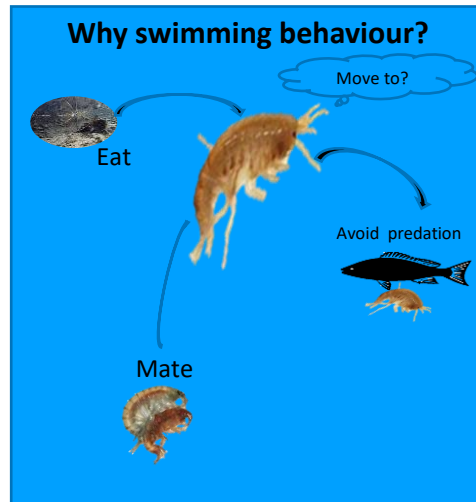


Fig: *G. Pulex* sampling

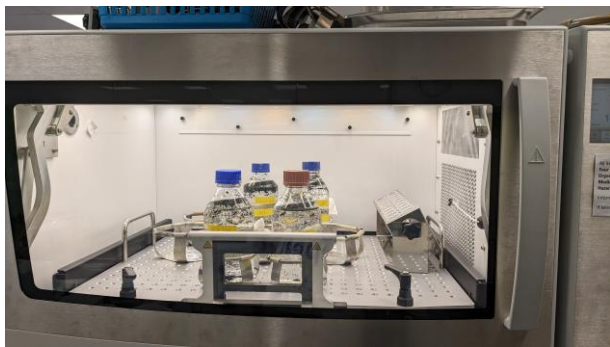


Fig: Lixiviation and Leachate Filtration



Fig: Exposure experiment to *G. pulex* completed.

Significance of Tyre Leachates

Environmental Threat:

Tyre wear particles (TWP) contain harmful chemicals that pose risks to:

- Aquatic life
- Human health
- Wildlife

Key Findings:

- PAHs exceed environmental quality standards.
- Amphipods (*G. pulex*) showed reduced swimming activity, indicating toxicity.

Conclusion

Mitigation measures

- Establishment of SPP Panel
- Standardized Guidelines
- Stormwater Treatment
- Engineered Soil Mixes
- Chemical Additive Substitutes
- Tyre Recycling
- Particle Capture
- Street Sweeping



Fig: Collected Car tire road wear particles

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