

Table S1. Contamination indices calculation equation: geoaccumulation index (Igeo), contamination factor (Cf), modified degree of contamination (mCd), potential ecological risk index (PERI), and potential toxicity response index (RI).

Contamination indices calculated:	
Geoaccumulation Index (Igeo) after [37]	Igeo = 0 - Unpolluted
$I_{geo} = \log_2 \left(\frac{C_i}{1.5 B_i} \right)$	0 < Igeo < 1 - Unpolluted to moderately polluted
	1 < Igeo < 2 - Moderately polluted
	2 < Igeo < 3 - Moderately to highly polluted
	3 < Igeo < 4 - Highly polluted
	4 < Igeo < 5 - Highly to extremely polluted
	Igeo = 5 - Extremely polluted
Contamination factor (Cf), after [38]	CF < 1 low contamination factor
$C_f = C_i / B_i$	1 ≤ CF < 3 moderate contamination factor
	3 ≤ CF < 6 considerable contamination factor
	6 ≥ CF very high contamination factor
Modified Degree of Contamination (mCd), after [39]	mCd < 1.5 Nil to very low degree of contamination
$mCD = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{CF_i}{n} \right)$	1.5 ≤ mCd < 2 Low degree of contamination
	2 ≤ mCd < 4 Moderate degree of contamination
	4 ≤ mCd < 8 High degree of contamination
	8 ≤ mCd < 16 Very high degree of contamination
	16 ≤ mCd < 32 Extremely high degree of contamination
	mCd ≥ 32 Ultra high degree of contamination
Potential ecological risk index (PERI) after [38]	PERI < 150 Low
$PERI = C_f \times T_f (\text{toxic factor})$	150 ≤ PERI < 300 Moderate
	300 ≤ PERI < 600 Considerable
	600 ≤ PERI Very High Ecological Risk
Potential toxicity response index (RI) after [40]	RI < 150 Low-grade
$RI = \sum PERI$	150 < RI < 300 Moderate
	300 < RI < 600 Severe
	600 < RI Serious
Present day soil metal concentrations were compared with world soil global reference ²⁵ .	