

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