

Assessment of heavy metal pollution in the sediment of main tributaries of Dongting Lake, China

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Table s1 Digestion method of heavy metal measurement in the sediment of rivers for comparison.

| River | Digestion method | Sample weights | Acids use in the digestion procedure |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Dongting Lake branches | Microwave digestion | 0.5g | 20mL HNO ₃ +HClO ₄ +HF(1:1:2) |
| Yangtze River | Microwave digestion | 0.1g | 2ml HF, 5ml HClO ₄ +HNO ₃ (1:1), 5ml HCl |
| Yellow River | Microwave digestion | 0.5g | 5 mL aqua regia (HNO ₃ :HCl = 1:3) and 3 mL HClO ₄ |
| Liaohe River | Microwave digestion | 0.5g | 20mL HNO ₃ +HClO ₄ +HF(1:1:2) |
| Korotoa River | Microwave digestion | 0.5g | 5mL 69% HNO ₃ and 2mL 30% H ₂ O ₂ |
| Tajan River | Microwave digestion | 1g | HNO ₃ (8 ml), HClO ₄ (5 ml) and HF (3 ml) |
| Tigris River | Microwave digestion | 0.25g | 12 ml HNO ₃ (65%):HCl (37%) (3:1) |
| Daube River | Microwave digestion | 0.5g | 12.5ml HNO ₃ (65%)/H ₂ O (3:2) |
| Kafue River | Microwave digestion | 0.5g | 7 mL of 72% HNO ₃ and 1 mL of 30% H ₂ O ₂ |