

Dissolved Potentially Toxic Elements (PTEs) in Relation to Depuration Plant Outflows in Adriatic Coastal Waters: A Two Year Monitoring Survey

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Table S1. Instrumental parameters of Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometer (AFS) for water analyses.

Instrumental parameter.	Cd	Hg	As
PMT (Volts)	280	275	320
Lamp current (mA)	60/30	30/0	60/30
Carrier Gas (mL min ⁻¹)	500	300	300
Shield Gas (mL min ⁻¹)	800	1000	800
Reading time (s)	15	15	15
Delay Time (s)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Blank Judgement Value (if)	10	5	10
Torch height (mm)	8	10	8
IFS Step (s x rpm, a=analyte; c=carrier; r=reading)	(a) 10 x 100 (c) (r) 16 x 120	(a) 10 x 100 (c) (r) 16 x 120	(a) 10 x 100 (c) (r) 18 x 120

Table S2. Instrumental LOD and LOQ of Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometer (AFS) and accuracy control test.

Element	LOD (µg L ⁻¹)	LOQ (µg L ⁻¹)	CRM		
			Name	Certified value (µg L ⁻¹)	Measured value (µg L ⁻¹)
Hg	0.0006	0.006	QC3163	17.6±0.314	17.3±0.2
Cd	0.0005	0.005	NASS-6	0.0311±0.0019	0.031±0.008
As	0.01	0.13	SLEW-3	1.36±0.09	1.47±0.27

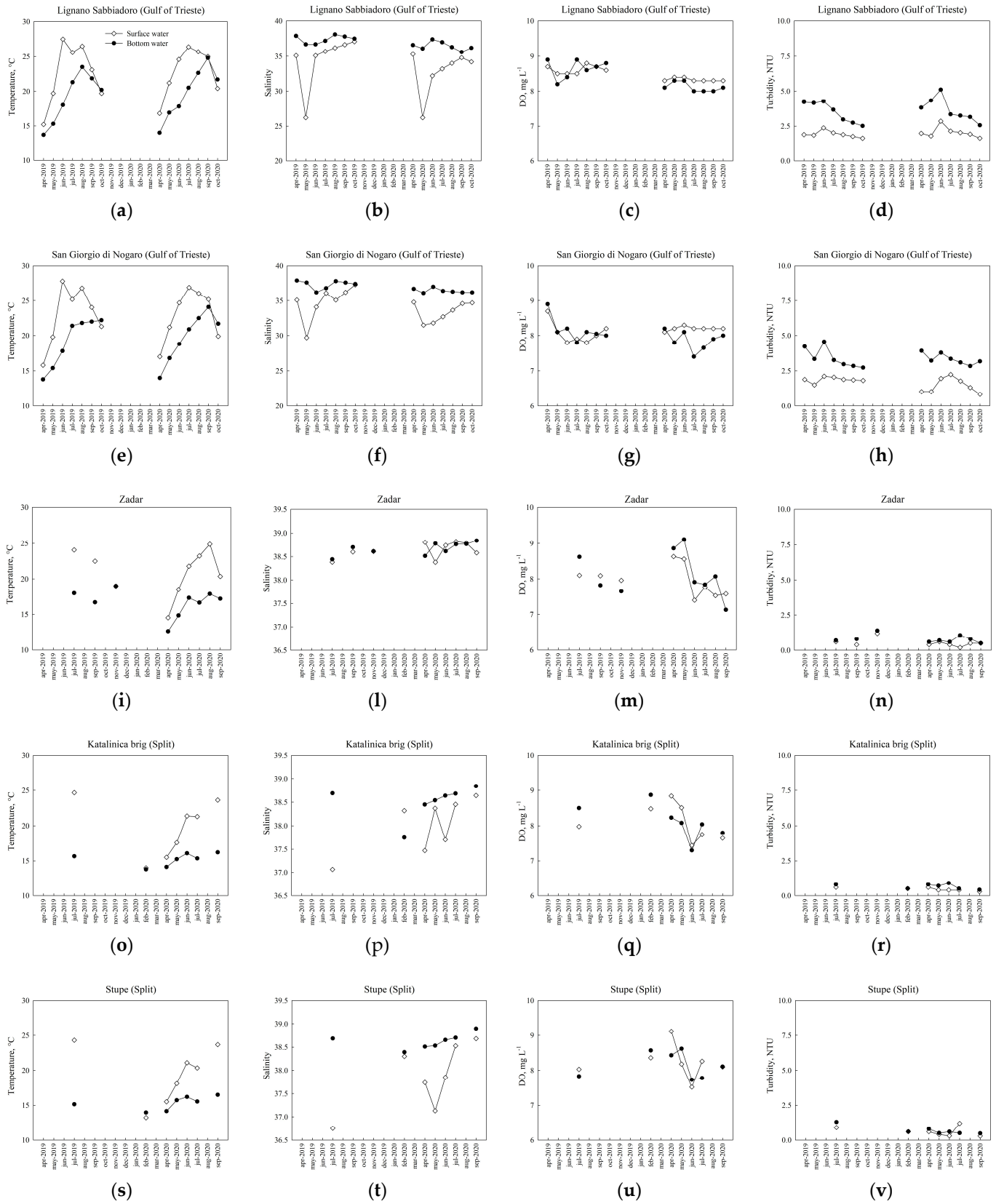


Figure S1. CTD parameters recorded in Lignano Sabbiadoro (a, b, c, d); San Giorgio di Nogaro (e, f, g, h); Zadar (i, l, m, n); Katalinica brig (o, p, q, r) and Stupe (s, t, u, v)

Table S3. Principal Component Analysis. Eigenvalues, explained and cumulative variance, loadings of the variables for the first two PCs.

	Principal Components	
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<i>Variance explained</i>		
Eigenvalues	5.482	1.072
% of variance	78.312	15.318
Cumulative %	78.312	93.630
<i>Factor loadings</i>		
Lignano Sabbiadoro	2.970	1.045
San Giorgio di Nogaro	2.108	-1.193
Zadar Upov Centar	-1.511	-0.998
Katalinića brig	-1.674	-0.328
Stupe	-1.892	-0.818