

**Table 1** Sediment contaminations indices with classification

Index	Equation	Classification	Reference
Enrichment Factor (EF)	$EF = \frac{\left(\frac{Me}{Mn}\right)_{\text{sample}}}{\left(\frac{Me}{Mn}\right)_{\text{background}}}$ <p>(Me/Mn)<sub>sample</sub> =s the ratio of concentration between the studied metal and Mn in the sample of interest; (Me/Mn)<sub>background</sub> = the natural background value of measured metal to Mn ratio. manganese (Mn) was chosen as the reference material of normalization as it has a great abundance in the Shitalakshya river sediment</p>	EF=1, crustal materials or natural weathering processes EF<2 (Deficiency to minimal enrichment), 2≤E<5 (Moderate enrichment), 5≤EF<20 (Significant enrichment), 20≤EF<40 (Very high enrichment) and EF≥ 40 (Extremely high enrichment).	Birch and Olmos (2008)
Geo-accumulation index (I <sub>geo</sub> )	$I_{\text{geo}} = \log_2 \frac{C_n}{1.5B_n}$ <p>C<sub>n</sub> is the individual heavy metal concentration. B<sub>n</sub>=geochemical background value (world surface rock average) and the factor 1.5 is introduced to include possible variations of the background values due to the lithogenic effect.</p>	I <sub>geo</sub> ≤0 (unpolluted), I <sub>geo</sub> = 0-1 (unpolluted to moderately polluted), I <sub>geo</sub> = 1-2 (moderately polluted), I <sub>geo</sub> = 2-3 (moderately to strongly polluted), I <sub>geo</sub> = 3-4 (strongly polluted), I <sub>geo</sub> = 4-5 (strongly to extremely polluted) and I <sub>geo</sub> = 5-6 (extremely polluted).	Muller (1969), Martin and Meybeck (1979),
Contamination Factor (CF)	$CF = \frac{C_m \text{ sample}}{C_m \text{ background}}$ <p>C<sub>m sample</sub> = concentration of a given metal C<sub>m background</sub> = background value of the metal equals to the world surface rock average.</p>	CF<1 (low contamination), 1 ≤CF<3 indicates moderate contamination, 3≤CF<6 (considerable contamination) and CF≥6 (very high contamination)	Hakanson (1980), Martin and Meybeck (1979)
Pollution Load Index (PLI)	$PLI = (CF_1 \times CF_2 \times CF_3 \times \dots \times CF_n)^{1/n}$ <p>n = the number of metals to be analyzed</p>	PLI < 1 denotes perfection; PLI=1 denotes baseline levels of pollutants PLI>1 indicate deterioration of site quality.	Tomilson et al., (1980), Tamim et al. (2016)
Potential Ecological Risk Index (PERI)	$RI = \sum_{i=1}^n (E_r^i)$ $E_r^i = T_r^i \times \frac{C_i}{C_o}$ <p>C<sub>i</sub>= concentration of metal i,, C<sub>o</sub>= concentration of the same element in background sediment, T<sub>r</sub><sup>i</sup>= biological toxicity factor of an individual element, Which is in this study, Cu = Pb = Ni= 5, Zn = 1, As = 10, Cr = 2 and Cd = 30</p>	Single-factor pollution ER ≤ 40 (low risk); 40 < ER ≤ 80 (moderate risk); 80 < ER ≤ 160 (considerable risk); 160 < ER ≤ 320 (high risk); ER > 320 (very high risk). PERI < 110 (low risk), 110 ≤PERI< 200 (moderate risk), 200 ≤PERI< 400 (considerable risk), PERI ≥ 400 (severe risk).	Zheng-Qi et al., (2008); Huo et al., (2013); Chen et al., (2020). Hakanson,( 1980)

**Table 2** Heavy metal concentration (mg/kg) in the Shitalakshya river sediments (n=10) during the dry and rainy season

Sample & Area	Elements, mg/kg							
	Cr	Mn	Ni	Cu	Zn	Cd	Pb	As
Mean (dry season)	69.42±0.56	611.90±4.90	39.45±0.32	147.03±1.18	162.70±1.30	5.03±0.04	20.01±0.16	13.94±0.11
Range (dry season)	61.00-73.71	563.00-658.00	33.30-46.28	130.00-158.00	132.00-195.00	4.55-6.32	18.31-22.65	12.50-15.22
Mean (rainy season)	66.85±0.53	555.90±4.45	35.09±0.28	140.71±1.13	153.00±1.22	4.74±0.04	19.60±0.16	13.37±0.11
Range (rainy season)	61.00-72.36	502.00-613.00	29.99-42.99	122.00-157.60	131.00-192.00	4.18-6.00	18.25-21.91	12.04-14.70
Aver. Conc (Shitalakshya)	68.14±0.55	583.90±4.67	37.27±0.30	143.87±1.15	157.85±1.26	4.88±0.04	19.80±0.16	13.65±0.11
ERL	81	-	21	34	150	1.2	47	4.2
ERM	370	-	52	270	410	9.6	220	70
TEL	52.3	-	15.9	18.7	124	0.68	30.2	-
PEL	160	-	42.8	108	271	4.21	112	-
USEPA (1997)	77.2	-	16	16	110	0.6	0.6	7.24
Shitalakshya	63.22	-	39.22	-	75	5.01	28.36	-
Buriganga	297		240	280	-	7.7	731	21
Meghna	31.74	442.6	76.1	-	79.02	0.23	9.47	-

ERL = Effects range low (Long et al., 1995)  
ERM = Effects range median (Long et al., 1995)  
PEL = Probable effect level (MacDonald et al., 2000)  
TEL = Threshold effect level (MacDonald et al., 2000)  
Shitalakshya river (Islam et al. 2014)  
Buriganga river Bangladesh (Islam et al. 2018)  
Meghna river Bangladesh (Hasan et al. 2015)

**Table 3** Potential Ecological Risk Factor and Potential Ecological Risk Index of Heavy metals in Shitalakshya river sediment

Site	Season	Potential ecological risk factor				(E <sub>r</sub> <sup>i</sup> )			Risk Index = $\sum E_r^i$
		Cr	Ni	Cu	Zn	Cd	Pb	As	
S-1	dry	2.07	4.28	24.61	1.03	1.53	6.74	97.40	137.67
	rainy	2.03	3.78	23.05	1.04	1.48	6.52	90.00	127.89
S-1	dry	1.97	4.01	21.72	1.53	1.50	6.10	86.67	123.50
	rainy	1.75	3.28	20.47	1.51	1.28	5.93	92.00	126.22
S-3	dry	1.71	4.72	24.69	1.33	1.93	5.94	93.27	133.59
	rainy	1.71	4.31	23.28	1.29	1.83	5.70	96.67	134.82
S-4	dry	2.04	3.78	24.63	1.07	1.52	7.08	94.33	134.46
	rainy	2.00	3.06	24.63	1.06	1.49	6.85	90.40	129.47
S-5	dry	1.92	3.39	20.94	1.33	1.56	6.43	86.60	122.16
	rainy	1.83	3.06	20.16	1.18	1.5	6.25	80.26	114.24
S-6	dry	2.06	4.33	22.63	1.41	1.45	6.66	97.33	135.86
	rainy	2.03	3.83	20.94	1.38	1.28	6.59	88.00	124.05
S-7	dry	1.88	3.67	23.59	1.26	1.49	5.97	101.46	139.34
	rainy	1.80	3.36	24.53	1.11	1.39	5.94	98.00	136.14
S-8	dry	2.00	3.98	20.31	1.07	1.39	5.94	99.33	134.04
	rainy	1.92	3.67	19.06	1.03	1.27	5.92	88.13	121.01
S-9	dry	1.86	4.18	23.11	1.38	1.58	5.72	89.33	127.17
	rainy	1.79	3.78	20.62	1.09	1.59	5.70	87.33	121.90
S-10	dry	2.03	3.89	23.51	1.35	1.43	5.95	83.33	121.51
	rainy	1.94	3.67	23.12	1.33	1.37	5.86	80.67	117.97

**Table 4** Table calculated value of Health risk indices implicated by the heavy metal contaminated sediment samples in Dry and Rainy season

Metal	Rfd	Dermal Exposure dose		Non-carcinogenic health risk		SF <sub>dermal</sub>	Carcinogenic health risk	
		Dry season	Rainy season	Dry season	Rainy season		Dry season	Rainy season
Cr	0.003	3.79 E-07	3.65 E-07	1.26 E-04	1.22 E-04	2.00 E+01	7.59 E-06	7.31 E-06
Ni	0.011	2.16 E-07	1.92 E-07	2.16 E-04	1.92 E-04	-	-	-
Cu	0.040	8.04 E-07	7.69 E-07	2.01 E-05	1.92 E-05	-	-	-
Zn	0.300	8.89 E-07	8.36 E-07	2.96 E-06	2.79 E-06	-	-	-
Cd	0.001	2.73 E-08	2.59 E-08	2.73 E-05	2.59 E-05	-	-	-
Pb	0.0035	1.09 E-07	1.07 E-07	3.12 E-05	3.06 E-05	-	-	-
As	0.0003	7.62 E-08	7.31 E-08	2.54 E-04	2.44 E-04	3.66 E+00	2.79 E-07	2.67 E-07
HI				6.78 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.36× 10 <sup>-4</sup>	TCR	7.87 E-06	7.56 E-06

**Table 5** Pearson's correlation coefficient between the determined heavy metals and the matrix of PCA lodgings

	Cr	Mn	Ni	Cu	Zn	Cd	Pb	As	PC1	PC2	PC3
Cr	1								-0.160	<b>0.896</b>	-0.304
Mn	<b>.602**</b>	1							0.173	<b>0.863</b>	0.186
Ni	0.017	<b>.457*</b>	1						<b>0.636</b>	0.327	<b>0.625</b>
Cu	0.116	0.081	0.295	1					<b>0.759</b>	0.097	-0.246
Zn	-0.206	-0.156	0.207	-0.107	1				-0.193	-0.087	<b>0.712</b>
Cd	-.460*	-0.009	<b>.557*</b>	<b>0.437</b>	0.037	1			<b>0.762</b>	-0.264	0.314
Pb	<b>.695**</b>	0.297	-0.149	0.288	-0.267	-0.156	1		0.073	<b>0.596</b>	-0.588
As	-0.017	0.151	<b>0.344</b>	<b>0.362</b>	-0.205	0.177	0.105	1	<b>0.666</b>	0.074	-0.191
Eigen values									2.370	2.177	1.223
Explained variance (%)									29.622	27.215	15.281
Cummulative variance (%)									29.622	56.838	72.119

\*\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).