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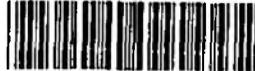
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## ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to carry out a baseline survey of the subtidal benthic invertebrates to determine the community structure within Portland Harbour prior, to a change in use of the former Royal Military of Defence Naval Base.

In 1996, PPL (Portland Port Limited) submitted a planning application to change the existing use of the naval base into a commercial port and commercial and leisure estate. In 2000, however, the South West of England Regional Development Agency acquired the site and leased part of it to the WPSA (Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy). In 2002, WPSA submitted a planning application to continue redeveloping the former naval base into a "world class" sailing facility. The application included slipway improvements, erection of floating pontoons and frontage reclamation.

Anthropogenic inputs into the harbour have included a number of minor consented drainage and discharges from the former naval base i.e. emergency sewage discharges, trade effluent, treated domestic sewage effluent and drainage from the Mere tank farm.

During January 1997 a total of 25 subtidal sites within Portland Harbour were sampled for either benthic macroinvertebrates and / or sediment chemistry.

Univariate and multivariate techniques were used to reveal patterns in the faunal distribution, and help to explain if any of the environmental parameters were influencing the faunal assemblages.

This study showed that the harbour contained a large number of taxa (i.e. 255 ) and individuals (i.e. 2816), especially around the western edge of the harbour in the shallower water. Diversity followed a similar trend. Data analysis revealed that the Terebellid, *Melinna palmata* was the most abundant species and present at all sites. The second most abundant species was *Chaetozone gibber*, a cirratulid, which is common subtidally in silty and sandy sediments. Similar to other marine studies carried out in Portland harbour, the rare (i.e. in the UK) Mediterranean polychaete, *Sternaspis scutata* was also recorded.

BIO-ENV, showed depth to be the primary variable responsible for the faunal patterns observed, followed by particle size (i.e. silt and sand).

Analysis of the heavy metals, organic and hydrocarbon data showed elevated levels at some sites located close the former naval base. Further investigation, using the Canadian Sediment Quality Guidelines revealed that for some heavy metals (i.e. arsenic, copper, lead, mercury and zinc) elevated concentrations could result in occasional adverse biological effects (Appendix 9). ANOSIM, however, showed no significant difference between the community structure at suspected 'polluted' sites near to the naval station and potentially 'cleaner' sites further away. Some of the sites adjacent to the naval base, however, were sampled for chemistry only. It is therefore not possible to determine conclusively whether there had been any detrimental impact on the fauna.

To conclude, this study demonstrated that:

1. The natural environmental variables of depth and particle size were mainly responsible for the observed community patterns.
2. It was not possible to demonstrate whether the elevated concentrations of contaminants were having a detrimental effect on the macrofauna at some of the sampled sites.
3. The data forms a baseline for future comparison following any redevelopment of the naval base or to determine the extent of any pollution issues, which may occur with the change of use
4. It is suggested that a full or partial repeat of this survey is carried out following redevelopment of the former naval base.

### 3. INTRODUCTION

#### 3.1 Aims

The aim of this study was to carry out a baseline survey of the subtidal benthic invertebrates, to determine the community structure and sediment chemistry composition within Portland Harbour prior to a change in use of the former Portland Military of Defence Naval Base.

#### 3.2 The Physical and Ecological Characteristics of Portland Harbour

Portland Harbour is located in the county of Dorset, in the Southwest of England (Figure 1.1). It is a man-made harbour created by a large breakwater, forming an extensive artificial tidal basin. It is sheltered, fully marine and shallow, resulting in elevated water temperatures (Howard *et al* 1988). The sedimentology varies from coarse sand with pebbles; through to platforms of pitted limestone and broken sandstone pavement, to expanses of hard and soft muddy sand. Consequently, there are a variety of available habitats for some very interesting and rare species to thrive, these include:

- Fragile Sea Pen, *Vigularia mirabilis*
- Mediterranean polychaete *Sternaspis scutata*
- Warm water fish species e.g. black faced blenny *Tripterygion atlanticus* and the red band fish *Cepola rubescens*
- Eel grass beds i.e. *Zostera marina* along the Northwest shore
- Lugworm, *Arenicola marina* in the intertidal sediments
- Burrowing anemone, *Cereus pedunculatus*
- A large unusual molluscan assemblage e.g. a colony of the rare white ruffed sea slug *Aeolidiella alderii* on the sandflats at Smallmouth, Sandsfoot and in front of Osprey Quay
- Rare lagoon sandworm, *Armandia cirrhosa*
- Lagoon sand shrimp *Gammarus insensibilis* in front of Osprey Quay

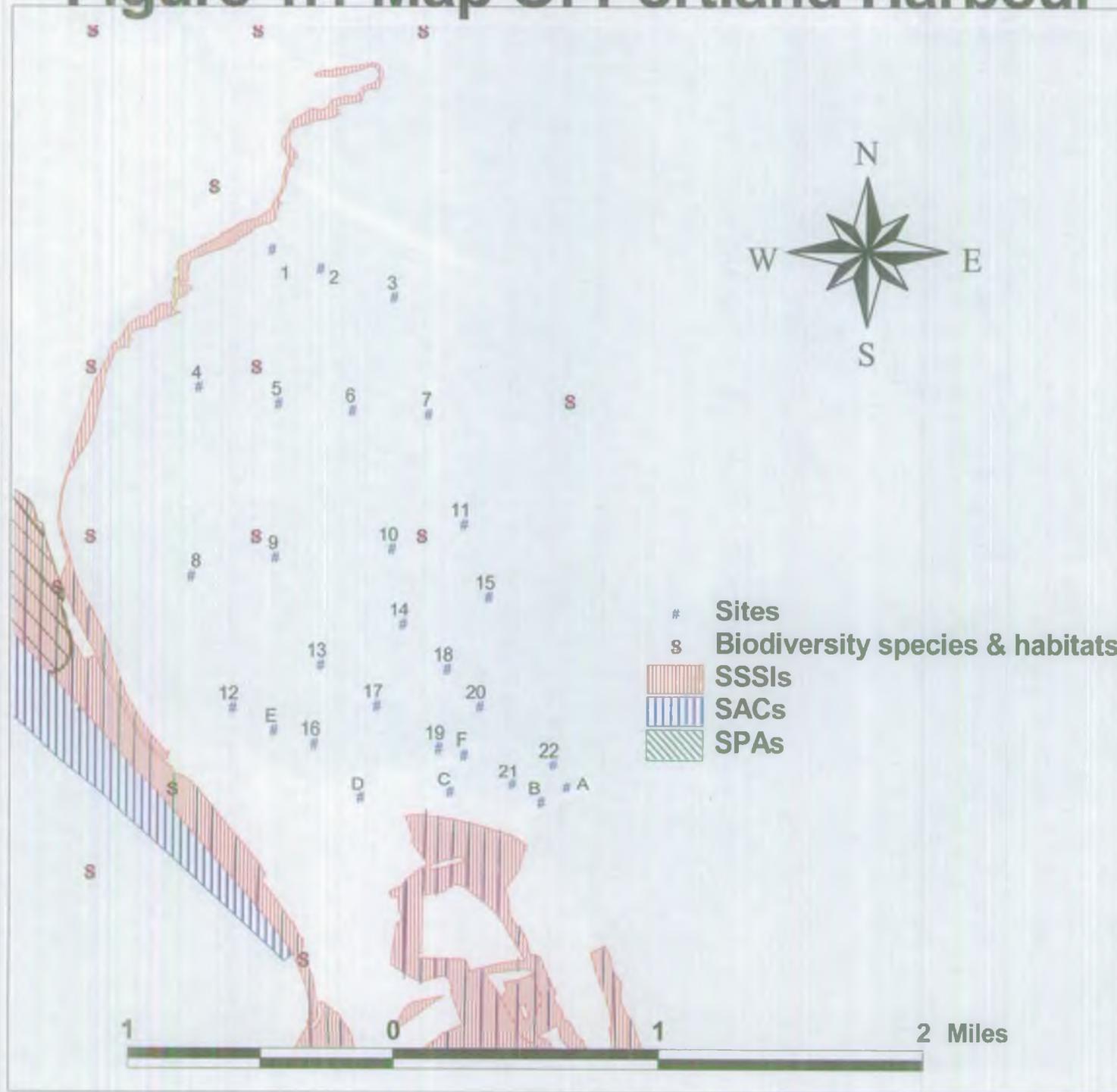
A number of statutory and non-statutory designations exist for the harbour, some of these include:

- Part of the Chesil and Fleet Lagoon candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC)
- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Sensitive Marine Area (SMA)
- Voluntary Marine Conservation Area (vMCA)- which includes the waters of Portland Harbour and the Fleet Lagoon.

#### 3.3 Development of the former Military of Defence Naval Base

In 1996, a planning application was submitted by Portland Port Limited (PPL) to change the existing use of the naval base into a commercial port and commercial and leisure estate. This development extended to 16.5 hectares.

# Figure 1.1 Map Of Portland Harbour



The application included:

- General industrial use
- Erection of a molasses handling terminal within the commercial port
- To import liquid cargoes (i.e. petroleum products) and dry bulk (fertilisers, animal feeds and grain) with a lift-on lift-off (LoLo) and roll-on roll-off (RoRo) freight
- Terminal for RoRo freight and passenger ferries
- Centre for marine service vessels and cruise ships
- Business park offering office, light industrial and warehouse accommodation
- Marina with associated leisure facilities

In 2000, however, the South West of England Regional Development Agency acquired the site and leased part of it to the WPSA. In 2002, WPSA submitted a planning application to continue redeveloping the former naval base (N.B. now referred to as Osprey Quay) into a world class sailing facility.

The application included both offshore (marine) and onshore works, for example:

- New marine facilities including slipway improvements, floating pontoons, a pier with a crane lift, and land reclamation
- New sailing academy building and associated refurbishment
- Demolition of the existing sailing academy building, construction of a new road and adjustment of ground levels on the site

### **3.4 Discharges into Portland Harbour**

Water quality is important not only to maintain a high ecological diversity within Portland Harbour, but also for the adjoining waters of the Fleet lagoon, which is a cSAC and one of the largest lagoons in the UK.

Over the years, however, there have been a number of minor consents (i.e. drainage and discharges) from the former naval base and currently from the WPSA Osprey Quay development, these include:

- Emergency sewage discharges
- Trade effluent
- Treated domestic sewage effluent
- Drainage from the Mere tank farm

### **3.5. Survey Design**

In January 1997 a total of 25 subtidal sites were sampled for either benthic invertebrates and / or sediment chemistry (Figure 1.1). The infaunal samples were sieved through a 0.5mm and 1.0mm mesh sieve. The 1.0mm fraction was identified to species level wherever possible. The 0.5mm fraction was not analysed. Separate sediment samples were taken for particle size, heavy metals, hydrocarbons and organochlorine pesticides.

## **4.METHODS**

### **4.1 Survey Design**

A total of 25 subtidal sites were selected to establish the benthic community structure and sediment chemistry composition prior to a change in use of the former naval base. The sites were selected in order to give a good spatial coverage of the harbour. Additional "chemistry only" sites were selected adjacent to the MOD Naval Base to increase the detection of potential contaminants (Figure 1.1). Sampling was carried out at depths ranging from 3m to 14m.

### **4.2. The Subtidal Survey (3 days)**

Sampling was carried out aboard the Environment Agency's coastal survey vessel 'Vigilance'. During the survey a GPS was used to record the specific sampling site coordinates (Appendix 1).

Biological samples were taken at 18 sites. At each site, 4 replicates were taken using a 0.1m<sup>2</sup> Day Grab. These samples were then elutriated and sieved through 0.5mm and 1.0mm mesh sieves. Material retained on the mesh sieves was then placed into labelled pots and preserved in a 4% formaldehyde and water solution.

Sediment chemistry was taken at 25 sites (Appendix 8) and the analysis included:

- Particle size
- Heavy metals (i.e. aluminium, arsenic, iron, lead, mercury, nickel, cadmium, copper, chromium and zinc)
- Hydrocarbons (i.e. total oil and as forties crude oil)
- Organochlorine pesticides (i.e. HCH Gamma, Tri Fluralin, 1,3,5 Trichlorobenzene, DDT and PcP).

A metal scoop was used to obtain sediment from a depth of 5cm and 1cm, for particle size and organics, respectively. For metals a plastic scoop was used to take sediment from a depth of approx. 1cm or above if the anoxic layer is present.

### **4.3 Analytical Methods**

#### **4.3.1 Invertebrate Samples**

All samples were re-sieved through 1.0mm and 0.5mm mesh sieves and rinsed with water to try and remove traces of formaldehyde. Only organisms retained on the 1.0mm mesh sieve were identified wherever possible down to species level, using binocular and compound microscopes. Due to a lack of funds the 0.5mm fraction was not analysed.

#### **4.3.2 Chemical Analyses**

Particle size, organochlorine pesticides, hydrocarbons and metals analysis was carried out at the Environment Agency's Llanelli laboratory, which is N.A.M.A.S accredited. For all methods refer to Appendix 2.

## 5. RESULTS

### 5.1 Invertebrate Analysis

All 18 invertebrate sites were successfully sampled. Overall, a total of 255 taxa were selected for analysis. The species list based on the averaged data is presented in Appendix 3. The AQC results for taxonomic analysis revealed a Bray Curtis Similarity Index (4 root) ranging from 80%-92%.

#### 5.1.1 Univariate Statistics

A high number of species (i.e. 255) and individuals (i.e. 2816) were recorded. The most abundant species was *Melinna palmata*, which contributed 24% of the total fauna and was present at all sites. The second most abundant species was *Chaetozone gibber*, which made up a further 10%. In terms of the % class contributions the polychaetes comprised 80 %, molluscs 10% and the crustaceans 5% of the total fauna (Table 5.1).

**TABLE 5.1 SHOWS THE % CLASS CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOTAL FAUNA**

CLASS	% CLASS CONTRBUTION
Cnidaria	1.78
Nemertea	1.05
Sipuncula	0.09
Polychaetes	80.44
Chelicerata	0.01
Crustacea (lower)	0.17
Crustacea (higher)	4.39
Mollusca	9.51
Phoronida	1.66
Echinodermata	0.9

Referring to the averaged univariate data (Appendix 4), a greater number of taxa and individuals were found at sites located around the western edge of the harbour at shallower depths (i.e. sites 1,4,8,12 and 16). Diversity followed a similar pattern, but with site 21 (located further offshore) also recording a fairly high value. Closer investigation revealed that species richness varied from 14 taxa at site 9 to a maximum of 146 taxa at site 1. The number of individuals ranged from 79 at site 9 to 1133 at site 4. The lowest diversity (using log 2) was recorded at site 19 ( $H' = 2.06$ ) and the highest at site 4 ( $H' = 4.84$ ).

### **5. 1.2 Multivariate Analysis**

The aim of analysing ecological data is to find "patterns" which explain the distribution of different organisms within a survey area. For small data sets searching for patterns can be effectively done by eye, but multivariate packages enable the information to be more readily organised and summarised into a form which can be more easily interpreted.

#### **PRIMER**

Several different analyses were performed on the data sets using this package:

- a) Multidimensional Scaling Ordinations (M.D.S)
- b) Analysis of Similarity (ANOSIM)
- c) Similarity Percentage Analysis (SIMPER)

#### **5.1.2.1 Multidimensional Scaling Ordinations**

A total of three MDS plots were produced (Figures 5.1-5.3).

MDS analysis carried out using the full individual replicate data resulted in a stress value of 0.09 (i.e. it is a good ordination with no prospect of being misleading). Analysis produced an ordination with three groups (Figure 5.1). Group A contained most of the sites from within the harbour with no obvious pattern. Groups B and C, contained fewer sites (i.e. 1,4,8,12, and 16) all of which were located on the western edge of the harbour at shallower depths.

No further grouping was evident within group A, following the removal of groups B and C, plus site 8 (Figure 5.2).

MDS analysis carried out on the averaged data, resulted in an ordination with a lower stress value of 0.05 (i.e. an excellent representation with no prospect of misinterpretation). Four groups were present (Figure 5.3). Sites within groups A, B and C were similar to those described previously, the only difference was for sites 6,9 and 13 (formerly in group A) were now present in the new group D.

Further MDS analysis of group A alone, did not yield any additional information.

#### **5.1.2.2 ANOSIM**

ANOSIM was used to test for a significant difference between i) individual sites ii) sites within groups and iii) suspected 'polluted' and 'cleaner' sites.

As might be expected from the MDS ordinations, ANOSIM testing using the averaged data, showed a significant difference between sites (i.e. Global R= 0.919 and p=0.1%). The pairwise tests, however, only showed a significant difference between Group A and the other groups, but not between groups B,C and D (Table 5.2).

TABLE 5.2 SHOWS THE RESULTS OF ANOSIM TESTING FOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GROUPS.

Global R=0.919		
Significance Level, p=0.1%		
Pairwise Tests	R Significance	
Groups	Statistic	Significance Level
*B,A	1	1.5
B,D	2	10
B,C	0.75	10
*A,D	0.778	0.3
*A,C	0.985	0.3
D,C	1	10

(N.B. \* Significant difference)

ANOSIM was further used to test for a significant difference between communities present at suspected 'polluted' sites on the southern shore (i.e.19, 20, 21 and 22) and possibly other 'cleaner' sites (i.e. 5, 10, 11, 14, 17 and 18) within group A (Refer to Section 3.4). The results showed that there was no significant difference between sites present in the two conditions (i.e. Global R=0.139 and p=17.6%).

### 5.1.3 SIMPER

SIMPER was used to ascertain which species were responsible for the groupings observed on the MDS ordination (Figures 5.3) and any differences shown using ANOSIM (Table 5.2).

SIMPER analysis (Appendix 5) demonstrated that groups D, A and C had fairly close average similarities ranging from 56-69%. Group B recorded the lowest average similarity of 37.66% and contained the greatest number of species to reach the 50% cut off point. Interestingly groups A and D contained the same two top species, namely *Melinna palmata* and *Sternapsis scutata*. The average similarities were almost the same for both groups, although group A had a higher average abundance of *M.palmata* and group B for *S. scutata*. Referring to Figures 5.22 and 5.23 it is apparent, however, as mentioned previously that *M.palmata* is present in all groups and *S.scutata* is also present in group C.

Further exploratory analysis of the dissimilarity between groups (Appendix 6) revealed groups A and D to have the lowest average dissimilarity (i.e. 50.22), followed closely by groups B and C (i.e. 63.33). Closer examination of group B revealed that the separation of this group could mainly be attributed to a high average abundance of *Euclymene oerstedii* (Figure 5.24) and *Monticellina dorsobranchialis* (Figure 5.25). Group C's species composition revealed a greater average number of *Tubificoides benedii* (Figure 5.26) and *Aphelochaeta marioni* (Figure 5.27). Both B and C also contained a higher average abundance of *Chaetozone gibber*.

## 5.2 Environmental Analysis

The raw environmental data is presented in Appendix 8. In order to investigate some of the biotic patterns, the data was examined using the following techniques:

- Observing the raw environmental data
- Comparing the chemical data with any available sediment quality guidelines
- Using various multivariate tools to link the averaged biotic data with the environmental data to find the variable (s) which best explains the biotic patterns i.e. MDS Overlays and BIO-ENV.

(NB It was not possible to carry out the multivariate analysis on all of the environmental variables (i.e. those with many missing values) as both the environmental and benthic data had to be available for each site. Consequently, the MDS overlays for the hydrocarbon data could only be carried out on 9 sites. For the BIO-ENV procedure, neither the 1,3,5 Trichlorobenzene or hydrocarbon data was included due to the low number of matching benthic and chemical data available).

### 5.2.1 Natural Environmental Variables

The BIO-ENV procedure demonstrated that the most important environmental variable to influence the biological grouping was firstly depth (i.e. with a correlation value of 0.690), followed by silt (i.e. 0.545) and then sand (i.e. 0.507). Combining depth and silt gave the highest correlation value of 0.789.

Further supporting evidence was obtained from the MDS overlay for depth (Figure 5.6). This clearly showed that depth was an important variable in separating groups B and C located on the western edge of the harbour in the shallower water, from A and D.

The sand and silt ordinations (Figures 5.4 and 5.5, respectively), also suggest that the separation of group B could be attributed to substrate type. Examination of the raw environmental data showed that sites within group B contained lower levels of silt (i.e. 21-37%) and higher levels of sand (i.e. 63-78%). Conversely, the remaining groups A,C and D recorded higher levels of silt (i.e. ranging from 60-87%) and lower levels of sand (i.e. ranging from 13-40%).

### 5.2.2 Chemical Variables

Although, the BIO-ENV procedure suggested that the chemical data was not strongly influencing the biological groupings, there were still some very interesting findings:

Overlays of the heavy metals (Figures 5.7-5.16), showed mercury to be the only metal to record slightly elevated concentrations at sites within group A (Figure 5.7). Further examination of the raw data revealed higher concentrations of mercury at sites, 21, B and C, plus site D for lead and zinc. Elevated levels of chromium and aluminium were also recorded at sites D and E, respectively. Interestingly, all of these sites were located immediately adjacent to the naval base.

Comparing the metal data with the Canadian Sediment Quality Standards (Appendix 9) showed all samples to be below the PEL (Probable Effect Levels) whereby adverse effects frequently occur. Some samples (i.e. arsenic, copper, lead, mercury, zinc and nickel) contained metal concentrations which were higher than the ISQC (Interim Marine Sediment Quality Guidelines) whereby adverse effects occasionally occur.

No obvious trends were evident for the organic data (Figures 5.17-5.20). Examination, however, of the raw environmental data showed elevated levels of 1,3,5 Trichlorobenzene at sites 12, E and D close to the naval air station. Higher levels of PcP were recorded at site C.

Using the hydrocarbon overlay, it was tentatively suggested that group A and D contained higher concentrations than groups B and C (Figure 5.21). It was, however, very difficult to demonstrate this conclusively due to the limited data set. Further examination of the raw data showed elevated levels at sites 17, B, C and D, again located near to the naval base.

## 6. DISCUSSION

Overall, a large number of species and individuals were found to be present in Portland Harbour. The greatest number of taxa and individuals were found in sediments taken from the western edge of the harbour at shallower depths. Diversity also followed a similar pattern.

The most abundant species was the Terebellid, *Melinna palmata*, which was present at all sites. Other studies have found this species to be present under 'unpolluted' conditions in a range of substrates i.e. mud, muddy sand among *zostera* and on clay (Holthe, 1986). It actively uses its specialised appendages to feed on food particles. The appendage capture actively entrains and moves waterborne particles to the site of ingestion (SNIFFER, 1992). The second most abundant species was the cirratulid, *Chaetozone gibber*. This species is regularly recorded from the south coast of England, at subtidal depths of 3.5- 45m, and in silty and sandy sediments (Woodham & Chambers, 1994). This species feeds on organic/mineral aggregates, floc aggregates or detritus after they have settled at the water sediment interface (SNIFFER, 1992). Similarly to other studies carried out in Portland Harbour, the rare Mediterranean polychaete *Sternapsis scutata* was also recorded. The genus Sternaspidae are active burrowers and sub-surface deposit feeders which are present at different depths in a range of substrates i.e. sand, mud and clays (Rouse and Pleijel, 2001 Fauchald, 1977).

The MDS ordination (Figure 5.3) showed four groups to be present (i.e. A,B,C and D). Group A contained the majority of sites ranging from those sites located near to the naval base to those in the middle of the harbour. Group D contained three sites from the middle of the harbour. Groups B and C contained sites on the western edge of the harbour in the shallower waters.

The BIO-ENV procedure showed depth, followed by particle size to be the most important variables to influence the biological groupings (Section 5.2.1).

Examination of the raw chemical data revealed higher concentrations of mercury, lead, zinc, chromium and aluminium at sites near to the naval base. A similar trend was seen for some of the hydrocarbon and organochlorine pesticide (i.e. 1,3,5 Trichlorobenzene and PcP) data.

In this study, however, ANOSIM could not show that these elevated concentrations were having a detrimental effect on the benthic community i.e. no significant difference was found between sites located close to the naval base (i.e. potentially contaminated) and those further away (i.e. potentially 'cleaner') (Section 5.1.2.2). Although it must be remembered that for some of the chemical sites, no biological data was taken and therefore it is difficult to state this with true certainty.

Indeed, comparing heavy metal concentrations recorded in this study with Canadian Sediment Quality Guidelines suggests that for some metal concentrations (i.e. arsenic, copper, lead, mercury, zinc and nickel), above the ISQC, occasional adverse biological effects can occur (Appendix 9).

## 7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Portland Harbour contains a very diverse benthic community
- A higher diversity (i.e. greater number of taxa and individuals) was recorded at sites located on the western edge of the harbour in the shallower water.
- The natural environmental variables of depth, followed by particle size (i.e. silt and sand) were mainly responsible for the community patterns observed.
- Elevated contaminant levels were recorded at some sites, especially those located near to the naval base. Furthermore, Canadian quality guidelines suggest that for some heavy metals (i.e. arsenic, copper, lead, mercury, zinc and nickel) elevated levels are likely to result in occasional adverse biological effects.
- ANOSIM, however, showed no significant difference in the community structure between sites located close to the naval base and those further away.
- It is recommended that any redevelopment of the naval base is carried out in conjunction with chemical monitoring of nearby sediments.
- It is suggested that a full or partial repeat of this survey is carried out following redevelopment of the site.

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Figure 5.1. MDS ordination of the full replicate data

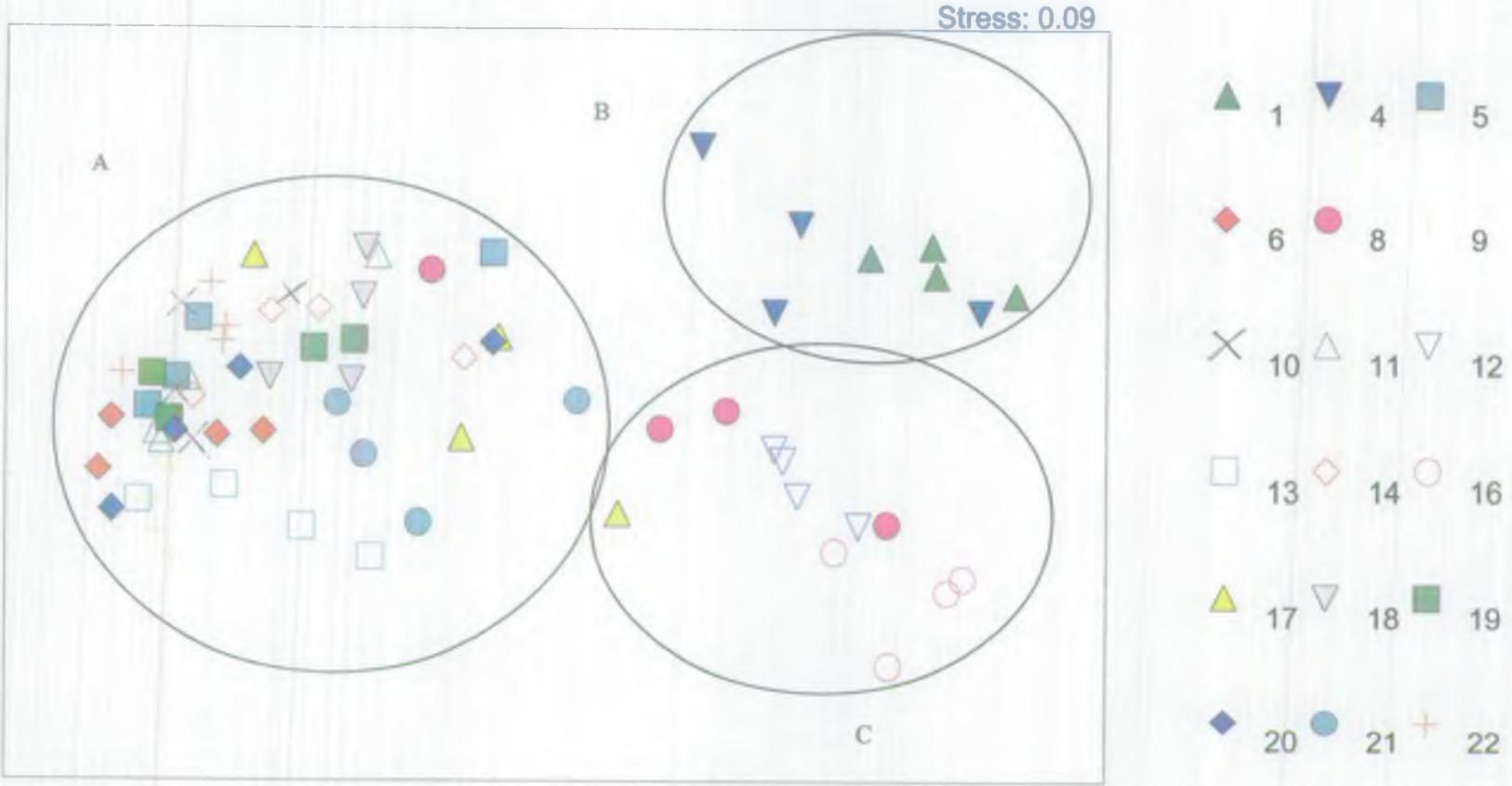


Figure 5.2. Full replicate data (groups B, C and site 8 removed)

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Figure 5.3 MDS ordination of averaged benthic data

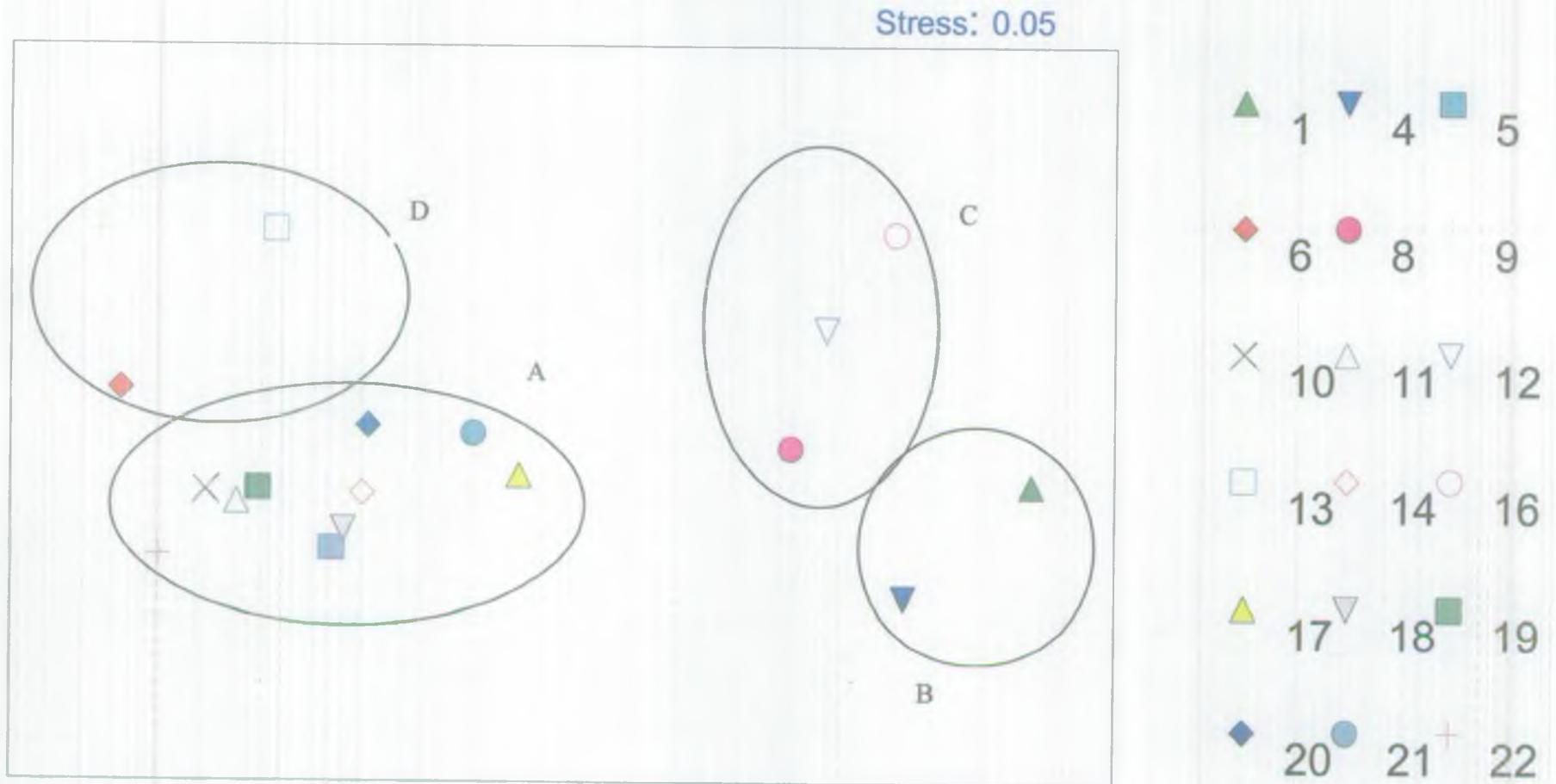
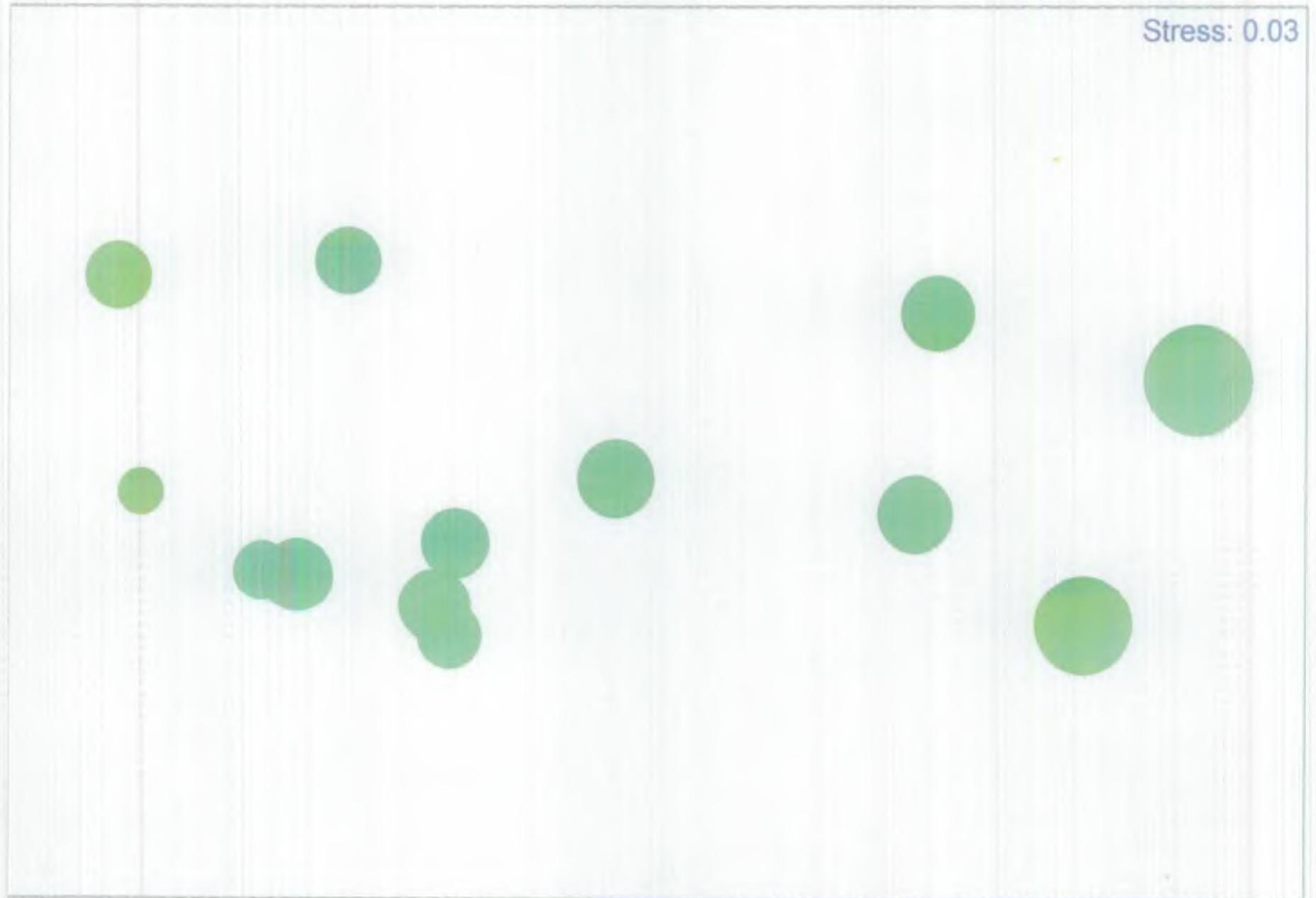
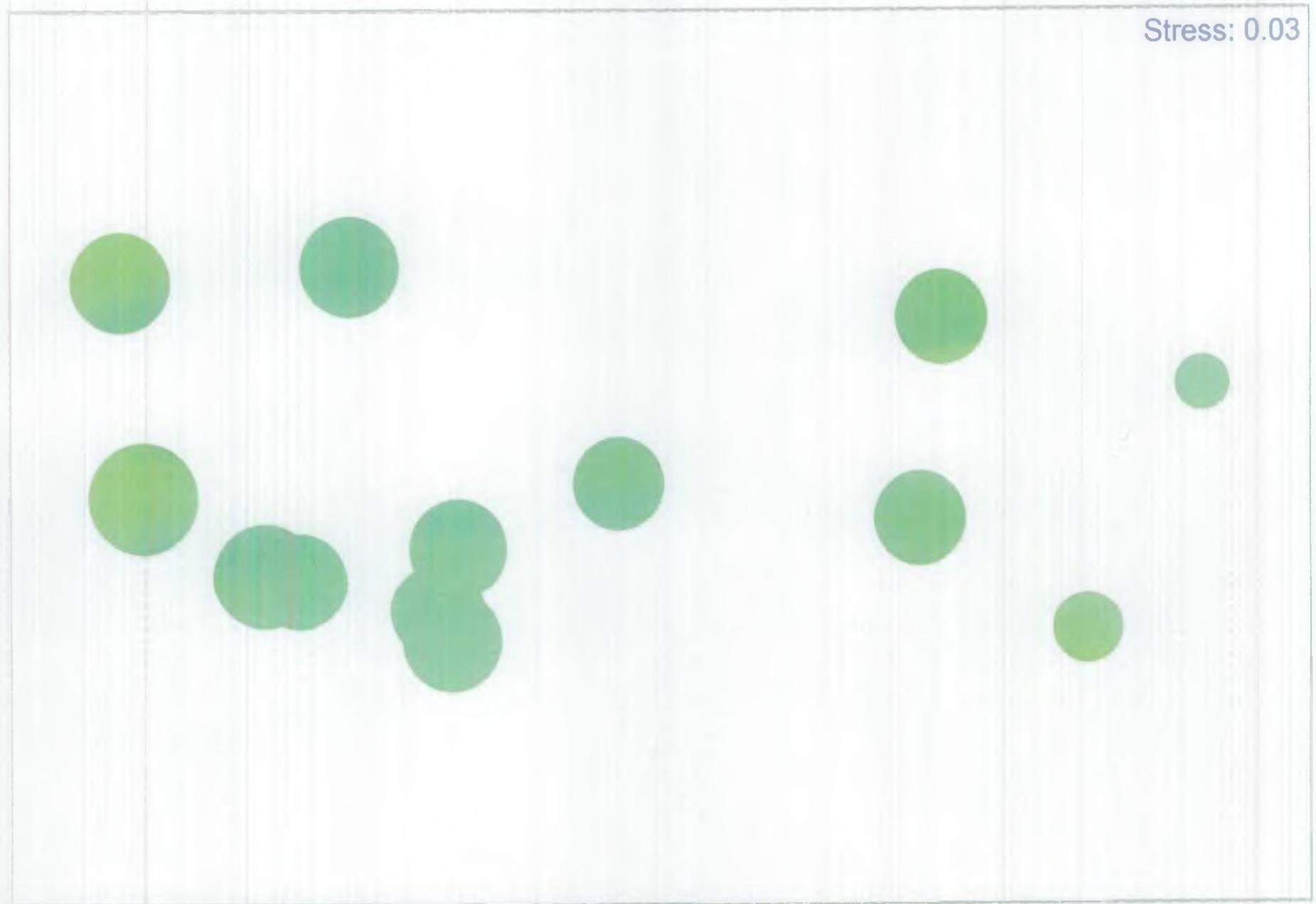


Figure 5.4 MDS ordination of sand



*Figure 5.5 MDS ordination of silt*



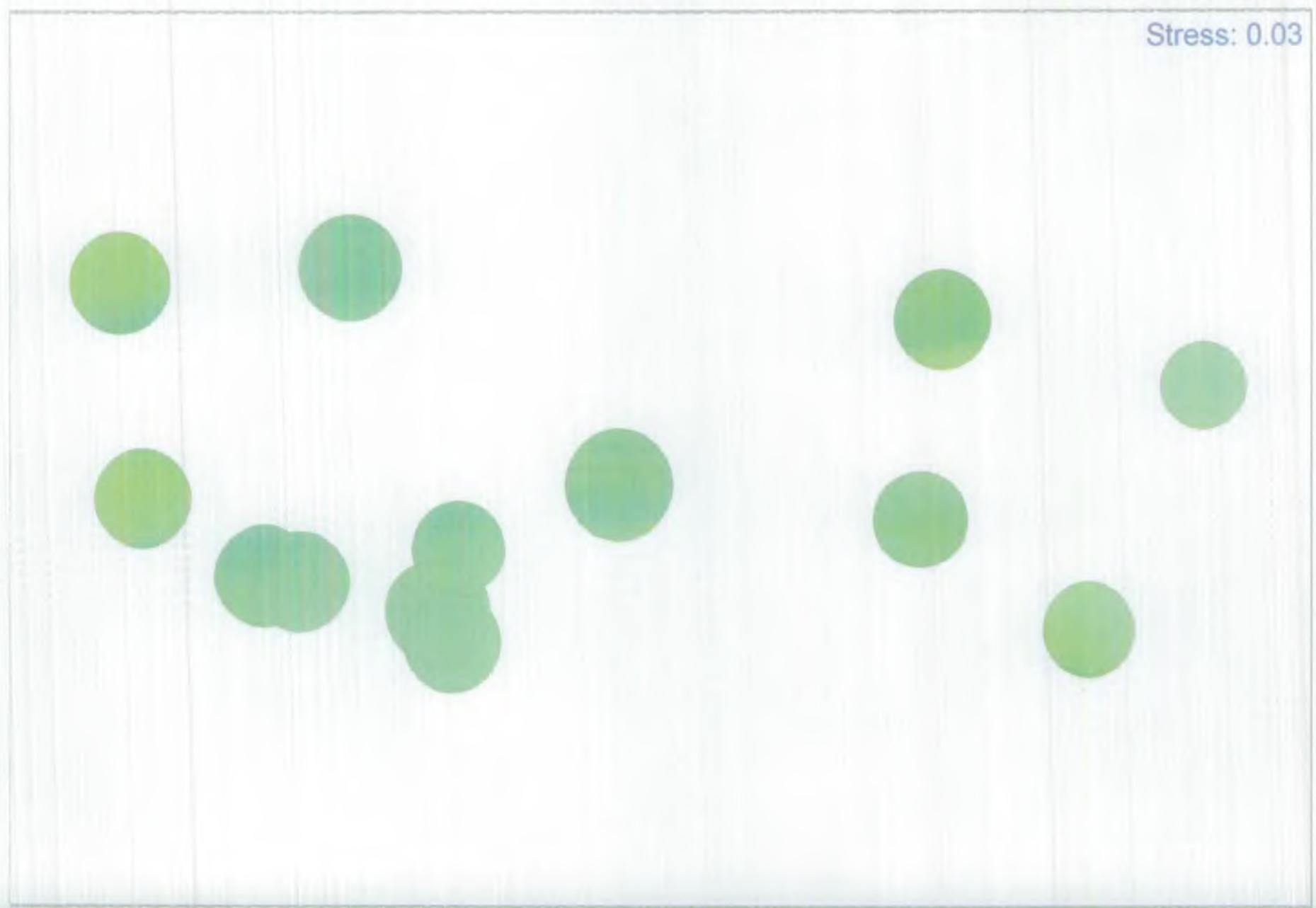
*Figure 5.6 MDS ordination of depth*



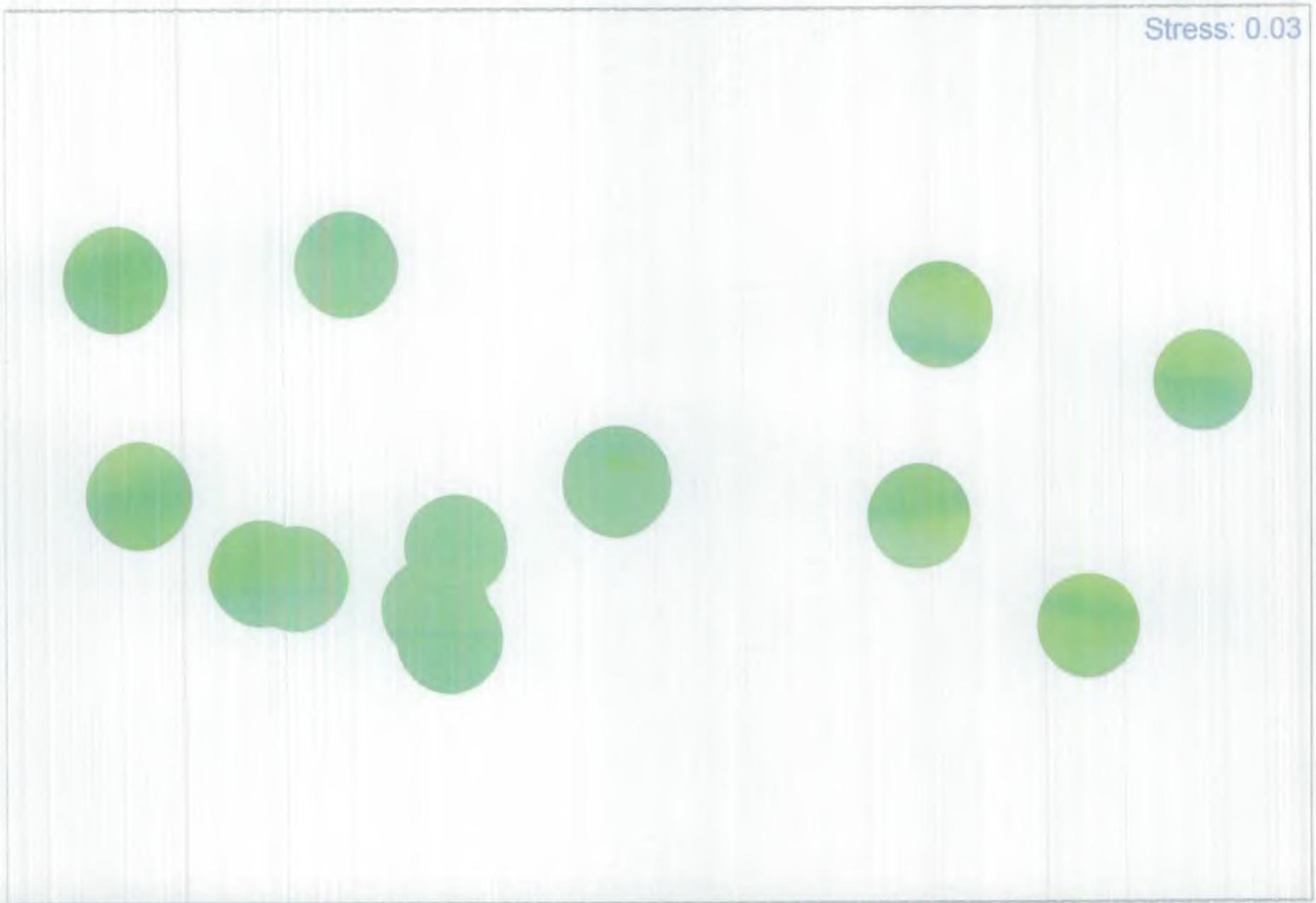
Figure 5.7 MDS ordination of mercury



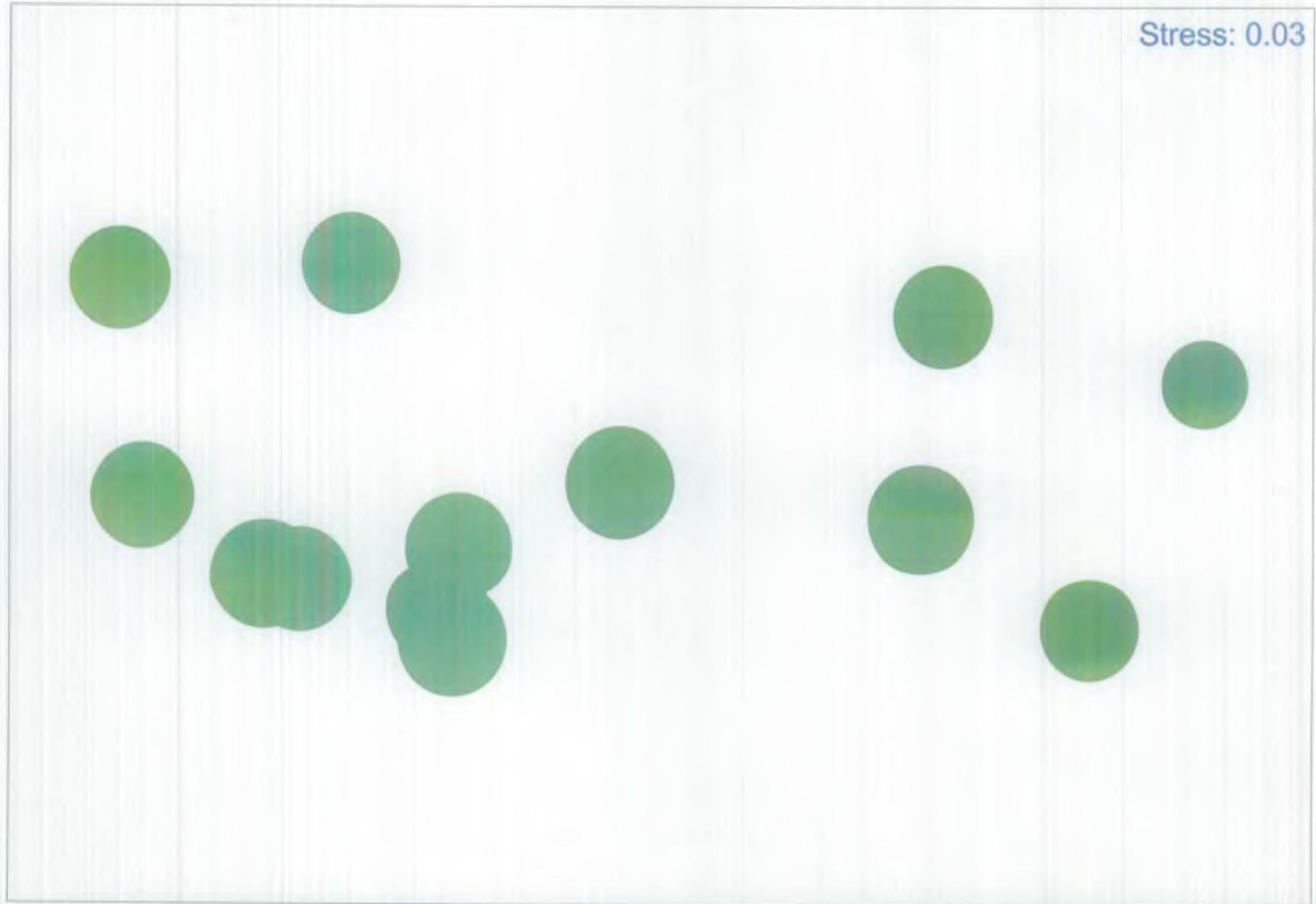
*Figure 5.8 MDS ordination of lead*



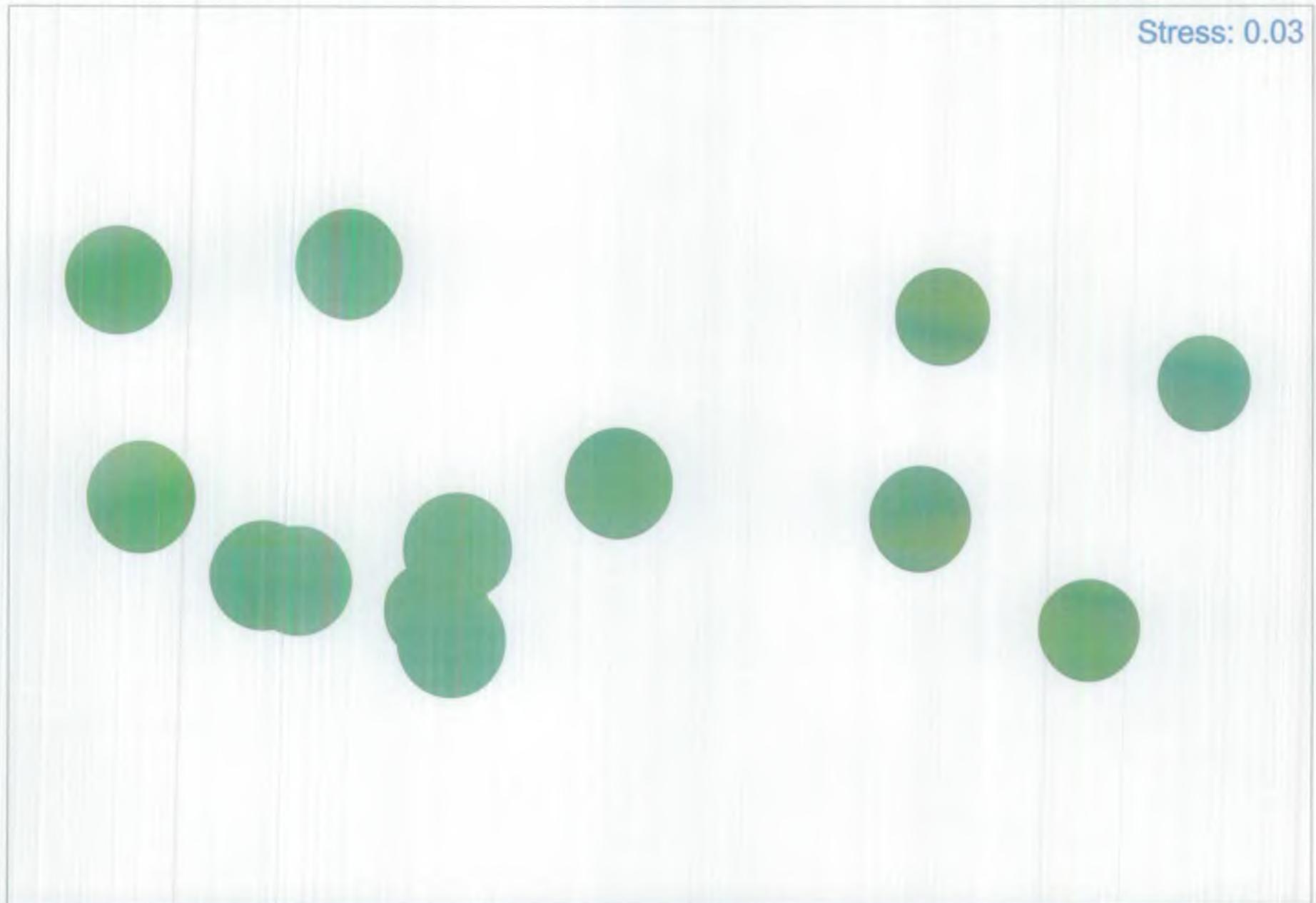
*Figure 5.9 MDS ordination of zinc*



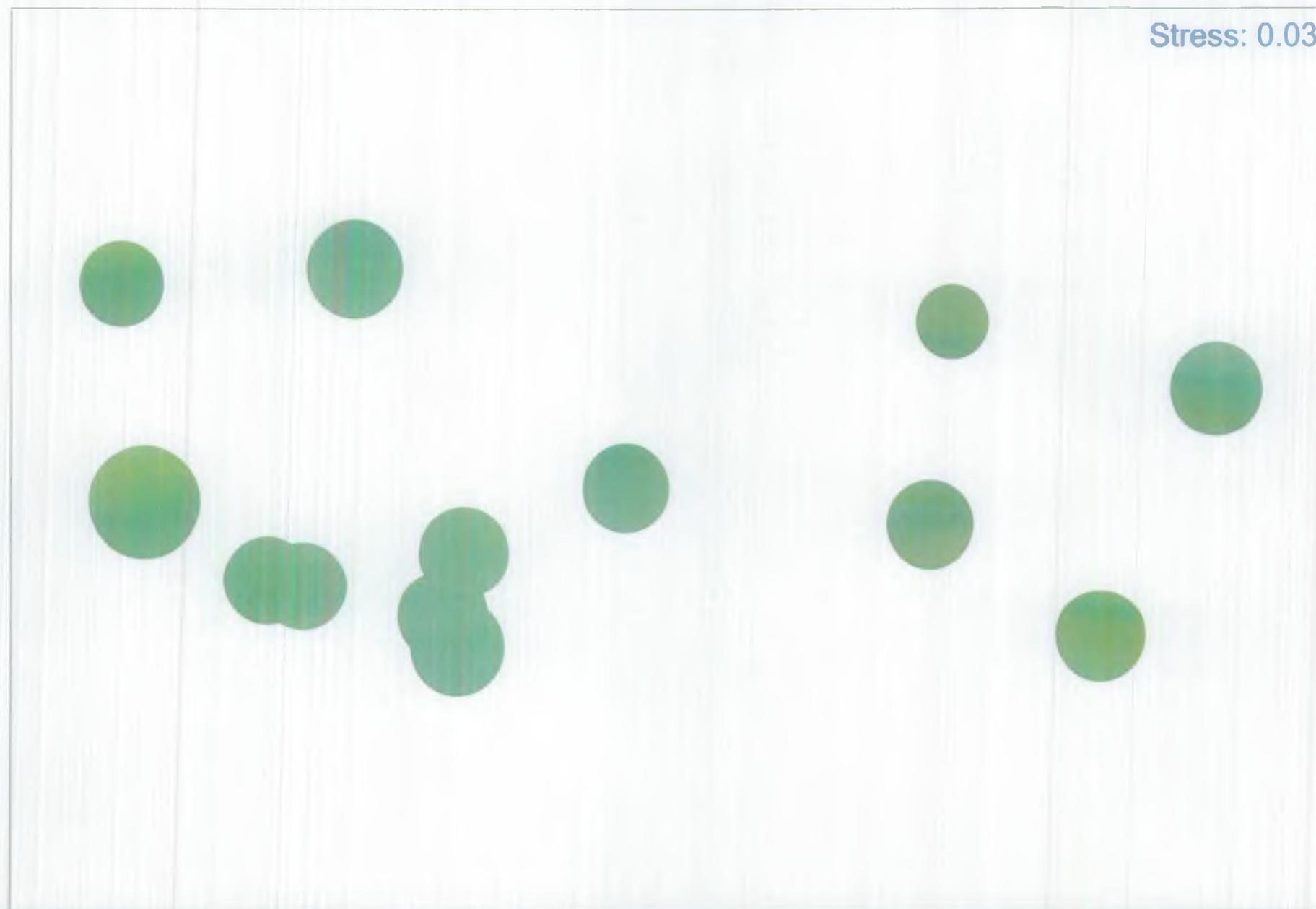
*Figure 5.10 MDS ordination of arsenic*



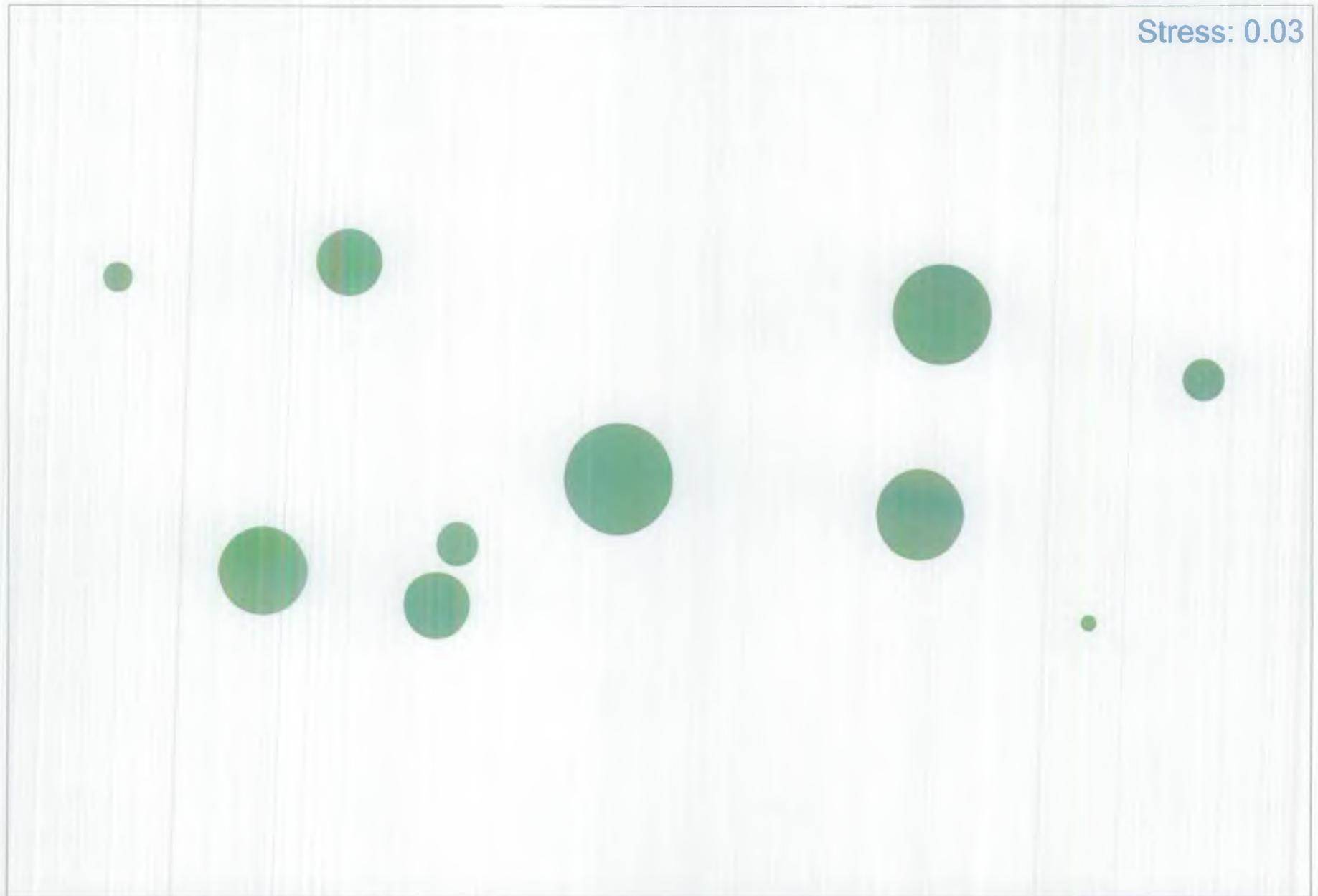
*Figure 5.11 MDS ordination of nickel*



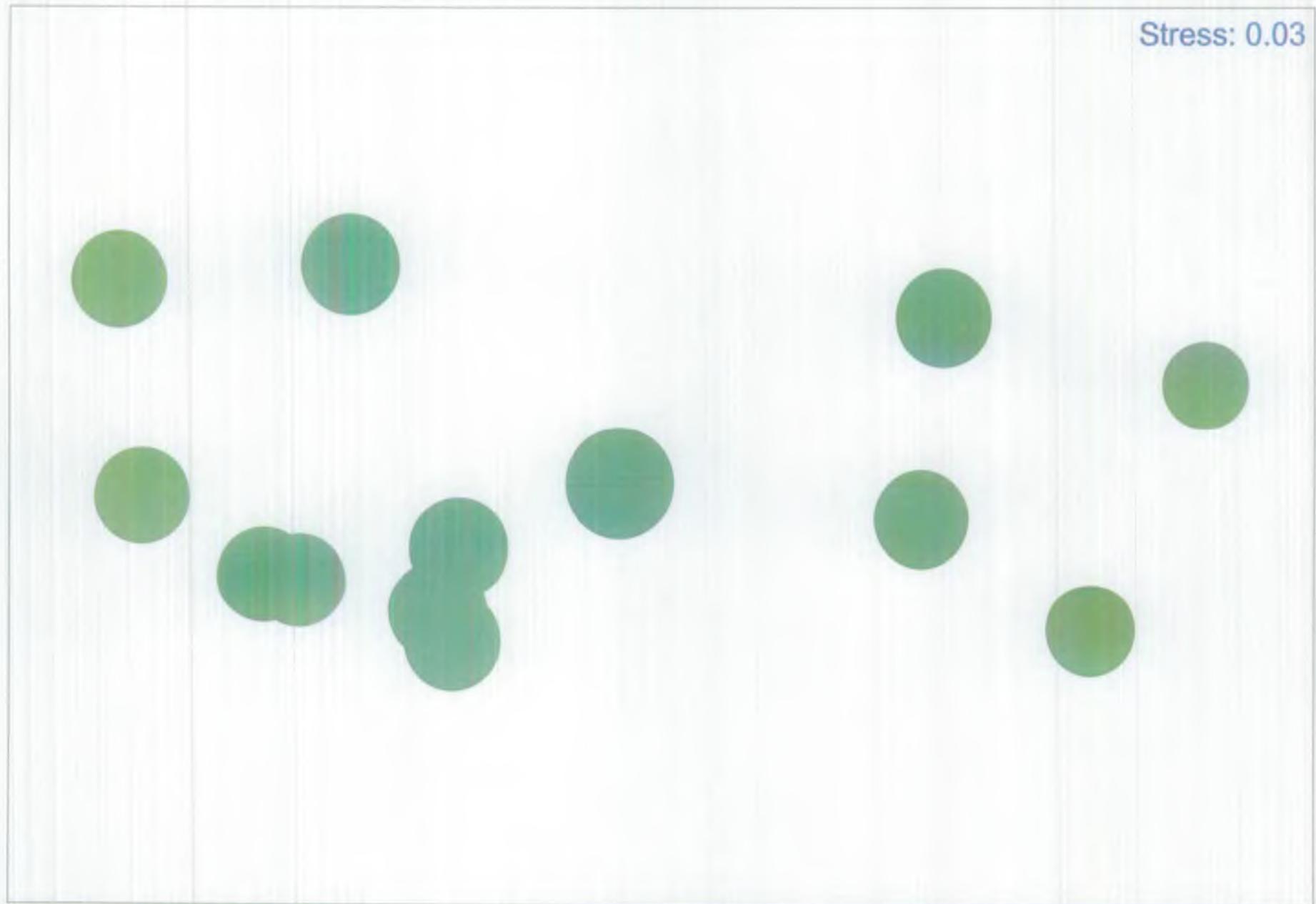
*Figure 5.12 MDS ordination of chromium*



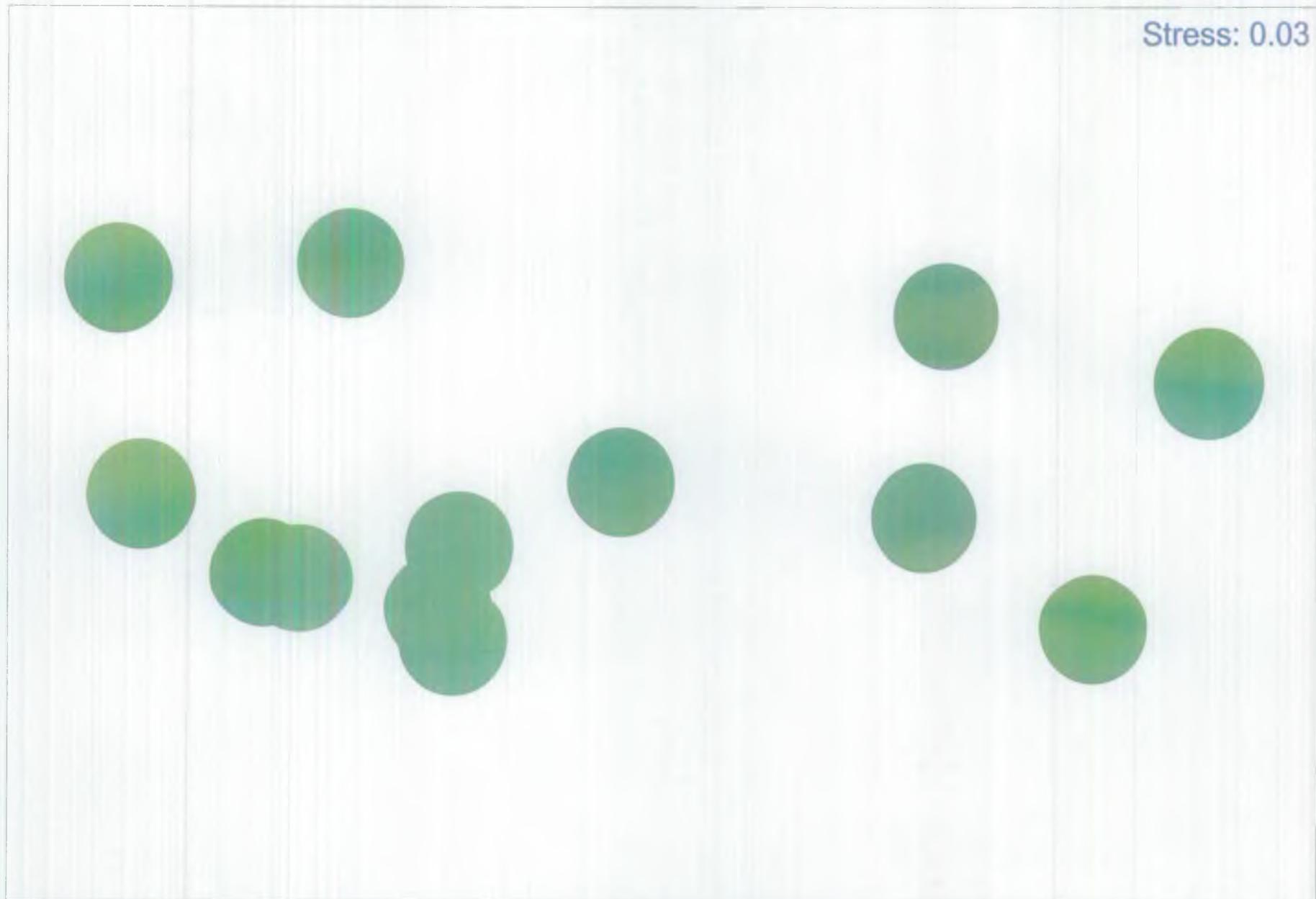
*Figure 5.13 MDS ordination of cadmium*



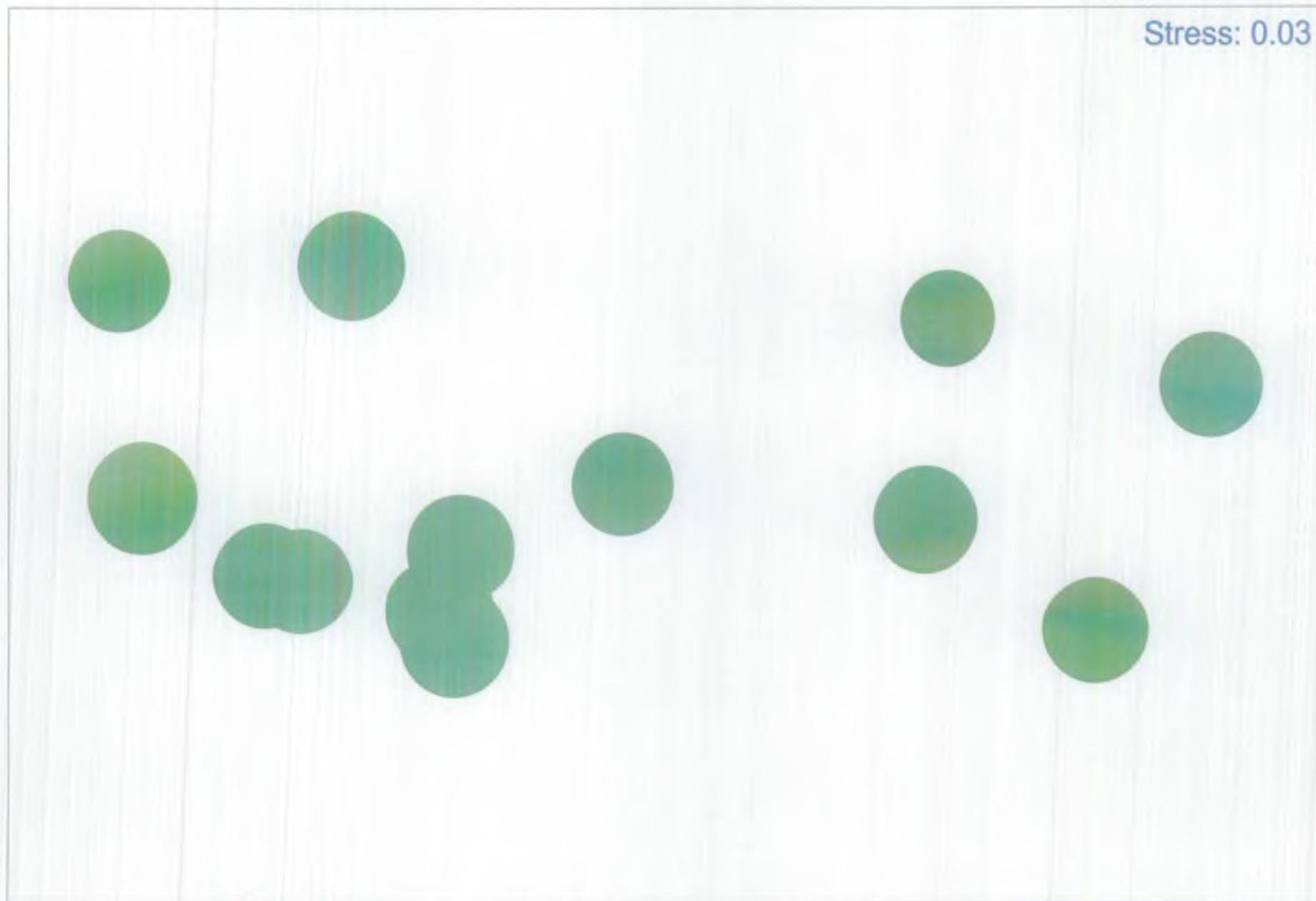
*Figure 5.14 MDS ordination of copper*



*Figure 5.15 MDS ordination of iron*



*Figure 5.16 MDS ordination of aluminium*



*Figure 5.17 MDS ordination of HCH Gamma*

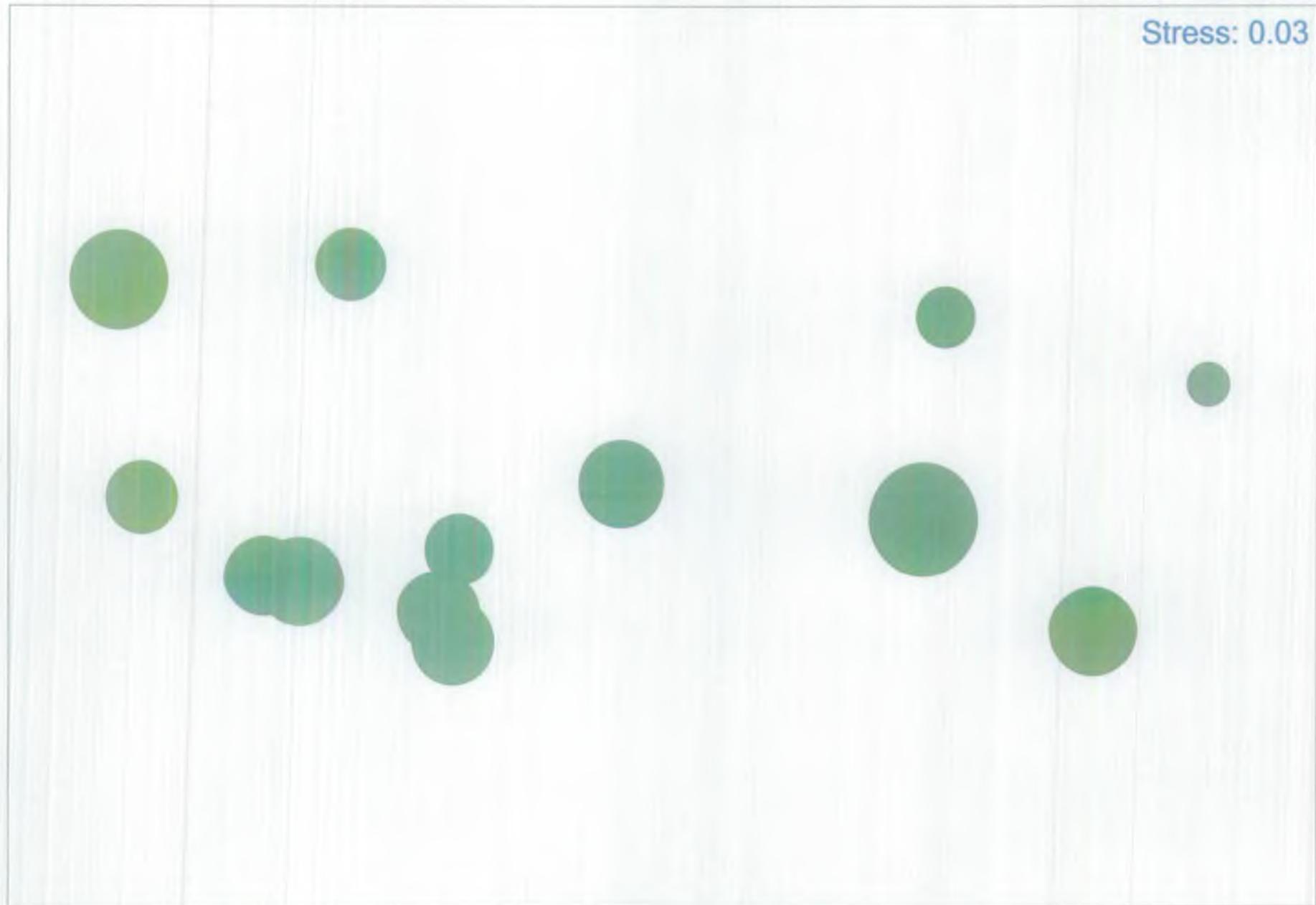
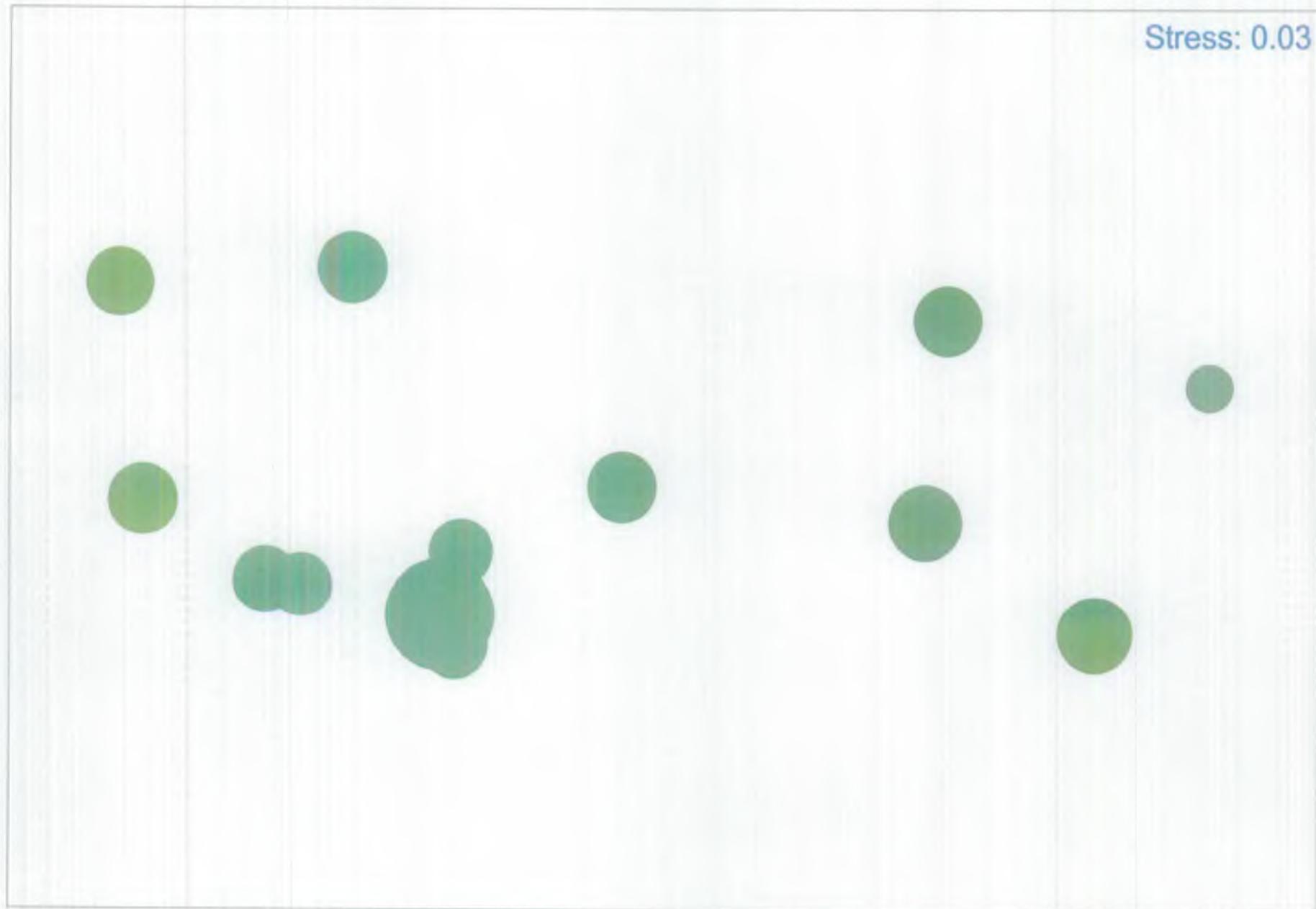


Figure 5.18 MDS ordination of DDT



*Figure 5.19 MDS ordination of PcP*

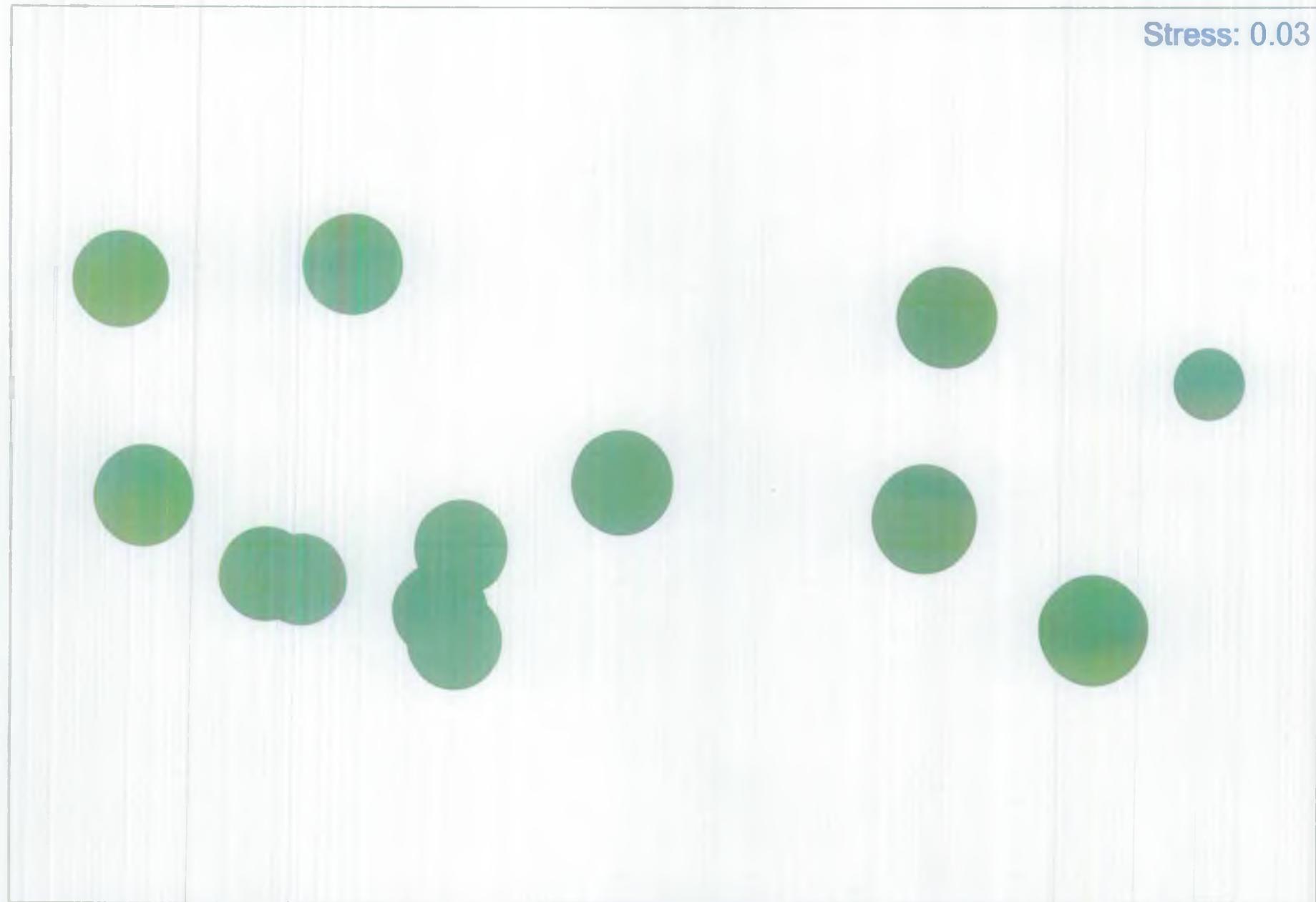
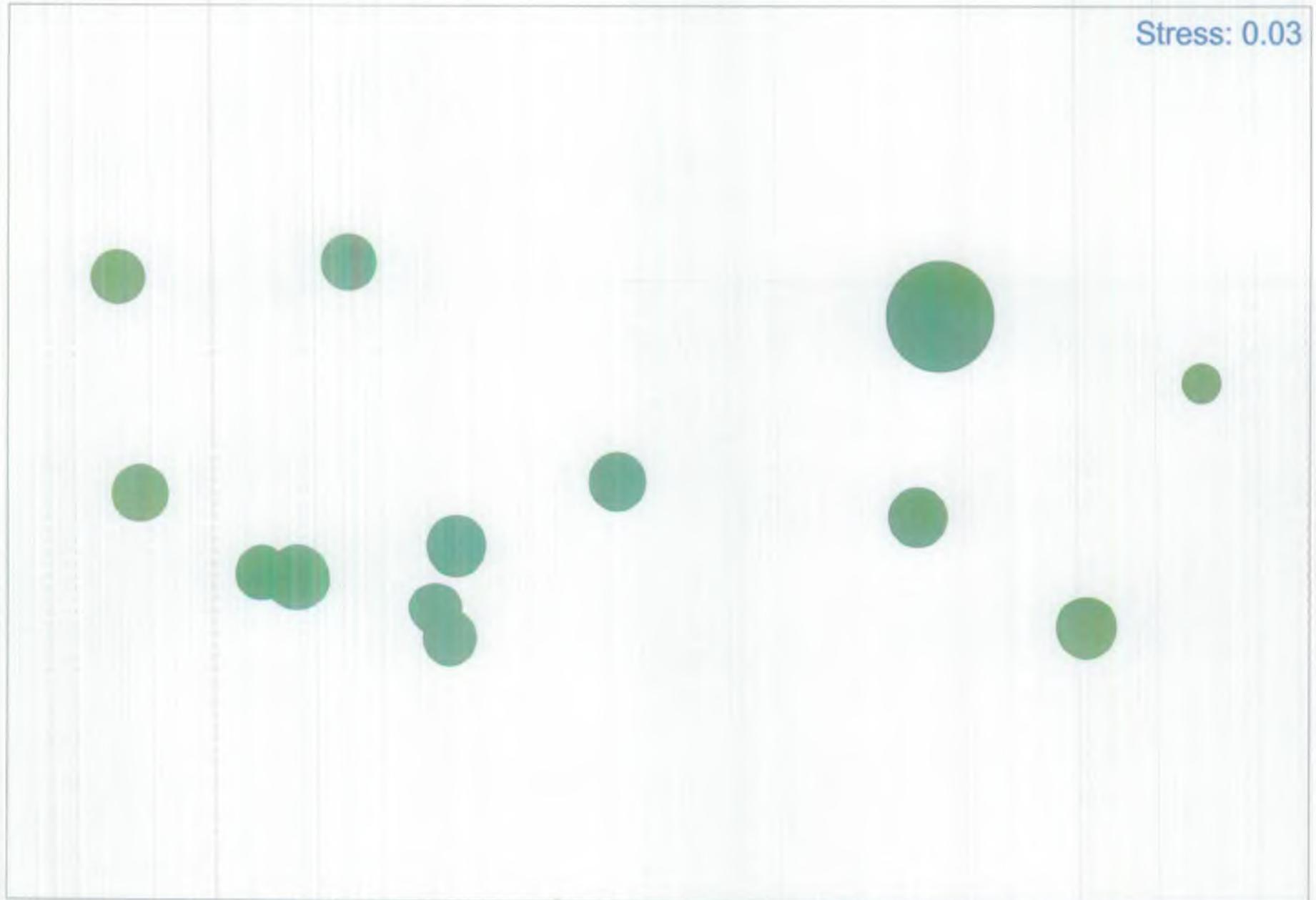


Figure 5.20 MDS ordination of Tri Fluralin



*Figure 5.21 MDS ordination of total oil*



Figure 5.22 MDS ordination of *S.scutata*



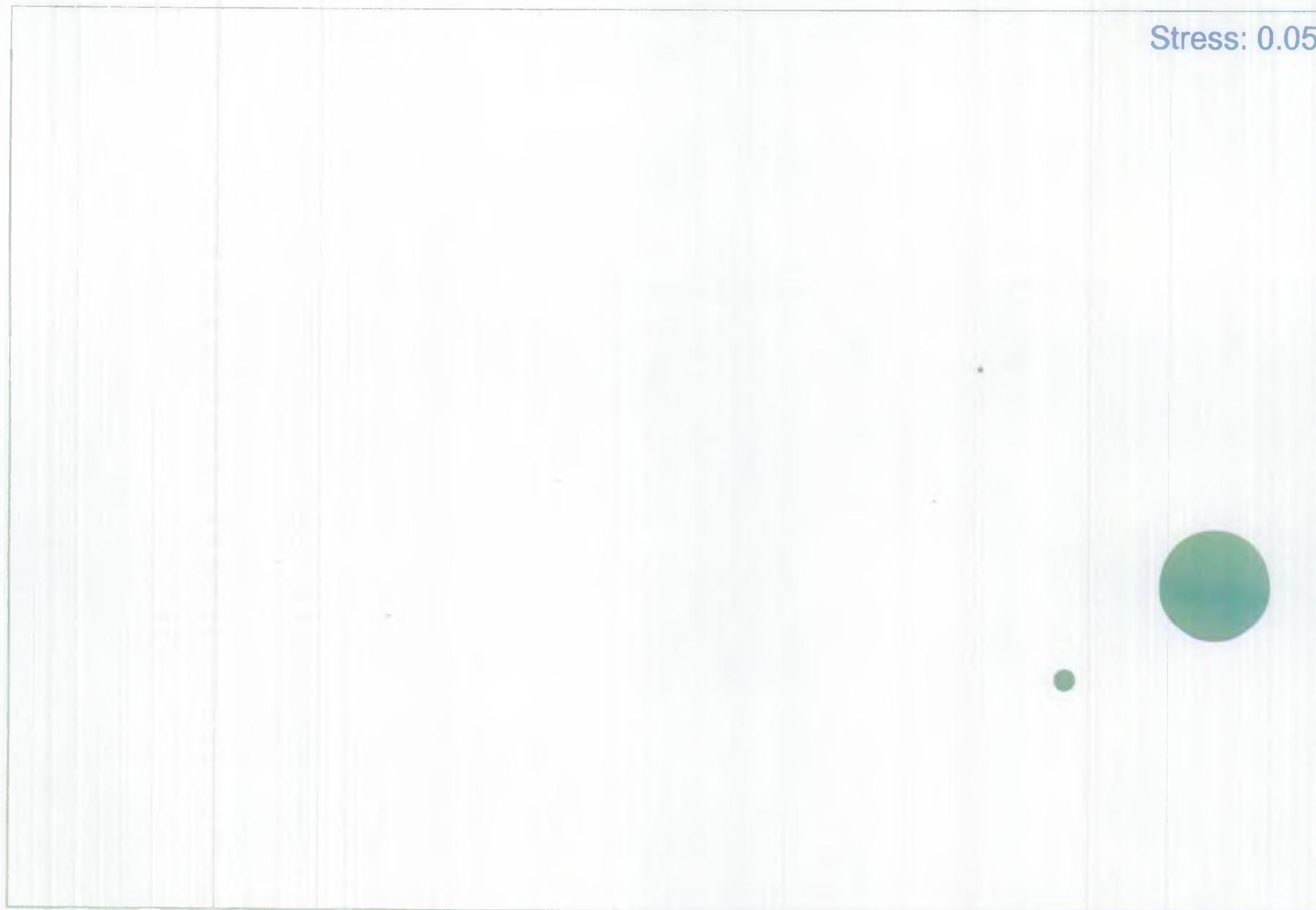
Figure 5.23 MDS ordination of *M.palmata*



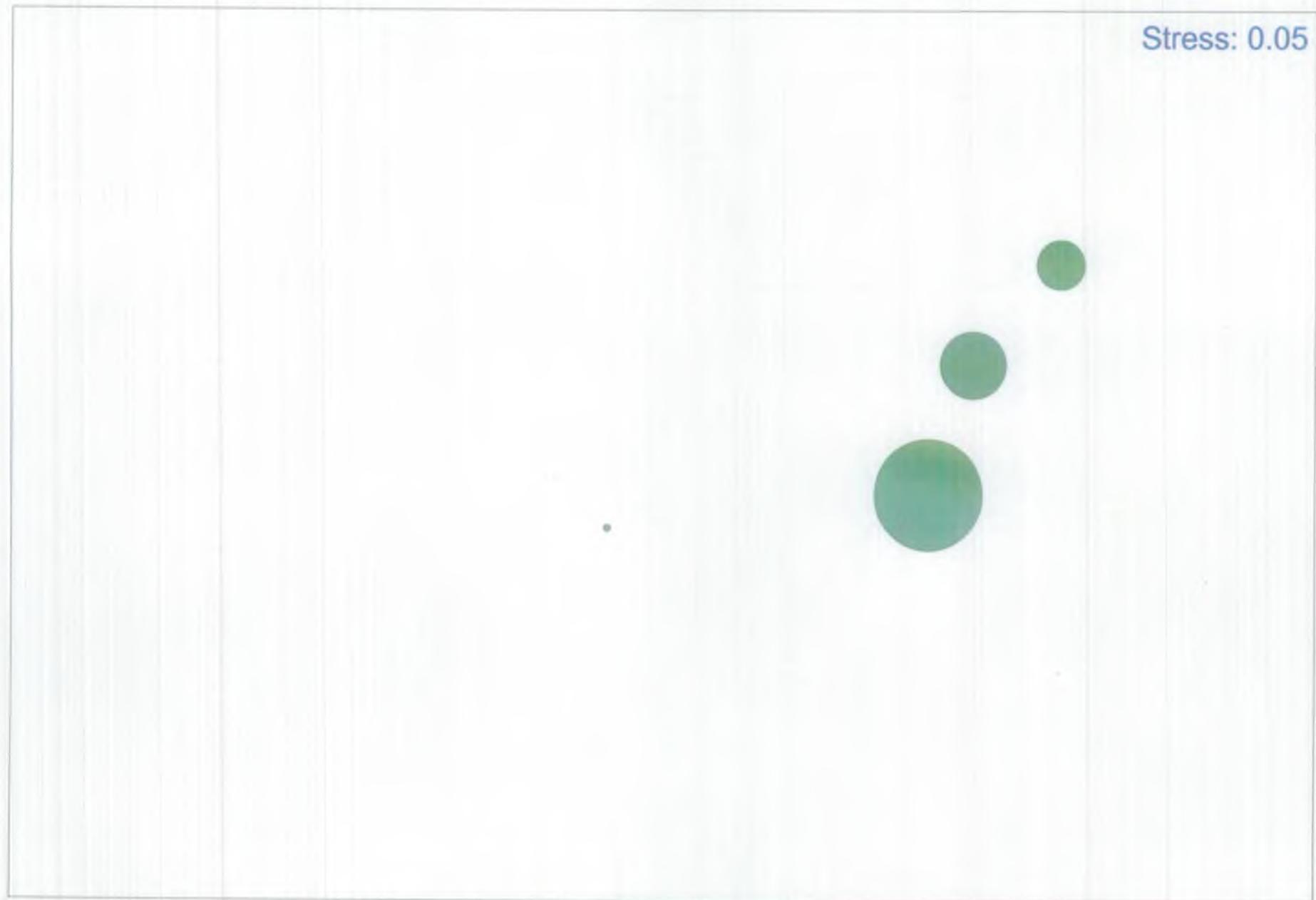
*Figure 5.24 MDS ordination of Euclymene oerstedii*



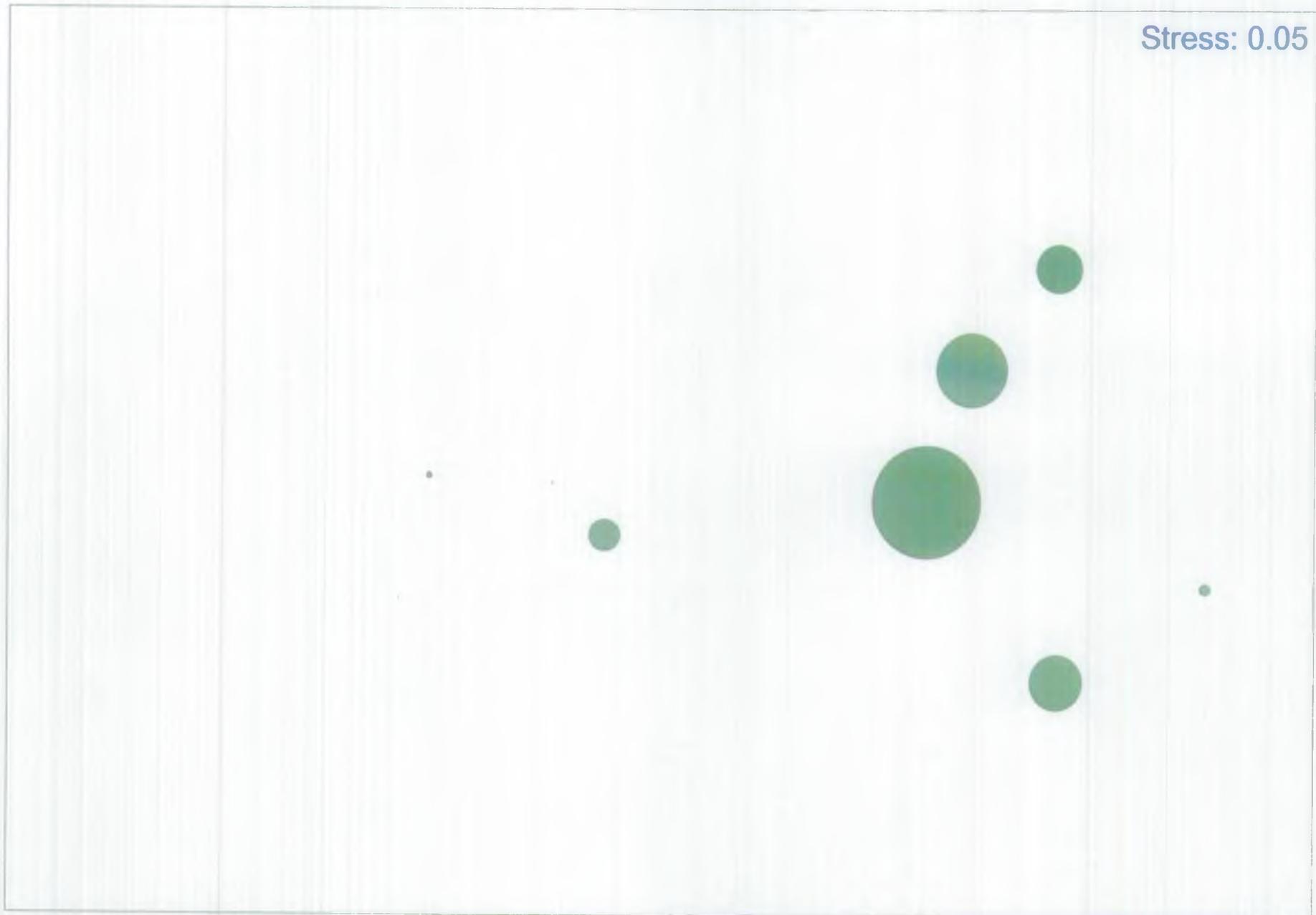
*Figure 5.25 MDS ordination of M.dorsobranchialis*



*Figure 5.26 MDS ordination of T.benedii*



*Figure 5.27 MDS ordination of A.marioni*



## APPENDIX 1

### POSITION OF SAMPLE SITES

SITE NUMBER	GPS COORDINATES
1	N 50 35.850 W 2 27.050
2 (Chemistry only)	N 50 35.790 W 2 26.800
3 (Chemistry only)	N 50 35.700 W 2 26.420
4	N 50 35.410 W 2 27.420
5	N 50 35.360 W 2 27.010
6	N 50 35.340 W 2 26.630
7 (Not Sampled)	N 50 35.330 W 2 26.240
8	N 50 34.810 W 2 27.450
9	N 50 34.870 W 2 27.020
10	N 50 34.900 *W 2 27.420/ W 2 26.420
11	N 50 34.980 W 2 26.050
12	N 50 34.390 W 2 27.230
13	N 50 34.530 W 2 26.780
14	N 50 34.660 W 2 26.360
15 (Not Sampled)	N 50 34.750 W 2 25.920
16	N 50 34.280 W 2 26.810
17	N 50 34.400 W 2 26.490
18	N 50 34.520 W 2 26.130
19	N 50 34.270 W 2 26.170
20	N 50 34.400 W 2 25.960
21	N 50 34.150 W 2 25.790
22	N 50 34.220 W 2 25.580
A (Chemistry only)	N 50 34.140 W 2 25.510
B (Chemistry only)	N 50 34.090 W 2 25.640
C (Chemistry only)	N 50 34.120 W 2 26.110
D (Chemistry only)	N 50 34.100 W 2 26.570
E (Chemistry only)	N 50 34.320 W 2 27.020
F (Chemistry only)	N 50 34.250 W 2 26.040

\* Error in coordinate / Corrected coordinate

**APPENDIX 2**

**LABORATORY ANALYSIS**

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<b>COMPENDIUM MANUAL</b>  <b>ORGANICS SECTION</b>	<b>SECTION: ORGANICS</b>
	<b>AUTHORS: DC/AG</b>
	<b>DATE: 7 July 1998</b>
<b>Determination of:</b>  <b>RED LIST ORGANICS</b>	<b>ISSUE NO: 01</b>
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**Determinand:** RED LIST ORGANICS - See Attached

**Matrix:** Sediments, Soils and Biota

**TDIB Code:** See Attached

**Method of Analysis:** Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) with selective Ion Monitoring (SIM)

**Basis of Analysis:** In House Method

**Principle:** Surrogate standards are added to a freeze dried sample which is extracted with a suitable solvent under Soxhlet conditions. The solvent extract is reduced in volume and interfering organic compounds of high molecular weight are removed using Gel Permeation Chromatography (GPC). The cleaned up extract is concentrated again to low volume prior to injection onto a gas chromatograph equipped with a mass spectrometric detector operating in selective ion monitoring mode.

**Range of Application:** See Attached

**Sample Container:** 500 ml wide neck glass jar with ground glass stopper

**Storage/Preservation:** Frozen on arrival

**MRV:** See Attached

**Inst. Sens. Check:**

**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	
Precision:	-	15%
Bias:	-	20%
AQC level (LOI):	-	
Current Precision:	-	
Performance testing:	-	
Duplicate Analysis:	-	
Spike Analysis:	-	

**QC Interlaboratory:**

Proficiency schemes:	-	
Other:	-	N

## RED LIST ORGANICS

Determinand	TDIB Code	Range $\mu/l$	LOD $\mu/l$	Precision	Bias
		Sediments	Sediments	Target Actual	Target Actual
1,3,5-TCB	8372	1-100	1	15	20
1,2,4-TCB	8373	1-100	1	15	20
1,2,3-TCB	8371	1-100	1	15	20
HCBD	9969	1-50	1	15	20
Dichlorovos	508	1-200	1	15	20
Trifluralin	8368	1-100	1	15	20
A-HCH	488	1-50	1	15	20
b-HCH	492	1-50	1	15	20
G-HCH	500	1-50	1	15	20
D-HCH	496	1-50	1	15	20
HCB	9838	1-50	1	15	20
Heptachlor	528	1-150	1	15	20
Hept.Epox.(Endo-)	532	1-50	1	15	20
Aldrin	484	1-50	1	15	20
Isodrin	4405	1-50	1	15	20
op-DDE	1080	1-50	1	15	20
pp-DDE	552	1-50	1	15	20
op-TDE	574	1-50	1	15	20
pp-TDE	560	1-50	1	15	20
op-DDT	540	1-50	1	15	20
pp-DDT	1556	1-50	1	15	20

### RED LIST ORGANICS

Determinand	TDIB Code	Range $\mu$ /l	LOD $\mu$ /l	Precision		Bias	
		Sediments	Sediments	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
a-Endosulphan	8366	1-50	1	15		20	
b-Endosulphan	8367	1-50	1	15		20	
Dieldrin	512	1-50	1	15		20	
Endrin	568	1-50	1	15		20	
Prochloraz	4067	20-200	20	15		20	
PCB 28	9842	1-50	1	15		20	
PCB 52	9843	1-50	1	15		20	
PCB 101	9844	1-50	1	15		20	
PCB 118	9845	1-50	1	15		20	
PCB 138	9846	1-50	1	15		20	
PCB 153	9847	1-50	1	15		20	
PCB 180	9848	1-50	1	15		20	
Diazinon	724	1-200	1	15		20	
Simazine	9523	2-200	2	15		20	
Atrazine	9522	2-200	2	15		20	
Propazine	9263	2-200	2	15		20	
Propetamphos	8491	1-200	1	15		20	
Terbutryn	8174	20-200	20	15		20	
Propiconazole	4068	20-200	20	15		20	
Methyl Parathion	4318	1-100	1	15		20	
Ethyl Parathion	544	1-100	1	15		20	
Malathion	536	1-150	1	15		20	
Fenitrothion	8370	1-200	1	15		20	
Chlorfenvinphos	504	1-100	1	15		20	
Azinphos Methyl	8369	4-20	4	15		20	

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	<b>AUTHORS: RHW/GH</b>
	<b>DATE: 24.03.00</b>
<b>Determination of: PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION (up to 2000µm) N.M.M.P.2</b>	<b>ISSUE NO: 01</b>
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**Determinand Codes: STARLIMS/PREMIS Method Code 21**

<b>Determinand:</b>	GS2000	G<2000	G2000	GS564	GS261
	5547	5546	5545	5544	5543
	GS160	GS112	GS84.3	GS64.6	GS50.2
	5542	5541	5540	5539	5549
	GS39.3	GS30.3	GS23.7	GS18.5	GS14.5
	5538	5537	5536	5535	5534
	GS11.4	GS9.1	GS7.2	GS<5.8	Solids<63
	5533	5532	5531	5530	9596
	Sort Coeff	Median dia.	Mean dia.	Graph Skewn	
	7331	7378	7379	7629	

**Matrix:** Soils, Sediments and Associated Samples

**Method of Analysis:** Laser diffraction particle size analysis

**Instrumentation:** Malvern Laser Diffraction Particle sizer, Mastersize X. % of sample in user determined size band measured in µm mean, standard deviation, skew, kurtosis.

**Basis of Analysis:**

**Principle:** A low power visible laser transmitter produces a parallel, monochromatic beam of light which illuminates the particles by use of an appropriate sample cell. The incident light is diffracted by the particles illuminated to give a stationary diffraction pattern regardless of particle movement. By integration over a suitable period using a continuous flux of particles through the illuminated area, a representative bulk sample of the particles contributes to the final measured diffraction pattern.

A Fourier transform lens focuses the diffraction pattern onto a multi-element photo-electric detector. This detector is directly interfaced to a computer which reads the diffraction pattern and performs the necessary integrations.

The computer uses a non-linear least squares analysis to find the size distribution which gives the most closely fitting diffraction pattern.

**Range of Application:** 5.8 µm → 2000 µm

**Sample Container:** 250 ml white screw topped polypropylene pot

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DISTRIBUTION (up to 2000µm)  
N.M.M.P.2****ISSUE NO: 01****PAGE 2 OF 2****Min. Weight Required:** Sediments  
10 g**Storage/Preservation:** Frozen**MRV:** < 5.8 µm**Certified Reference  
Material:** BCR 130 Quartz 50 – 220 µm**QC Interlaboratory:** Proficiency schemes: - NMBAQC

Other: - Coulter Interlab

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<b>Determinand:</b>	MERCURY IN SOILS AND RELATED MATERIAL																								
<b>Matrix:</b>	Soils, Sediments, Biota, Paper																								
<b>TDIB Code:</b>	0270																								
<b>Method of Analysis:</b>	PSA Merlin System with Fluorescence Detector																								
<b>Principle:</b>	The dried sample is digested with nitric acid and water for easily digested tissues (including fish tissue) and with nitric acid and hydrochloric acid for other sediments, in a microwave digester. The digest is then filtered and made up to volume with de-ionised water and the metals determined by PSA Merlin with and fluorescence detector.																								
<b>Range of Application:</b>	0 - 20 µg/l (without dilution) Range extend with dilution.																								
<b>Sample Container:</b>	500 mls Plastic Wide Neck Pot.																								
<b>Storage Preparation:</b>	Samples are freeze dried to constant weight/dryness, and ground using a pestle and mortar.																								
<b>MRV:</b>	0.8 µg/Kg																								
<b>Inst. Sens. Check:</b>	250 ng/l <sup>-1</sup> Standard																								
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Current Precision:	-	Yes																							
Performance testing:	-	Yes																							
Duplicate Analysis:	-	No																							
Spike Analysis:	-	No																							
<b>QC Inter-laboratory:</b>	Proficiency schemes: - Aquacheck, QUASIMEME, CONTEST.																								

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**Determinand: ARSENIC AND SELENIUM IN SOILS**

**Matrix: Soils, Sediments, Biota, Paper**

**TDIB Code: 0357 0380**

**Method of Analysis: ICP-MS**

**Principle:** The dried sample is digested with nitric acid and water for easily digested tissues (including fish tissue), and with nitric acid and hydrochloric acid for other sediments, in a microwave digester. The digest is then filtered and made up to volume with distilled water and the metals determined by ICP-MS.

**Range of Application:** 0 - 200 µg/l (without dilution)  
Range Extended with dilution of sample.

**Sample Container:** 500 mls Wide Neck Plastic Pot.

**Soil Sample Preparation:** Freeze dried and ground using a pestle and mortar

**MRV:** 0.1 mg/Kg.

**Inst. Sens. Check:** Rh Internal Standard

**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	30% Total Error
Precision:	-	Better than 10% RSD
Bias:	-	Better than 10% Bias
AQC level (LOI):	-	As sediment : 23.4 mg/Kg
		Se sediment : 1,12 mg/Kg
		As Biota : 0.188 mg/Kg
		Se Biota : Not available
Current Precision:	-	Better than 10%
Performance testing:	-	No
Duplicate Analysis:	-	No
Spike Analysis:	-	No

**QC Inter-laboratory:** Proficiency schemes: - Aquacheck, QUASIMEME, CONTEST.

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**PARTIAL METALS IN SOILS AND SEDIMENTS**

**Determinand:** Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Nickel, Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Tin, Vanadium, Beryllium, Boron, Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Sulphate

**Matrix:** Sediments, Soils, Biota, and Paper

**Method of Analysis:** ICP-MS, ICP-OES

**Instrumentation** ELAN 5000,6000 and OPTIMA 3300RL and/or AAS

**Principle:** The dried sample is digested with nitric acid and water for easily digested tissues (including fish tissue) and with nitric acid / hydrochloric acid for other sediments in a microwave digester. The digest is then filtered and made up to volume with distilled water and the metals determined by ICP-MS, ICP-OES.

**Storage & Preservation:** Biota – freeze. Soils, sediments - refrigerate

**Range of Application:** Linear over a wide dynamic range.

**Sample Container:** Plastic Jars (wide mouth). Bottle capacity - 300 mls. Minimum volume required - 0.5 gm dried weight.

**Sample pre-treatment** The sample is freeze dried.

**MRV (Currently reporting):**

Cd < 0.01	Pb < 0.2	Mn < 0.2	Zn < 0.25
Cr < 0.05	Ni < 0.3	Fe < 0.3	Be < 0.3
Cu < 0.2	Zn < 0.2	B < 0.7	V < 0.2
Na < 0.7	K < 0.2	Mg < 0.2	Ca < 0.2
SO <sub>4</sub>	All mg/kg		

**Inst. Sens. Check:** Rh Internal Standard

**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	30% Total Error
Precision:	-	Better than 10% RSD
Bias:	-	Better than 10% Bias
AQC level (LOD):	-	See Table
Current Precision:	-	Better than 10% RSD
Performance testing:	-	No
Duplicate Analysis:	-	No
Spike Analysis:	-	No

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**QC Inter-laboratory: Proficiency schemes: - Aquacheck, Quasimeme Contest.**

Determinand	Currently Reporting	Sediment AQC	Biota AQC
Cd	<0.01 mg/kg	3.45	0.31
Cr	< 0.05 mg/kg	113.2	0.8
Cu	< 0.2 mg/kg	98.6	9.0
Pb	< 0.2 mg/kg	161	1.91
Ni	< 0.3 mg/kg	44.1	1.04
Zn	< 0.2 mg/kg	438	76
Mn	< 0.2 mg/kg	555	7.3
Fe	< 0.3 mg/kg	41,000	133
Sn	< 0.25 mg/kg	9.5	N/A
Be	< 0.3 mg/kg	N/A	N/A
B	< 0.7 mg/kg	N/A	N/A
V	< 0.2 mg/kg	104	N/A
Sb	< 0.3 mg/kg	N/A	N/A

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**Determinand:** TOTAL METALS IN SOILS AND SEDIMENTS  
Aluminium, Chromium

**Matrix:** Sediments

**Method of Analysis:** ICP-MS, ICP-OES AND/OR AAS

**Instrumentation** ELAN 5000,6000 and Optima 3300RL

**Principle:** The dried sample is digested with nitric acid, perchloric acid and hydrofluoric acid. The sample is then evaporated to dryness, re-dissolved in hydrochloric acid, then made up to volume with de-ionised water and the metals determined by ICP-MS and/or ICPOES.

**Storage & Preservation:** No

**Range of Application:** Linear over a wide dynamic range.

**Sample Container:** Plastic Jars (wide mouth). Bottle capacity - 300 mls. Minimum volume required - 0.5 gm dried weight.

**Sample pre-treatment** The sample is freeze dried.

**MRV:** Cr < 0.05 mg/Kg  
Al - N/A

**Inst. Sens. Check:** Rh Internal Standard.

**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	30% Total Error
Precision:	-	Better than 10% RSD
Bias:	-	Better than 10% RSD
AQC level (LOI):	-	Sediment Cr 135, Al 61000mg/Kg
Current Precision:	-	Better than 10% RSD
Performance testing:	-	No
Duplicate Analysis:	-	No
Spike Analysis:	-	No

**QC Inter-laboratory:** Proficiency schemes: - QUASIMEME

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	<b>AUTHORS:</b> RHW/GH
	<b>DATE:</b> 06/07/99
<b>DETERMINATION OF:</b> Total Hydrocarbons (UV Fluorescence)	<b>ISSUE NO:</b> 02
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**Determinand:** Total Hydrocarbons

**Matrix:** Raw, Potable, Saline Waters (Estuarine + coastal) Saline Sediments.

**TDIB Code:** 8732 mg/l  
8731 mg/kg dry wt.

**Method of Analysis:** The water or sediment is extracted with pentane and the solvent extract dried and analysed by fluorescence spectroscopy.

**Instrumentation:** Hitachi F-2000 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer with AS 3000 auto-sampler.

**Basis of Analysis:**

**Principle:** The hydrocarbons are extracted into pentane, the extract being dried with anhydrous sodium sulphate. The hydrocarbon concentration is determined by measurement of fluorescence emitted at 360nm whilst the sample is excited at 310nm, by comparison with the fluorescence of a standard solution of Ekofisk crude oil under the same conditions.

**Range of Application:**

<b>Sample Container:</b>	<u>Bottle Capacity</u>	<u>Minimum vol.req</u>
Aqueous: Amber Glass acid washed, Rinsed with pentane	2.50L	2.50L
Sediments: Glass stoppered, acid Washed, pentane rinsed.	500ml	50g

**Storage/Preservation:** Aqueous samples refrigerated at 2 - 8°C.  
Sediments frozen at -18°C.

**MRV:** 0.2µg/l  
0.05 mg/kg dry wt.

**Inst. Sens. Check:** Y

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**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	Better than 20%
Precision:	-	Better than 5% RSD
Bias:	-	Better than 10%
AQC level (LOI):	-	0.4 mg/l
Current Precision:	-	0.904%
Performance testing:	-	Y
Duplicate Analysis:	-	Y
Spike Analysis:	-	Y

**QC Inter laboratory:**

Proficiency schemes:	-	N
Other:	-	N

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	<b>AUTHORS: GH</b>
	<b>DATE: 03/01/02</b>
<b>Determination of:</b>  <b>TOTAL OIL AND GREASE IN SEDIMENTS</b>	<b>ISSUE NO: 2</b>
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**Sample Matrix:** Soils Sediments and Sludges

**Determinand Code:** 1079

**Reporting Units:** mg/kg

**Instrumentation:** ATI Mattson Genesis FTIR

**Method of Analysis:** The hydrocarbon oils are extracted by solid-liquid extraction into tetrachloroethylene and determined by infra red absorption spectroscopy.

**Principle:** Hydrocarbons are extracted with tetrachloroethylene and the concentration is calculated by measuring the infra red absorbencies over the range 3100-2700cm<sup>-1</sup> at the C-H stretching frequencies 2930, 2960 and 2860 cm<sup>-1</sup> compared with the absorbencies obtained from calibration standards of 37.5% Isooctane, 37.5% hexadecane, 25% benzene.

**Range of Application:** Up to 10mg/kg using 5cm cell 1cm cell  
>200mg/kg using 1cm cell & >1.25 using 10cm cell

**Sample Container:** Plastic Sludge pot - minimum weight 50g. SED HC

**Storage/Preservation:** Refrigerated at 2 - 8°C.

**LOD:** 0.01 g/Kg

**Standard Turnround:** 10 days

**Within Laboratory Quality Control & Performance Criteria:**

QC\* standard at LOI\*\* - 5mg/l  
 Total error Target Better than 40%  
 Bias Targets Better than 15%  
 Precision targets (RSD\*\*\*) Better than 5% RSD  
 Performance testing to WRc NS30

**External Quality Control:** NONE

\* QC - Quality Control                      \*\*\* RSD - Relative Standard Deviation  
 \*\* LOI - Level of Interest ( derived from environmental monitoring & regulatory requirements)

**Any deviation from the above must be by agreement with the customer & the laboratory Oilgr10.2.1**

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	<b>DATE: 22/10/ 2003</b>
<b>Determination of: PENTACHLOROPHENOL</b>	<b>ISSUE NO: 01</b>
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**Determinand:** Pentachlorophenol

**Matrix:** Sediment and Soil

**Method of Analysis:** Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

**Basis of Analysis:** In House Method

**Principle:** The sample is freeze dried and ground in a pestle and mortar. 1g of the freeze dried sample is placed in a 40ml screw cap glass vial. The sample is spiked with PCP surrogate standard (standard used is C13 PCP) and allowed to soak into the sample. Add 40ml of 1:1 Hexane Acetone to the vial and mix well. Sonicate for one hour and leave overnight. Filter solvent from sample and place in a turbovap tube. Rinse the sample with a further 10ml of hexane, filter, and add this to the turbovap tube. Evaporate to 0.5ml and derivatise with diazomethane (methylation). Analyse extract with Gas Chromatography with Mass Spectrometric detection.

**Sample Container:** 250ml wide necked glass jar (SEDO)

**Storage/Preservation:** Stored in Cold Room at 2-8°C.

**MRV:** 15ug/kg

**Inst. Sens. Check:** Yes

**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	50%
Precision:	-	15%
Bias:	-	20%
AQC level (LOD):	-	400ug/kg
Current Precision:	-	See AQC Charts
Performance testing:	-	Yes
Duplicate Analysis:	-	Yes
Spike Analysis:	-	Yes (AQC)

**QC Inter-laboratory:** Proficiency schemes: - N/A

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<b>DETERMINATION OF:</b> Total Hydrocarbons (UV Fluorescence)	<b>ISSUE NO:</b> 02
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**Determinand:** Total Hydrocarbons

**Matrix:** Raw, Potable, Saline Waters (Estuarine + coastal) Saline Sediments.

**TDIB Code:** 8732 mg/l  
8731 mg/kg dry wt.

**Method of Analysis:** The water or sediment is extracted with pentane and the solvent extract dried and analysed by fluorescence spectroscopy.

**Instrumentation:** Hitachi F-2000 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer with AS 3000 auto-sampler.

**Basis of Analysis:**

**Principle:** The hydrocarbons are extracted into pentane, the extract being dried with anhydrous sodium sulphate. The hydrocarbon concentration is determined by measurement of fluorescence emitted at 360nm whilst the sample is excited at 310nm, by comparison with the fluorescence of a standard solution of Ekofisk crude oil under the same conditions.

**Range of Application:**

<b>Sample Container:</b>	<u>Bottle Capacity</u>	<u>Minimum vol.req</u>
Aqueous: Amber Glass acid washed, Rinsed with pentane	2.50L	2.50L
Sediments: Glass stoppered, acid Washed, pentane rinsed.	500ml	50g

**Storage/Preservation:** Aqueous samples refrigerated at 2 - 8°C.  
Sediments frozen at -18°C.

**MRV:** 0.2µg/l  
0.05 mg/kg dry wt.

**Inst. Sens. Check:** Y

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**QC within Laboratory:**

Error Target:	-	Better than 20%
Precision:	-	Better than 5% RSD
Bias:	-	Better than 10%
AQC level (LOI):	-	0.4 mg/l
Current Precision:	-	0.904%
Performance testing:	-	Y
Duplicate Analysis:	-	Y
Spike Analysis:	-	Y

**QC Inter laboratory:**

Proficiency schemes:	-	N
Other:	-	N

APPENDIX 3 PORTLAND HARBOUR AVERAGED DATA																		
Species Name	1	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Virgularia mirabilis</i>	0	0	4.25	3	1.5	0.25	3	3.25	0	0.25	2	0	1	3.25	1.5	2	1.75	3.75
<i>Edwardsiidae sp.</i>	7.25	6.5	2.75	1.75	7.75	4.5	3	4.75	2.5	6.25	7.5	0.5	16.25	5.25	1	8.75	5	3.5
<i>Nemertean indet (combined)</i>	4	5.25	0.25	0	3.25	0	0.5	0	0.5	0.25	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Tubulanus superbus</i>	9.25	12	1	0	16	0	0	0.5	4.75	0	0.75	2.5	1.75	0.25	0	1.25	1.5	0.25
<i>Cerebratulus sp.</i>	1	0	0.5	0	0.25	0	0.25	0	0.5	0.25	0	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0	0	0.5
<i>Tetrastemma sp.</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tetrastemma coronatum</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tetrastemma longissimum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Golfingia spp. indet.</i>	2.25	0.25	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0.25	0.25	0.5	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Golfingia vulgaris</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Phascolion strombus</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Harmothoe spp. indet.</i>	0.75	0.25	0	0	1.25	0	0	0	3.5	0	0.25	3.5	1.25	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.25	0
<i>Harmothoe imbricata</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Harmothoe impar</i>	2	1	0	0	1.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Harmothoe spinifera</i>	2.25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.25	0	0	3.25	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Harmothoe andreapolis</i> /* <i>Malmgrenia andreapolis</i>	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Lepidonotus squamatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pholoe minuta</i>	6.75	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0
<i>Pholoe synophthalmica</i>	4.5	3.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sthenelais boa</i>	0.25	0.75	0.25	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	1.5	0.25	0	0	1	0
<i>Eteone flava / longa</i>	0.25	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Mysta picta</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pseudomystides limbata</i> Saint	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Anaitides spp. indet. [juv.]</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Anaitides mucosa</i>	1.5	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.25	0.25	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Eumida spp. indet. [juv.]</i>	0.25	0.25	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Eumida bahusiensis</i>	0.25	1	0	0	0.75	0	0	0.25	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Paranaitis kosteriensis</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Glycera spp. indet. [juv.]</i>	0.25	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Glycera alba</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Glycera rouxi</i>	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sphaerodorum gracilis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Hesionidae sp.</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Kefersteinia cirrata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.5	0	0	12.5	0.25	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Ophiodromus flexuosus</i>	6.25	0.5	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0.5	0.25	0	1	0	0.25	0.25	0	0.25	0
<i>Syllidia armata</i>	1	3.25	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Syllidae sp.</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Haplosyllis spongicola</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Syllis sp.</i>	1.25	0.25	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Typosyllis armillaris</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.25	0	0	0	0
<i>Odontosyllis ctenostoma</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Odontosyllis gibba</i>	0.25	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Exogone hebes</i>	4.25	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Exogone naidina</i>	0	0.75	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sphaerosyllis spp. indet.</i>	1	5	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	3.25	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Neanthes irrorata</i>	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Perinereis cultrifera</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Platynereis dumerilii</i>	12	1.25	0	0	8.75	0	0	0	7	0	0.25	16.25	0.25	0.25	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Nephtys spp. indet. [juv.]</i>	0	3.25	0.5	1.75	0.75	0	2.25	0	0.75	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.25	0	0.5	0	0.25	2.5
<i>Nephtys caeca</i>	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nephtys hombergii</i>	0	0.75	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nephtys kersivalensis</i>	0.5	0.25	0	0	0.5	0	0.25	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nephtys incisa</i>	0.25	0	3.5	0.75	1.75	0	1.5	6.75	0.25	0	10.75	0	12.5	23	6.5	11	5	0
<i>Nematonereis unicornis</i>	3.25	1.5	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	1.75	0	0	0	0.25	0	0

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<i>Lumbrineris</i> spp. indet. [juv.]	1	22.75	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0.75	0.5	0	0	0	0
<i>Lumbrineris</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lumbrineris gracilis</i>	7.5	16.75	0.25	0	2.75	0	0	0	6.25	0	0	4.75	0	0	0	0.5	0.25	0
<i>Drilonereis filum</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Ophryotrocha hartmanni</i>	0	1.5	0	0	2.25	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Protodorvillea kefersteini</i>	8	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Schistomeringos rudolphi</i>	0.5	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Orbinia sertulata</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Scoloplos armiger</i>	0.25	1	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Aricidea catherinae</i>	0.25	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cirrophorus furcatus</i>	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Paradoneis lyra</i>	2.75	1.5	0	0.25	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Poecilochaetus serpens</i>	0.5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Aonides oxycephala</i> / * <i>Aonides paucibranchiata</i>	0	1.75	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Malacoceros fuliginosus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Minuspio cirrifera</i>	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Polydora</i> spp. indet.	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0.5	1.25	0.5	0	0	0	0
<i>Polydora caeca</i>	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.75	0	0.5	0	0.75	0
<i>Polydora ciliata</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Polydora quadrilobata</i>	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Prionospio fallax</i>	3.5	10.25	0.25	0	3.25	0	0	0	3.25	0	0	1.25	0.25	0	0	0.25	0.75	0
<i>Pseudopolydora pulchra</i>	0	1.25	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	2.5	0.25	0.5	0	0
<i>Spio</i> spp. indet. [juv.]	0	1	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Spio filicornis</i>	0.25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Magelona</i> spp. indet.	1.25	0.5	0	0	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Magelona equilamellae</i>	0.5	1.5	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Magelona minuta</i>	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0
<i>Cirratulidae</i> indet. [juv.]	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0
<i>Cirratulidae</i> sp / * <i>Protocirrineus chrysoderma</i>	0	0	0	0	17.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Caulleriella alata</i>	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Caulleriella bioculata</i>	15.25	1	0	0	1.75	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tharyx killariensis</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Caulleriella zetlandica</i>	2.25	55.25	0	0.25	1	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	28.75	228	19.25	2	146	0.75	1	5.25	163.75	9.25	11.5	22.75	20.75	5.5	7.75	9.25	39.5	0.75
<i>Cirratulus chrysoderma</i>	66	20.25	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0
<i>Cirriformia tentaculata</i> / * <i>Cirratulus</i> sp juv	32.5	2.75	0	0	7	0	0	0	24.25	0	0	42.75	1	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Dodecaceria concharum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tharynx</i> sp / * <i>Tharynx</i> A	0	0	0	0	2.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	20.75	106	0.5	0	219	0	0	0	143.75	0.5	1.25	92.25	62.75	2.75	1	11	3.25	0
<i>Monticellina dorsobranchialis</i>	256	47.5	4.25	0	3.5	0	0	1.75	11.75	0	0	0.75	1.5	0	0.5	0	2.5	0
<i>Cossura longocirrata</i>	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Brada villosa</i>	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Diplocirrus glaucus</i>	0.25	0.5	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pherusa plumosa</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sternaspis scutata</i>	0	1	35.5	14.25	28.25	26.75	10	12.5	2	19.25	19.5	10.5	15.5	35	21.5	29.75	27.5	24.75
<i>Capitella</i> spp. agg.	0.5	5.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	2.5	0	0.25	2.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Heteromastus filiformis</i>	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Mediomastus fragilis</i>	9.25	30	0.25	0	6.25	0	0	0	19.75	0	0	26.25	3	0.25	0	0	0.5	0
<i>Notomastus latericeus</i>	3.75	2.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Maldanidae</i> sp.	2	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lumbriclymene minor</i> / * <i>Clymenura</i>	1.25	2.75	0	0	14.25	0	0	0	6	0	0	1.5	0.75	0	0	0.5	1.25	0



APPENDIX 3 PORTLAND HARBOUR AVERAGED DATA																		
Species Name	1	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Gammarella fucicola</i>	5.75	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Maera grossimana</i>	2.25	0.25	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	1.75	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Ampithoe rubricata</i>	0.25	2.5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Gammaropsis maculata</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Ericthonius brasiliensis</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Aora gracilis</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Microdeutopus anomalus</i>	29.75	7.25	0	0	6.75	0	0	0	19.75	0.25	0.5	36.25	0.25	0	0.25	0	0.5	0
<i>Microdeutopus versiculatus</i>	12.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Corophium sextonae</i>	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Caprellidae indet.</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pariambus typicus</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
<i>Phtisica marina</i>	7.75	4.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Gnathia oxyuraea</i>	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Munna kroyeri</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Munna minuta</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Astacilla longicornis</i>	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leptochelia dubia</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.75	0	0	0	0	0.25	0
<i>Tanaopsis graciloides</i>	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Apseudes latreillii</i>	25	58.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Eudorella truncatula</i>	0	0.25	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	1.5	0
<i>Diastylis rugosa</i>	0	1.25	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0
<i>Palaemon adpersus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Athanus nitescens</i>	0.5	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Hippolyte varians</i>	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Thoralus cranchii</i>	0.25	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Processa canaliculata</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Crangon bispinosus neglecta</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25
<i>Crangon fasciatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Upogebia deltaura</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Paguridae indet.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0
<i>Pagurus cuanensis</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Galathea intermedia</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pisidia longicornis</i>	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0.25	2	0.25	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Macropodia deflexa</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Macropodia linaresi</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pisinae indet.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0
<i>Liocarcinus arcuatus</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	1.25	0	0	1	0.25	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Carcinus maenas</i>	0.5	0	0.25	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pinnotheres pisum</i>	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0
<i>Polyplacophora sp.</i>	4	0	0	0	1.25	0	0	0	1.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leptochiton asellus</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lepidochitona cinereus</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Callochiton septemvalvis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Acanthochitona crinitus</i>	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tectura testudinalis</i>	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tectura virginea</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Gibbula spp. indet. (juv.)</i>	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Gibbula cineraria</i>	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tricolia pullus</i>	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rissoa interrupta</i>	0	0.25	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rissoa parva / *Rissoa lilacina</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0.25	0.25
<i>Onoba semicostata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Turritella communis</i>	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0	0.25
<i>Bittium reticulatum</i>	25.5	5.25	0	0	2.25	0	0	0	6.5	2	0	9	0.25	0	0	0	1.25	0
<i>Chrysallida indistincta</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.75	0	0.25	0.5	1.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0	0	0.5	11.25



## APPENDIX 4

### UNIVARIATE STATISTICS USING THE AVERAGED DATA

	S	N	d	J	H (loge)	h(log2)	H(log10)	Lambda
1	146	906	21.2952	0.67362	3.35708	4.84324	1.45796	0.90193
4	119	1133.25	16.7784	0.63812	3.04967	4.39975	1.32446	0.91277
5	46	294	7.91755	0.45747	1.7515	2.52688	0.76067	0.63559
6	18	97	3.71608	0.53971	1.55997	2.25056	0.67749	0.62758
8	111	1014	15.8921	0.53774	2.53249	3.65362	1.09985	0.85784
9	14	79.25	2.97305	0.5577	1.47181	2.12338	0.6392	0.7163
10	29	176.75	5.4109	0.43594	1.46795	2.1178	0.63752	0.55079
11	25	191.75	4.56604	0.55599	1.78965	2.58193	0.77724	0.6888
12	86	710.5	12.9455	0.58529	2.6071	3.76125	1.13225	0.86064
13	31	111.75	6.36097	0.57995	1.99153	2.87316	0.86491	0.77268
14	48	265.5	8.4205	0.55712	2.15673	3.1115	0.93666	0.7469
16	103	543.25	16.1967	0.6455	2.99173	4.31615	1.29929	0.90748
17	58	323	9.8656	0.63451	2.57638	3.71693	1.11891	0.8623
18	44	326	7.43058	0.53929	2.04076	2.9442	0.88629	0.7389
19	27	236.25	4.75764	0.43394	1.43021	2.06335	0.62113	0.58084
20	37	199	6.80104	0.60657	2.19028	3.15991	0.95123	0.77962
21	61	252.25	10.8491	0.65166	2.67891	3.86485	1.16344	0.87341
22	31	184.5	5.74972	0.54141	1.85918	2.68224	0.80743	0.71744

## APPENDIX 5

SHOWS THE CONTRIBUTION OF SPECIES TO THE WITHIN GROUP SIMILARITY A,B,C and D.

<b>GROUP B Average similarity: 37.66</b>	<b>Average Abundance</b>	<b>Average Similarity</b>	<b>%Contribution</b>	<b>Cumulative %</b>
<i>*Euclymene oerstedii/Praxillella affinis</i>	78.38	5.3	14.06	14.06
<i>Monticellina dorsobranchialis</i>	151.75	4.66	12.37	26.43
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	87.88	3.6	9.57	36
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	128.38	2.82	7.49	43.49
<i>Apseudes latreillii</i>	41.75	2.45	6.51	50
<b>GROUP A Average similarity: 65.9</b>				
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	116.35	39.81	60.4	60.4
<i>Sternaspis scutata</i>	23.15	7.26	11.02	71.42
<b>GROUP C Average similarity: 56.89</b>				
<i>Tubificoides benedii</i>	154.67	15.01	26.4	26.4
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	151.67	14.41	25.34	51.75
<b>GROUP D Average similarity: 68.61</b>				
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	45	37.27	54.33	54.33
<i>Sternaspis scutata</i>	20.08	16.66	24.28	78.61

(N.B. A 50% cumulative cut off point was used or the two top species in a particular group)

## APPENDIX 6

### TABLES SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTION (%) OF SPECIES ACCOUNTING FOR THE DISSIMILARITIES BETWEEN GROUPS USING A 60 % CUT OFF.

GROUPS B & A Average dissimilarity: 81.27	GROUP B Average Abundance	GROUP A Average Abundance	Average Dissimilarity	Contribution %	Cumulative %
<i>Monticellina dorsobranchialis</i>	151.75	1.05	12.79	15.74	15.74
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	128.38	12.05	8.68	10.69	26.42
* <i>Euclymene Oerstedii/Praxillella affinis</i>	78.38	1.4	5.98	7.35	33.77
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	87.88	116.35	4.7	5.79	39.56
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	63.38	8.25	4.47	5.5	45.05
<i>Tubificoides insularis</i>	51.88	1.13	3.79	4.66	49.72
<i>Cirratulis chrysoderma</i>	43.13	0.08	3.6	4.43	54.15

GROUPS B & D Average dissimilarity: 89.81	GROUP B Average Abundance	GROUP D Average Abundance	Average Dissimilarity	Contribution %	Cumulative %
<i>Monticellina dorsobranchialis</i>	151.75	0	14.71	16.37	16.37
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	128.38	4.0	10.35	11.53	27.9
* <i>Euclymene oerstedii/Praxillella affinis</i>	78.38	0.17	6.86	7.64	35.54
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	63.38	0.17	5.33	5.94	41.48
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	87.88	45	4.45	4.95	46.43
<i>Tubificoides insularis</i>	51.88	0.92	4.28	4.76	51.19
<i>Cirratulis chrysoderma</i>	43.13	0	4.12	4.58	55.77

GROUPS A & D Average dissimilarity: 50.22	GROUP A Average Abundance	GROUP D Average Abundance	Average Dissimilarity	Contribution %	Cumulative %
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	116.35	45	20.93	41.68	41.68
<i>Phoronis spp. Indet.</i>	10.98	1.42	3.11	6.2	47.88
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	12.05	4.0	2.82	5.61	53.48

<b>GROUPS B &amp; C</b> Average dissimilarity: 63.33	<b>GROUP B</b> Average Abundance	<b>GROUP C</b> Average Abundance	<b>Average</b> <b>Dissimilarity</b>	<b>Contribution</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Cumulative</b> <b>%</b>
<i>Monticellina dorsobranchialis</i>	151.75	5.33	8.77	13.85	13.85
<i>Tubificoides benedii</i>	2.5	154.67	8.39	13.25	27.11
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	128.38	110.83	5.74	9.06	36.16
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	63.38	151.67	5.17	8.16	44.32
* <i>Euclmene oerstedii/Praxillella affinis</i>	73.38	12.58	3.74	5.9	50.22

<b>GROUPS A &amp; C</b> Average dissimilarity: 78.47	<b>GROUP A</b> Average Abundance	<b>GROUP C</b> Average Abundance	<b>Average</b> <b>Dissimilarity</b>	<b>Contribution</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Cumulative</b> <b>%</b>
<i>Tubificoides benedii</i>	1.4	154.67	14.91	19.01	19.01
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	8.25	151.67	13.95	17.78	36.78
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	12.05	110.83	9.49	12.09	48.88
<i>Melinna palmata</i>	116.35	68.92	8.12	10.35	59.22

<b>GROUPS D &amp; C</b> Average dissimilarity: 86.52	<b>GROUP D</b> Average Abundance	<b>GROUP C</b> Average Abundance	<b>Average</b> <b>Dissimilarity</b>	<b>Contribution</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Cumulative</b> <b>%</b>
<i>Tubificoides benedii</i>	0.42	154.67	17.68	20.43	20.43
<i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i>	0.17	151.67	17.31	20.01	40.44
<i>Chaetozone gibber</i>	4.0	110.83	11.85	13.70	54.14

## APPENDIX 7

### PORTLAND HARBOUR FIELD NOTES

SITE LOCATION	FIELD DESCRIPTION
1	Sand and gravel. Sample C contained sea squirts.
2	Mud and sand
3	Chemistry only
4	Mud and sand over clay. Sample A contained cobbles and Snakelocks anemone. Sample B contained cobbles.
5	Mud and sand
6	Mud and sand
7	Not sampled
8	Crepidula on mud
9	Muddy sand
10	Mud and sand
11	Muddy sand
12	Crepidula and shells
13	Mud and gravel
14	Sand and mud
15	Not sampled
16	Shells, mud and sea squirts
17	Mud over clay with sea squirts and crepidula
18	Full soft mud. Sample C contained sea squirts
19	Soft mud. Sample D soft mud over clay.
20	Soft Mud over clay. Sample D contained sea squirts.
21	Soft mud. Samples C and D consisted of soft mud over clay
22	Soft mud
A	Chemistry only
B	Chemistry only
C	Chemistry only
D	Chemistry only
E	Shells and mud. Anoxic layer only a few mm below the surface.
F	Soft mud over clay.

APPENDIX 8

TABLES SHOWING THE  
SEDIMENT CHEMISTRY DATA

	Sites														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17
Mercury (mg/kg)	0.07	0.14	0.09	0.11	0.22	0.11	no data	0.089	0.159	0.187	0.228	0.129	0.167	0.191	0.221
Cadmium (mg/kg)	0.13	0.1	<0.1	0.11	<0.1	<0.1	no data	0.17	0.12	0.17	0.1	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.19
Copper (mg/kg)	11.8	14.2	14.2	13	16	14.9	no data	15.3	15.1	14.7	14	15.9	16.8	17.1	23.3
Lead (mg/kg)	22	27.1	30.1	26.6	33.2	30.7	no data	29.2	34.7	36.4	35.1	32.1	39.1	28.2	47.9
Nickel (mg/kg)	17.9	22.8	29	23.3	29.6	28.4	no data	23.4	26.8	28.1	27.4	19.1	27.9	28.9	28.4
Zinc (mg/kg)	56.8	57.5	71.8	65.5	75.7	74.7	no data	65.8	70.8	72.9	70.2	71.3	69.1	67.3	86.3
Chromium (mg/kg)	51.8	48.8	50.8	48.4	55.9	114	no data	41.2	35.6	42.5	41	22.6	61.4	47.2	42.2
Arsenic (mg/kg)	9.6	13.4	16.3	13.4	17.5	14.7	no data	16.4	13.8	17	15.1	13.8	13.1	16.6	17.6
Iron (mg/kg)	28575	22811	25205	24312	26594	25405	no data	20722	22256	23127	21852	18464	22124	23912	23006
Aluminium (mg/kg)	15762	1996	25810	21561	29250	26567	no data	17016	12246	17392	17068	6970	22590	23745	13394
Total Oil (ug/kg)	34.5	91.3	122	nr	nr	nr	no data	123	174	166	163	anp	anp	anp	362
as forties crude (ug/kg)	39.7	105	140	nr	nr	nr	no data	141	200	191	187	anp	anp	anp	416
HCH Gamma (ug/kg)	0.8	2.2	2	3.3	2.9	2.2	no data	5.1	4	2.7	3.3	<1.5	2.1	2	3.1
Tri Fluralin (dry weight -ug/kg)	<3.5	<7.9	<7.5	<8.5	<6.6	<7.1	no data	<8.1	<6.5	<6.3	9.4	27.2	<7	8.2	<7.4
1,3,5 -Trichlorobenzene (dry weight -ug/kg)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr		no data	nr	nr	<23	<21.3	45.6	<25.7	<22.7	<27.1
DDT (pp <sup>1</sup> ) (dry weight -ug/kg)	<0.7	<1.6	<1.6	<1.8	<1.4	<1.5	no data	<1.7	<1.4	<1.3	<1.2	<1.5	<1.5	<1.3	<1.5
PcP (ug/kg)	<59	<129	<125	<143	<108	<118	no data	<133	<108	<105	<98	<121	<118	<103	<125

(nr- no result)

(anp-analysis not possible)

(no data- sample not taken)

Particle Size (in Microns)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17
<5.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	no data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.2 - 5.8	0.48	1.27	0.89	0.67	0.94	0.92	no data	0.47	0.77	0.86	0.75	0.58	0.8	0.76	0.68
9.1 - 7.2	2.01	4.96	6.5	3.37	6.05	6.87	no data	4.02	5.69	6.4	5.5	4.61	5.85	5.62	4.99
11.4 - 9.1	3.94	9.32	18.1	7.25	15.72	19.53	no data	12.31	16.03	18.05	15.41	13.56	16.33	15.77	14.01
18.5 - 14.5	5.44	12.13	24.1	9.63	21.03	26.59	no data	17.95	21.64	24.4	20.7	19.04	21.81	21.15	18.8
23.7 - 18.5	1.69	2.4	1.14	1.3	1.68	1.49	no data	1.45	1.17	1.32	1.06	0.126	1.04	1.05	0.9
30.3 - 23.7	0.8	0.97	0.57	0.79	0.86	0.74	no data	0.83	0.61	0.6	0.46	0.68	0.48	0.52	0.4
39 - 30.3	0.56	2.25	3.77	2.11	3.84	4.33	no data	3.54	3.6	3.67	2.97	3.39	3.4	3.41	2.79
50.2 - 39	0.67	3.51	6.03	2.65	5.62	6.66	no data	5.4	5.62	5.68	4.69	5.26	5.66	5.51	4.6
64.6 - 50.2	2.37	4.45	5.92	2.97	5.47	6.25	no data	6.06	5.6	5.33	4.4	5.67	5.71	5.49	4.57
84.3 - 64.6	7.85	6.88	4.94	5.26	4.75	4.74	no data	6.44	4.8	3.94	3.25	5.62	4.66	4.49	3.77
112.8 - 84.3	18.12	11.7	4.42	11.89	4.54	3.77	no data	7.37	4.5	3	2.53	6.07	3.82	3.87	3.27
160.4 - 112.8	28.56	16.13	4.87	23.04	5.09	3.48	no data	8.76	5.06	3.2	3.32	7.1	3.91	4.34	3.84
261.6 - 160.4	17.1	10.72	4.43	21.35	4.99	1.75	no data	7.64	4.23	3.43	5.96	6.54	3.59	5.01	4.3
564 - 261.6	1.52	1.06	2.52	2.25	5.41	0.08	no data	3.69	3.04	5.52	10.71	5.52	5.63	4.77	4.62
564 - 2000	4.87	4.33	0.64	0	3.05	0	no data	4.57	7.34	2.94	8.52	5.55	7.15	8.33	19.71
<2000	100	100	100	100	100	100	no data	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
>2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	no data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Dry Matter	68	31	32	28	37	34	no data	30	37	38	41	33	34	39	32

APPENDIX 8

TABLES SHOWING THE  
SEDIMENT CHEMISTRY DATA

	Sites										
	18	19	20	21	22	A (31)	B (32)	C (33)	D (34)	E (35)	F (36)
Mercury (mg/kg)	0.252	0.205	0.196	0.456	0.202	0.203	0.58	0.437	0.122	0.119	0.163
Cadmium (mg/kg)	0.15	<0.1	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.24	0.14	0.32	0.39	0.16
Copper (mg/kg)	17.2	24.2	17.1	23.9	17	19.7	41.1	53.8	29.6	19.7	23.3
Lead (mg/kg)	43.3	47.6	39.6	58.2	43.5	47.7	89.7	86.4	54.2	37.2	45.8
Nickel (mg/kg)	26	23.3	23.9	24.3	24.9	25	27.2	23.3	26.4	23.4	28.5
Zinc (mg/kg)	80.5	83.9	73.3	99.5	79.7	87.8	162	157	96.1	84.7	87
Chromium (mg/kg)	47.7	47.1	44.6	48.1	42.3	46.8	56.7	52	72.9	36.4	44.8
Arsenic (mg/kg)	14.7	18.2	14.5	15.7	16.9	16.7	17.8	18.8	21.7	11.9	16.7
Iron (mg/kg)	24867	24761	22914	24664	24442	24539	28015	26584	25549	20877	24633
Aluminium (mg/kg)	25374	24995	22337	25642	19179	24601	31167	26007	42308	61309	22251
Total Oil (ug/kg)	anp	anp	180	213	142	194	420	531	378	226	207
as forties crude (ug/kg)	anp	anp	207	245	163	223	483	611	435	260	238
HCH Gamma (ug/kg)	2.9	4.5	2.4	1.1	<1.3	0.9	<1.4	1.8	<1.6	<1.7	<1.5
Tri Fluralin (dry weight - ug/kg)	<6.5	<6.8	<6.3	<3.3	6.6	<3.7	8.5	9.6	13.2	9	<7.3
1,3,5 -Trichlorobenzene (dry weight -ug/kg)	<23.7	<25	<23.1	<11.9	<22.2	<13.7	<24.6	<28.7	51.3	56.8	<26.6
DDT (pp <sup>1</sup> ) (dry weight -ug/kg)	3.8	<1.4	<1.3	<0.7	<1.3	<0.8	<1.4	2.4	<1.6	<1.7	<1.5
PcP (ug/kg)	<108	<114	<105	<111	<100	<108	<111	420	<129	<138	<121

(nr- no result)

Particle Size (in Microns)	18	19	20	21	22	A (31)	B (32)	C (33)	D (34)	E (35)	F (36)
<5.8	0										
7.2 - 5.8	0.56										
9.1 - 7.2	4.56										
11.4 - 9.1	14.35										
18.5 - 14.5	20.61										
23.7 - 18.5	0.93										
30.3 - 23.7	0.53										
39 - 30.3	3.3										
50.2 - 39	5.24										
64.6 - 50.2	5.19										
84.3 - 64.6	4.21										
112.8 - 84.3	3.55										
160.4 - 112.8	3.82										
261.6 - 160.4	4.41										
564 - 261.6	5.4										
564 - 2000	13.89										
<2000	100										
>2000	0										
% Dry Matter	37	35	38	36	40	36	31	31	31	29	33

ANALYSIS  
NOT  
POSSIBLE

## APPENDIX 9

### CANADIAN SEDIMENT QUALITY GUIDELINES

(PEL=PROBABLE EFFECT LEVELS; TEL / ISQG=THRESHOLDS EFFECTS LEVEL / INTERIM MARINE SEDIMENT QUALITY GUIDELINES)

These guidelines comprise of two assessment levels.

Substance	Units (dry sediment)	TEL /ISQG	PEL
Arsenic	mg.kg -1	7.24	41.6
Cadmium	mg.kg -1	0.67	4.2
Chromium	mg.kg -1	52.3	160
Copper	mg.kg -1	18.7	108
Lead	mg.kg -1	30.2	112
Mercury	mg.kg -1	0.13	0.7
Zinc	mg.kg -1	124	271
*Nickel	mg.kg -1	15.9	-

\*NB As the Canadian guidelines do not include effects levels for nickel, a TEL value was obtained from the Florida sediment quality assessment guidelines (expressed in dry weight sediment).

#### Explanation:

- Below the TEL: the minimal effect range within which adverse effects rarely occur (i.e. less than 25% of effects);
- Between the TEL and PEL: the possible effect range within which adverse effects occasionally occur; and,
- Above the PEL: the probable effect range within which adverse effects frequently occur (i.e. more than 50% of effects).

The TEL is consistent with the definition of a Canadian Interim Sediment Quality Guideline (ISQG).