

# Trace element behaviour in sediments of Ugandan part of Lake Victoria – Results from sequential extraction and chemometrical evaluation

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## Supplementary information

**Table S1** Indication of the element concentrations of the quality standards used to verify the calibration of each element, their certified concentrations (NIST 1640a and TMAD-64-3, both natural water standards; all data in [ $\mu\text{g/l}$ ]; -- : not certified) and the recovery rate (RR) of the corresponding measurement. Both standards had been measured in a tenfold dilution. All elements except Li for the NIST 1640a standard fulfil the required recovery rate of 90–110%. Since the limit of determination for Li is 0.5  $\mu\text{g/l}$ , this is to be expected measuring an effective concentration of 0.041  $\mu\text{g/l}$

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**Table S3** Element contents [mg/kg] (except for <sup>a</sup>: [g/kg]) of the elements not listed in table 3 (paper), sediment pH and redox potential  $\Delta E$  [mV] (T corrected) with indication of the Geo-Index  $I_{\text{geo}}$  in brackets (Class 0: 1–1.5 $\times$  RV; Class 1: 1.5–3 $\times$  RV; Class 2: 3–6 $\times$  RV; Class 3: 6–12 $\times$  RV; Class 4: 12–24 $\times$  RV; *italics*: RV, **bold**: maximum value, NM: not measured)

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**Table S5** Indication of the fraction percentages (FP [%]; Eq. 1) of each of the studied elements resulting from the BCR-extraction (number indicates the fraction) \*: Irregular data caused by Cu contamination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fraction of the sequential extraction (as seen in the blanks of the according measurement series as well). After checking, no major influence of these measurement errors on the statistical analyses was detectable though, probably due to a sufficiently big dataset (Figs. 4 a) and S1 a); Tables 5 and S2)

**Table S6** Indication of the summed content (SC [mg/kg] (except for <sup>a</sup>: [g/kg]); eq. 2) of each of the studied elements resulting from the BCR-extraction (nd = not determinable due to demonstrable Cu contamination in 2<sup>nd</sup> fraction) \*: Irregular data caused by Cu contamination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fraction of the sequential extraction (as seen in the blanks of the according measurement series as well). After checking, no major influence of these measurement errors on the cluster analysis was detectable though, probably due to a sufficiently big dataset (Fig. S1 b))

**Table S7** a) Factor loadings resulting from the factor analysis using the normalised data containing the fraction percentages in each fraction of all of the studied elements (light grey = factor loading  $>0.7$ , positive correlation; dark grey = factor loading  $<0.7$ , negative correlation); b) to e) Indication of the associated factor scores for the different samples in each fraction of the sequential extraction

**Fig S1** Cluster analyses of the element composition using Ward's method with the squared Euclidean distance and Z-transformed fraction percentages (a) and summed contents (b)

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	pseudototal digestion						BCR extraction					
	NIST 1640a			TMDA-64-3			NIST 1640a			TMDA-64-3		
	found	certified	RR [%]	found	certified	RR [%]	found	certified	RR [%]	found	certified	RR [%]
Li	n.d.	0.41		157	143	109.8	n.d.	0.41		147	143	102.8
Be	3.0	3.03	99.0	143	157	91.1	3.2	3.03	105.6	154	157	98.1
Mg	1071	1058.6	101.2	--	--	--	1069	1058.6	101.0	--	--	--
Al	57	53.0	107.5	304	291	104.5	50	53.0	94.3	281	291	96.6
Ca	5756	5615.0	102.5	--	--	--	5865	5615.0	104.5	--	--	--
Ti	--	--	--	124	123	100.8	--	--	--	123	123	100.0
V	15	15.05	99.7	288	279	103.2	15	15.05	99.7	286	279	102.5
Cr	40	40.54	98.7	295	283	104.2	41	40.54	101.1	287	283	101.4
Mn	39	40.39	96.6	303	292	103.8	40	40.39	99.0	297	292	101.7
Fe	37	36.8	100.5	320	298	107.4	37	36.80	100.5	307	298	103.0
Co	21	20.24	103.8	260	250	104.0	21	20.24	103.8	253	250	101.2
Ni	26	25.32	102.7	265	252	105.2	25	25.32	98.7	261	252	103.6
Cu	91	85.75	106.1	271	261	103.8	90	85.75	105.0	271	261	103.8
Zn	59	55.64	106.0	331	320	103.4	56	55.64	100.6	325	320	101.6
As	7.6	8.08	94.1	168	164	102.4	8.6	8.08	106.5	168	164	102.4
Se	19	20.13	94.4	158	154	102.6	22	20.13	109.3	157	154	101.9
Rb	1.2	1.2	100.2	31	30.9	100.3	1.2	1.2	100.2	31	30.9	100.3
Sr	125	126.03	99.2	658	628	104.8	126	126.03	100.0	661	628	105.3
Mo	46	45.60	100.9	304	286	106.3	46	45.6	100.9	298	286	104.2
Cd	4.1	3.99	102.7	270	258	104.7	4.1	3.99	102.7	268	258	103.9
Sn	--	--	--	282	281	100.4	--	--	--	284	281	101.1
Ba	155	151.8	102.1	308	287	107.3	154	151.8	101.4	303	287	105.6
Pb	12	12.1	99.2	289	280	103.2	13	12.1	107.4	292	280	104.3

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	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Se	Cd	Sn	Pb
LGC6187	found	44	89	1242	25	36	86	456	26	1.1	2.8	7.7
	certified	$38.3 \pm 6.5$	$84 \pm 9.4$	$1240 \pm 60$	$23.6 \pm 1.5$	$34.7 \pm 1.7$	$83.6 \pm 4.1$	$439 \pm 26$	$24 \pm 3.2$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	$2.7 \pm 0.3$	$6.8 \pm 1.8$
	RR [%]	114.9	106.0	100.2	106.3	103.7	102.9	103.9	108.3	91.7	103.7	113.2

	Cr	Ni	Cu	Zn	Cd	Pb
BCR701 – 1. fraction	found	2.7	15.1	48.0	216.0	7.5
	certified	2.26	15.4	49.3	205	7.34
	RR [%]	119.5	98.1	97.4	105.4	102.2
BCR701 – 2. fraction	found	47	28	135	116	3.7
	certified	45.7	26.6	124	114	3.77
	RR [%]	102.8	105.3	108.9	101.8	98.1
BCR701 – 3. fraction	found	137	16	67	46	0.26
	certified	143	15.3	55.2	45.7	0.27
	RR [%]	95.8	104.6	121.4	100.7	96.3
BCR701 – 4. fraction	found	75	37	34	96	0.12
	indicative	62.5	41.4	38.5	95	0.13
	RR [%]	120.0	89.4	88.3	101.1	92.3

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	Li	Be	Mg <sup>a</sup>	Al <sup>a</sup>	Ca <sup>a</sup>	Ti	V	Mn	Fe <sup>a</sup>	Co	Se	Rb	Sr	Mo	Sn	Ba	pH	$\Delta E$
<b>1_00-05</b>	33 (2)	2.2 (1)	2.4 (1)	49 (1)	6.3 (1)	602 (1)	52 (0)	395 (2)	32 (0)	14 (1)	0.5 (1)	37 (1)	55 (0)	1.2 (0)	2.3 (1)	165 (0)	NM	NM
<b>1_10-15</b>	37 (2)	2.3 (1)	2.9 (1)	57 (1)	3.9 (0)	956 (1)	57 (1)	301 (1)	33 (1)	16 (1)	<0.2 (0)	42 (1)	52 (0)	1.4 (0)	2.2 (1)	168 (0)	NM	NM
<b>1_30-36</b>	<b>66 (3)</b>	<b>4.0 (2)</b>	<b>3.5 (1)</b>	<b>81 (2)</b>	3.0 (0)	1007 (1)	83 (1)	183 (1)	39 (1)	<b>16 (1)</b>	0.4 (1)	<b>53 (1)</b>	46 (0)	3.8 (2)	2.8 (1)	163 (0)	NM	NM
<b>2_00-05</b>	13 (0)	1.3 (0)	2.7 (1)	34 (0)	4.6 (1)	906 (1)	42 (0)	550 (2)	40 (1)	12 (0)	1.0 (2)	34 (1)	73 (1)	2.0 (1)	2.2 (1)	<b>271 (1)</b>	7.2	61
<b>2_10-15</b>	20 (1)	2.5 (1)	3.2 (1)	46 (1)	4.2 (0)	979 (1)	65 (1)	804 (3)	<b>48 (1)</b>	14 (1)	1.6 (3)	42 (1)	77 (1)	2.7 (1)	2.1 (0)	245 (1)	6	57
<b>3_00-05</b>	12 (0)	1.8 (1)	2.9 (1)	27 (0)	3.6 (0)	611 (1)	35 (0)	<b>1331 (4)</b>	34 (1)	8.3 (0)	1.5 (3)	37 (1)	65 (0)	1.0 (0)	<b>3.1 (1)</b>	251 (1)	7	41
<b>3_10-15</b>	12 (0)	2.0 (1)	3.1 (1)	32 (0)	3.8 (0)	1064 (1)	49 (0)	1224 (3)	34 (1)	9.5 (0)	0.3 (0)	40 (1)	70 (1)	1.0 (0)	1.4 (0)	230 (1)	6.8	49
<b>3_24-30</b>	12 (0)	2.3 (1)	2.9 (1)	25 (0)	3.4 (0)	391 (0)	39 (0)	1107 (3)	29 (0)	9.1 (0)	0.4 (1)	34 (1)	63 (0)	1.1 (0)	1.6 (0)	185 (0)	6.7	30
<b>4_00-05</b>	13 (0)	1.4 (0)	1.9 (0)	39 (1)	<b>9.4 (2)</b>	629 (1)	69 (1)	248 (1)	34 (1)	11 (0)	<b>1.8 (3)</b>	26 (0)	<b>109 (1)</b>	3.8 (2)	2.1 (0)	207 (1)	7	41
<b>4_10-15</b>	15 (0)	<b>1.7 (1)</b>	1.9 (0)	34 (0)	3.8 (0)	693 (1)	76 (1)	170 (1)	30 (0)	12 (0)	1.7 (3)	24 (0)	64 (0)	3.5 (2)	1.8 (0)	148 (0)	6.8	49
<b>4_32-38</b>	14 (0)	<b>1.7 (1)</b>	1.6 (0)	27 (0)	3.1 (0)	425 (0)	78 (1)	132 (0)	29 (0)	<b>13 (1)</b>	1.0 (2)	21 (0)	50 (0)	3.4 (2)	<b>2.8 (1)</b>	125 (0)	6.7	30
<b>5_00-05</b>	14 (0)	1.3 (0)	2.0 (0)	37 (0)	4.2 (0)	816 (1)	76 (1)	166 (1)	23 (0)	9.9 (0)	0.9 (2)	22 (0)	<b>76 (1)</b>	3.4 (2)	1.5 (0)	167 (0)	NM	NM
<b>5_10-15</b>	15 (0)	1.2 (0)	1.6 (0)	40 (1)	2.9 (0)	807 (1)	73 (1)	<b>109 (0)</b>	21 (0)	11 (0)	0.6 (1)	23 (0)	57 (0)	4.5 (2)	1.7 (0)	130 (0)	NM	NM
<b>6_00-05</b>	15 (0)	1.2 (0)	1.8 (0)	42 (1)	4.8 (1)	938 (1)	74 (1)	202 (1)	28 (0)	11 (0)	0.9 (2)	26 (0)	<b>74 (1)</b>	3.1 (2)	1.8 (0)	164 (0)	NM	NM
<b>6_10-15</b>	14 (0)	1.3 (0)	1.5 (0)	39 (1)	3.0 (0)	905 (1)	69 (1)	134 (0)	23 (0)	9.5 (0)	0.4 (1)	24 (0)	51 (0)	3.1 (2)	1.6 (0)	128 (0)	NM	NM
<b>7_00-05</b>	13 (0)	1.0 (0)	1.8 (0)	42 (1)	4.5 (1)	1109 (1)	75 (1)	247 (1)	38 (1)	<b>13 (1)</b>	0.5 (1)	21 (0)	80 (1)	<b>4.8 (2)</b>	1.7 (0)	169 (0)	NM	NM
<b>7_05-10</b>	11 (0)	0.9 (0)	1.7 (0)	37 (0)	<b>4.5 (1)</b>	1159 (1)	65 (1)	230 (1)	38 (1)	<b>12 (0)</b>	0.8 (2)	22 (0)	72 (1)	3.8 (2)	1.8 (0)	175 (0)	NM	NM
<b>7_10-15</b>	17 (1)	1.6 (1)	1.8 (0)	46 (1)	4.6 (1)	<b>1329 (2)</b>	<b>89 (1)</b>	266 (1)	39 (1)	15 (1)	0.6 (1)	22 (0)	72 (1)	4.1 (2)	1.7 (0)	157 (0)	NM	NM
<b>Range</b>	11 -	0.9 -	1.5 -	25 -	2.9 -	391 -	35 -	109 -	21 -	8.3 -	0.2 -	21 -	46 -	1.0 -	1.4 -	125 -		
	66	4.0	3.5	81	9.4	1329	89	1331	48	16	1.8	53	109	4.8	3.1	271		
<b>Mean</b>	19	1,8	2284	40728	4313	851	65	433	32808	12	0,9	31	67	2,9	2,0	181		
<b>Median</b>	14	1,7	1979	39034	4056	905	69	248	33301	12	0,8	26	68	3,2	1,8	167		

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	F1	F2	F3		F1	F2	F3
Li	-0.19	0.92	-0.24	<b>1_00-05</b>	0.22	0.68	-1.25
Be	0.27	0.84	-0.16	<b>1_10-15</b>	-0.06	1.39	-1.22
Mg	0.66	0.71	0.13	<b>1_30-36</b>	-0.68	3.15	-0.18
Al	-0.43	0.86	0.00	<b>2_00-05</b>	0.80	0.02	1.20
Ca	-0.08	-0.11	0.51	<b>2_10-15</b>	0.70	0.77	1.74
Ti	-0.48	0.29	0.42	<b>3_00-05</b>	1.98	-0.11	0.15
V	<b>-0.89</b>	0.03	0.05	<b>3_10-15</b>	1.48	0.02	-0.05
Cr	<b>-0.96</b>	0.15	0.08	<b>3_24-30</b>	2.00	-0.48	-0.71
Mn	<b>0.92</b>	0.05	0.15	<b>4_00-05</b>	-0.17	-0.66	1.75
Fe	0.10	0.54	0.69	<b>4_10-15</b>	-0.40	-0.62	-0.43
Co	-0.50	<b>0.79</b>	-0.02	<b>4_32-38</b>	-0.40	-0.71	-1.31
Ni	-0.38	<b>0.83</b>	0.01	<b>5_00-05</b>	-0.38	-0.94	-0.17
Cu	-0.60	0.03	0.33	<b>5_10-15</b>	-0.74	-0.89	-0.94
Zn	0.29	0.65	0.44	<b>6_00-05</b>	-0.57	-0.54	0.16
As	-0.29	-0.25	<b>0.70</b>	<b>6_10-15</b>	-0.54	-0.68	-1.08
Se	0.13	-0.30	0.53	<b>7_00-05</b>	-1.01	-0.13	0.73
Rb	0.50	<b>0.84</b>	-0.01	<b>7_05-10</b>	-0.87	-0.28	0.74
Sr	0.01	-0.37	<b>0.81</b>	<b>7_10-15</b>	-1.35	0.03	0.88
Mo	<b>-0.85</b>	-0.16	0.25				
Cd	0.48	-0.29	0.36				
Sn	0.19	0.49	-0.05				
Ba	0.69	0.14	0.64				
Pb	-0.56	-0.35	0.65				
LOI	-0.32	<b>-0.84</b>	0.32				
TP	0.49	-0.52	0.38				
distance	<b>0.91</b>	-0.08	0.01				

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	As.1	As.2	As.3	As.4	Cd.1	Cd.2	Cd.3	Cd.4	Co.1	Co.2	Co.3	Co.4	Cr.1	Cr.2	Cr.3	Cr.4	Cu.1	Cu.2	Cu.3	Cu.4	Ni.1	Ni.2	Ni.3	Ni.4
<b>1_00-05</b>	1	3	22	73	38	41	10	11	10	10	37	43	0	6	20	73	0	36	18	46	5	6	19	70
<b>1_10-15</b>	2	4	26	69	58	42	0	0	11	10	40	39	0	6	26	68	0	36	28	36	7	8	23	61
<b>1_30-36</b>	1	11	20	68	48	31	17	4	14	9	37	40	0	2	29	69	0	32	41	27	12	10	21	57
<b>2_00-05</b>	0	6	46	47	42	46	5	7	11	7	38	45	1	5	26	68	0*	41*	24*	35*	4	6	30	60
<b>2_10-15</b>	0	3	55	42	44	43	4	9	10	5	48	37	0	5	32	63	0	21	30	49	7	6	33	54
<b>3_00-05</b>	1	4	64	32	41	44	11	4	7	9	35	49	0	2	18	80	0	24	33	44	4	7	27	63
<b>3_10-15</b>	0	3	55	41	39	42	13	5	8	9	35	48	0	2	24	74	0	27	39	34	5	6	33	56
<b>3_24-30</b>	0	3	53	44	43	39	10	8	7	8	33	52	0	2	17	81	0	24	23	54	6	6	28	60
<b>4_10-15</b>	0	8	50	41	46	50	0	3	6	3	61	29	0	2	45	52	0*	36*	40*	24*	6	6	36	52
<b>4_32-38</b>	1	4	56	39	53	31	9	7	7	4	63	26	1	3	49	47	0	20	45	35	9	7	37	46
<b>5_00-05</b>	1	3	45	52	53	31	10	6	7	4	60	30	0	2	42	56	0	20	51	29	7	6	31	56
<b>5_10-15</b>	2	3	50	45	61	35	4	1	10	4	62	25	0	2	49	49	0	30	50	20	12	6	33	49
<b>6_00-05</b>	1	1	50	48	41	53	3	3	4	3	62	30	0	2	40	58	0	18	46	37	4	5	27	63
<b>6_10-15</b>	2	2	50	47	53	36	9	3	10	5	58	27	0	2	47	51	0	22	50	27	8	6	28	57
<b>7_00-05</b>	2	2	38	59	44	46	3	7	4	3	56	38	0	3	38	59	0	17	54	29	4	4	27	66
<b>7_05-10</b>	0	6	32	63	41	42	8	9	3	3	60	35	0	2	39	59	0*	33*	46*	20*	4	4	25	68
<b>7_10-15</b>	1	1	41	58	45	31	11	13	6	4	59	32	0	3	45	52	0	17	62	21	4	5	30	61

**Table S5** continuation

	Pb.1	Pb.2	Pb.3	Pb.4	Zn.1	Zn.2	Zn.3	Zn.4	Li.1	Li.2	Li.3	Li.4	Be.1	Be.2	Be.3	Be.4	Mg.1	Mg.2	Mg.3	Mg.4	Al.1	Al.2	Al.3	Al.4
<b>1_00-05</b>	1	56	14	29	11	17	8	64	1	1	17	82	18	31	24	28	19	7	12	62	0	3	5	91
<b>1_10-15</b>	2	55	18	26	10	17	11	63	1	1	14	85	19	24	33	24	17	9	15	59	0	3	7	90
<b>1_30-36</b>	2	60	17	21	11	16	22	52	1	0	10	89	18	24	34	24	14	8	18	61	0	1	6	93
<b>2_00-05</b>	1	48	11	40	14	24	9	54	1	1	16	82	25	36	20	19	22	6	12	60	0	4	5	90
<b>2_10-15</b>	1	35	19	44	14	18	11	57	1	0	14	84	17	23	31	29	19	6	15	60	0	3	8	89
<b>3_00-05</b>	1	53	21	24	10	26	14	50	1	1	18	80	19	28	22	32	18	8	17	57	0	3	12	85
<b>3_10-15</b>	2	51	22	25	7	20	15	57	1	1	14	84	18	27	25	29	16	8	19	58	0	3	13	84
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<b>4_10-15</b>	1	37	16	46	20	21	13	47	0	0	15	84	21	43	18	17	27	7	17	49	0	3	8	89
<b>4_32-38</b>	1	32	21	47	19	18	11	52	1	0	14	85	17	22	31	30	19	6	21	54	0	3	9	88
<b>5_00-05</b>	2	49	21	28	27	22	13	38	1	1	21	77	16	30	24	30	34	7	19	39	1	6	10	83
<b>5_10-15</b>	2	41	21	36	27	19	13	40	1	1	24	74	20	27	26	27	29	6	21	44	1	5	13	81
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<b>6_10-15</b>	2	49	18	31	16	14	25	44	1	0	19	80	23	27	22	28	25	6	19	50	0	5	10	85
<b>7_00-05</b>	2	50	22	26	27	21	13	39	1	1	23	75	16	22	21	40	35	7	17	41	0	3	9	87
<b>7_05-10</b>	1	55	16	28	31	22	11	36	2	1	21	76	9	34	20	37	35	6	15	45	0	4	8	88
<b>7_10-15</b>	1	51	22	26	21	21	14	44	1	1	21	77	13	32	22	33	28	6	21	44	0	3	10	86

**Table S5** continuation

	Ca.1	Ca.2	Ca.3	Ca.4	Ti.1	Ti.2	Ti.3	Ti.4	V.1	V.2	V.3	V.4	Mn.1	Mn.2	Mn.3	Mn.4	Fe.1	Fe.2	Fe.3	Fe.4	Rb.1	Rb.2	Rb.3	Rb.4
<b>1_00–05</b>	73	20	1	6	0	0	5	95	1	42	13	44	44	32	7	16	1	30	9	60	2	4	4	90
<b>1_10–15</b>	62	28	4	6	0	0	4	96	1	41	13	45	33	35	9	22	1	26	13	59	2	4	7	87
<b>1_30–36</b>	62	31	2	5	0	0	0	99	2	38	15	44	36	22	11	31	2	14	26	58	2	3	5	90
<b>2_00–05</b>	68	24	4	4	0	0	7	93	0	38	16	46	52	25	7	16	0	29	14	57	2	5	5	88
<b>2_10–15</b>	65	24	5	7	0	0	6	94	1	36	20	44	51	28	9	11	1	32	19	48	2	4	7	87
<b>3_00–05</b>	55	30	5	10	0	0	1	99	0	25	19	56	48	38	6	7	0	25	15	60	3	6	14	77
<b>3_10–15</b>	54	31	6	9	0	0	1	99	0	23	21	56	51	34	7	8	0	19	17	63	3	6	17	74
<b>3_24–30</b>	50	30	7	12	0	0	7	93	0	22	18	60	52	34	5	9	0	18	13	69	2	4	9	84
<b>4_10–15</b>	66	25	5	4	0	0	6	94	2	47	20	31	33	17	14	36	1	21	20	57	3	3	7	87
<b>4_32–38</b>	63	26	6	5	0	0	8	91	1	49	24	26	35	17	15	33	2	28	22	48	2	3	10	85
<b>5_00–05</b>	70	22	4	5	0	0	4	96	2	41	25	31	47	16	9	29	1	15	16	68	4	4	11	81
<b>5_10–15</b>	69	21	4	6	0	0	11	88	5	43	25	27	40	12	11	37	2	13	27	59	3	4	11	83
<b>6_00–05</b>	71	23	2	4	0	0	31	69	2	37	23	38	47	18	6	29	1	19	10	70	2	4	6	88
<b>6_10–15</b>	70	23	3	3	0	0	6	94	3	43	22	32	42	14	7	37	2	19	14	65	2	3	7	88
<b>7_00–05</b>	69	20	3	7	0	0	1	98	1	27	23	49	24	15	11	50	1	17	13	68	3	4	10	82
<b>7_05–10</b>	72	19	4	5	0	0	5	94	1	34	19	46	20	15	11	54	1	16	8	75	3	4	6	86
<b>7_10–15</b>	66	21	4	9	0	0	3	97	1	34	25	40	21	18	11	50	1	17	16	66	3	4	11	82

**Table S5** continuation

	Sr.1	Sr.2	Sr.3	Sr.4	Se.1	Se.2	Se.3	Se.4	Mo.1	Mo.2	Mo.3	Mo.4	Sn.1	Sn.2	Sn.3	Sn.4	Ba.1	Ba.2	Ba.3	Ba.4
<b>1_00–05</b>	68	20	2	10	1	1	91	7	0	1	53	46	0	0	0	100	34	41	5	21
<b>1_10–15</b>	57	26	3	14	1	4	87	8	0	1	41	58	0	0	0	100	25	45	7	23
<b>1_30–36</b>	51	32	4	13	5	6	83	6	0	1	19	80	0	0	0	100	8	51	9	32
<b>2_00–05</b>	56	21	4	19	6	4	85	5	0	1	76	23	0	0	0	99	32	39	9	20
<b>2_10–15</b>	52	21	6	21	0	4	86	9	0	1	64	35	0	0	0	100	23	44	11	22
<b>3_00–05</b>	50	27	7	16	1	5	80	14	1	2	27	70	0	0	1	99	32	45	11	12
<b>3_10–15</b>	48	27	7	18	0	3	86	11	1	1	25	73	0	0	1	99	37	37	12	15
<b>3_24–30</b>	45	28	6	21	0	5	90	5	0	1	46	52	0	0	0	100	34	38	9	19
<b>4_10–15</b>	50	20	5	26	2	3	95	1	0	1	52	47	0	0	1	99	14	42	12	33
<b>4_32–38</b>	44	20	6	30	1	2	90	7	1	1	52	46	0	0	0	100	22	33	12	33
<b>5_00–05</b>	62	18	4	16	0	3	71	26	0	0	38	61	0	0	0	99	33	34	10	23
<b>5_10–15</b>	60	17	5	18	1	0	88	11	0	1	39	60	0	0	1	99	21	41	13	26
<b>6_00–05</b>	62	19	3	17	0	0	86	14	0	0	79	21	0	0	0	100	36	32	7	24
<b>6_10–15</b>	59	19	4	19	0	1	84	15	0	0	74	25	0	0	0	100	36	31	9	24
<b>7_00–05</b>	59	17	4	20	1	2	76	20	0	0	23	77	0	0	0	99	30	35	10	25
<b>7_05–10</b>	58	16	3	22	19	7	72	2	0	0	77	23	0	0	0	100	24	40	9	26
<b>7_10–15</b>	54	17	4	25	0	2	85	12	0	0	27	73	0	0	0	99	22	37	12	29

**Table S6** Indication of the summed content (SC [mg/kg] (except for <sup>a</sup>: [g/kg]); eq. 2) of each of the studied elements resulting from the BCR-extraction (nd = not determinable due to demonstrable Cu contamination in 2<sup>nd</sup> fraction) \*: Irregular data caused by Cu contamination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fraction of the sequential extraction (as seen in the blanks of the according measurement series as well). After checking, no major influence of these measurement errors on the cluster analysis was detectable though, probably due to a sufficiently big dataset (Fig. S1 b))

	As	Cd	Co	Cr	Cu	Ni	Pb	Zn	Li	Be	Mg <sup>a</sup>	Al <sup>a</sup>	Ca <sup>a</sup>	Ti	V	Mn	Fe <sup>a</sup>	Rb	Sr	Se	Mo	Sn	Ba
<b>1_00-05</b>	2.6	0.06	12	48	26	29	11	58	28	1.6	2.1	36	6.5	554	49	368	28	34	58	0.5	1.2	2.6	148
<b>1_10-15</b>	2.4	0.06	14	54	30	32	12	67	32	2.0	2.6	40	3.9	617	53	262	28	38	49	0.7	1.5	2.5	144
<b>1_30-36</b>	3.4	0.12	15	64	38	41	15	89	47	2.9	2.9	55	3.0	592	68	164	31	44	41	1.2	3.2	3.3	127
<b>2_00-05</b>	5.7	0.22	10	42	96*	22	17	75	12	1.4	2.6	29	4.7	578	53	516	37	31	72	2.0	2.0	2.1	225
<b>2_10-15</b>	5.8	0.23	11	45	32	23	18	83	18	2.2	3.0	34	4.5	716	57	765	42	38	76	2.0	2.5	2.6	222
<b>3_00-05</b>	3.5	0.24	8.0	36	34	23	14	83	11	1.7	3.0	24	3.9	613	39	1369	32	33	68	1.4	1.1	4.4	250
<b>3_10-15</b>	4.3	0.22	8.2	29	36	19	14	76	12	2.2	3.1	26	3.8	699	42	1235	30	36	67	1.4	1.1	2.5	219
<b>3_24-30</b>	3.1	0.24	8.4	28	25	18	14	85	13	2.3	3.0	27	3.7	746	40	1099	29	38	64	1.4	1.0	2.8	183
<b>4_10-15</b>	4.9	0.10	11	65	96*	19	16	59	12	1.2	1.8	28	4.0	533	73	154	28	22	60	1.7	3.0	2.0	134
<b>4_32-38</b>	4.6	0.14	12	65	29	19	17	60	13	1.6	1.6	31	3.4	624	79	135	28	24	52	1.5	3.2	3.3	129
<b>5_00-05</b>	4.7	0.18	8.3	63	39	20	20	62	11	1.3	2.0	28	4.4	625	69	158	19	20	75	1.4	3.1	2.5	157
<b>5_10-15</b>	5.3	0.16	9.2	64	46	19	15	53	12	1.1	1.5	25	3.2	678	65	96	18	18	55	1.2	5.2	2.3	114
<b>6_00-05</b>	5.2	0.15	9.6	65	39	21	21	64	13	1.1	1.8	33	4.9	784	62	197	22	24	75	1.3	3.4	2.7	157
<b>6_10-15</b>	4.5	0.12	8.7	63	39	19	18	51	12	0.9	1.5	28	3.1	703	63	127	19	21	51	1.2	3.7	2.6	123
<b>7_00-05</b>	4.5	0.14	12	73	78	24	25	73	14	0.9	1.9	33	5.0	1027	73	217	33	20	77	1.3	3.7	2.6	156
<b>7_05-10</b>	4.6	0.14	11	72	243*	22	22	70	11	0.6	1.5	26	4.3	592	74	176	32	17	61	1.0	3.6	2.0	130
<b>7_10-15</b>	5.0	0.17	12	78	101	24	23	57	15	1.1	1.7	33	5.0	1075	80	209	32	19	69	1.3	4.4	2.6	136

**Table S7**

a) Factor loadings resulting from the factor analysis using the normalised data containing the fraction percentages in each fraction of all of the studied elements (light grey = factor loading > 0.7, positive correlation; dark grey = factor loading < 0.7, negative correlation)

b) to e) Indication of the associated factor scores for the different samples in each fraction of the sequential extraction

a)	As	Cd	Co	Cr	Cu	Ni	Pb	Zn	Li	Be	Mg	Al	Ca	Ti	V	Mn	Fe	Rb	Sr	Se	Mo	Sn	Ba
<b>F1</b>	0.61	-0.53	0.33	0.80	0.17	0.87	0.05	0.89	0.95	0.24	0.94	0.97	-0.30	0.97	0.49	0.24	0.86	0.97	-0.04	-0.29	0.46	0.98	-0.07
<b>F2</b>	0.70	-0.78	0.90	0.55	0.65	0.43	-0.16	-0.10	0.24	0.11	0.07	0.11	-0.67	0.10	0.08	-0.65	0.09	0.09	-0.74	0.93	0.77	0.03	-0.84
<b>F3</b>	0.15	-0.17	0.03	0.18	0.63	0.15	0.94	0.19	0.16	0.72	-0.18	0.20	-0.64	0.16	0.81	-0.34	0.45	0.19	-0.63	-0.04	0.05	0.17	0.34

fraction 1	F1	F2	F3	fraction 2	F1	F2	F3	fraction 3	F1	F2	F3	fraction 4	F1	F2	F3
1_00-05	-0.29	-0.96	-1.51	1_00-05	-0.75	-0.88	1.59	1_00-05	-0.82	1.48	-0.38	1_00-05	1.85	0.37	0.30
1_10-15	-0.45	-0.77	-1.33	1_10-15	-0.68	-0.96	1.30	1_10-15	-0.75	1.43	-0.02	1_10-15	1.88	0.30	0.04
1_30-36	-0.45	-0.41	-1.53	1_30-36	-0.77	-0.90	1.34	1_30-36	-0.72	1.12	0.29	1_30-36	1.94	0.19	-0.10
2_00-05	-0.30	-0.95	-1.27	2_00-05	-0.76	-0.82	1.62	2_00-05	-0.63	1.66	-0.54	2_00-05	1.69	0.11	0.19
2_10-15	-0.30	-0.80	-1.51	2_10-15	-0.66	-0.88	0.90	2_10-15	-0.58	1.61	-0.02	2_10-15	1.55	0.07	0.63
3_00-05	-0.39	-0.85	-1.27	3_00-05	-0.60	-1.08	1.04	3_00-05	-0.61	1.32	-0.11	3_00-05	1.60	0.60	0.34
3_10-15	-0.40	-0.90	-1.19	3_10-15	-0.68	-0.87	0.89	3_10-15	-0.59	1.28	0.06	3_10-15	1.68	0.48	0.23
3_24-30	-0.41	-0.84	-1.36	3_24-30	-0.67	-0.83	0.61	3_24-30	-0.71	1.38	0.04	3_24-30	1.79	0.28	0.71
4_10-15	-0.33	-0.61	-1.43	4_10-15	-0.84	-0.85	1.77	4_10-15	-0.50	1.79	-0.40	4_10-15	1.66	-0.33	0.06
4_32-38	-0.39	-0.70	-1.33	4_32-38	-0.70	-0.60	0.87	4_32-38	-0.48	1.68	0.07	4_32-38	1.57	-0.38	0.40
5_00-05	-0.09	-1.08	-1.59	5_00-05	-0.79	-0.69	1.29	5_00-05	-0.56	1.56	0.09	5_00-05	1.44	0.22	0.21
5_10-15	-0.23	-0.63	-1.72	5_10-15	-0.90	-0.75	1.66	5_10-15	-0.63	1.74	-0.31	5_10-15	1.76	-0.36	0.37
6_00-05	-0.11	-0.91	-1.73	6_00-05	-0.79	-0.91	1.25	6_00-05	-0.56	1.90	-0.12	6_00-05	1.47	-0.09	0.60
6_10-15	-0.28	-1.02	-1.24	6_10-15	-0.85	-0.66	1.26	6_10-15	-0.49	1.80	-0.14	6_10-15	1.62	-0.12	0.12
7_00-05	-0.22	-0.73	-1.57	7_00-05	-0.81	-0.81	1.02	7_00-05	-0.64	1.48	0.09	7_00-05	1.67	0.06	0.46
7_05-10	-0.23	-0.81	-1.56	7_05-10	-0.91	-0.63	1.55	7_05-10	-0.63	1.77	-0.33	7_05-10	1.76	-0.33	0.34
7_10-15	-0.34	-0.84	-1.34	7_10-15	-0.81	-0.66	1.22	7_10-15	-0.59	1.61	0.10	7_10-15	1.74	-0.11	0.02

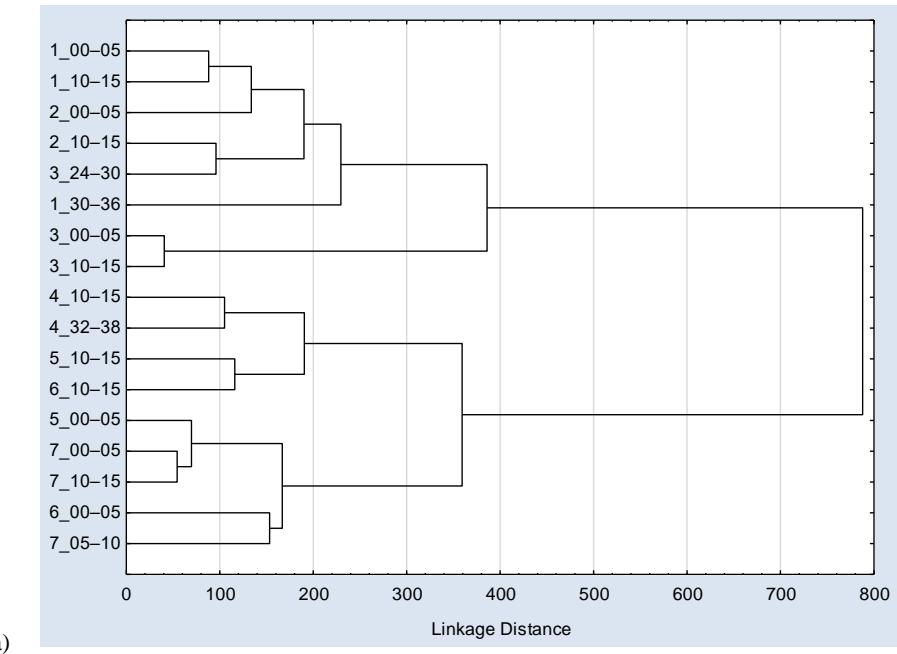
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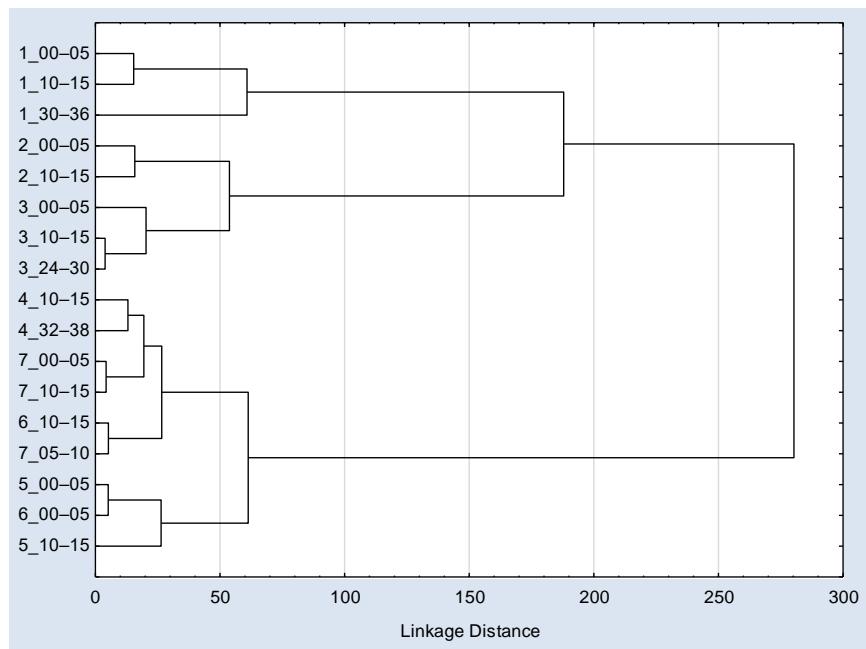
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e)

**Fig S1** Cluster analyses of the element composition using Ward's method with the squared Euclidean distance and Z-transformed  
 (a) fraction percentages and (b) summed contents



a)



b)