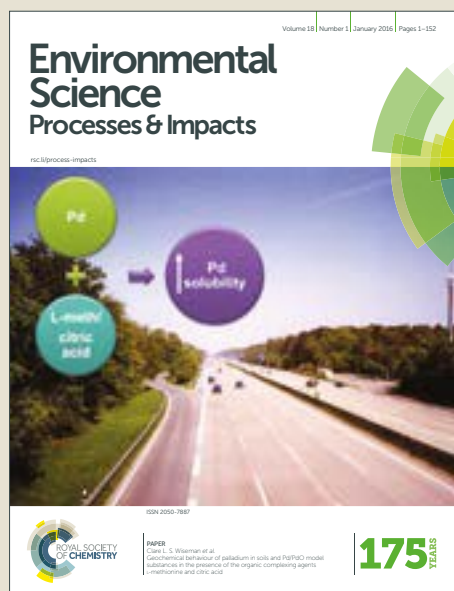


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This research gives some new, interesting data about the PAHs in a lake system which is not well studied yet. Increasing presence of industrial, urban and agricultural activities that produce these contaminants is threatening this ecosystem some of which are considered ‘priority’ PAHs according to US EPA. The report could therefore provide helpful information for understanding the contamination status of PAHs in Uganda side of Lake Victoria to stakeholders.

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Concentrations and sources apportionment of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in sediments from the Uganda side of Lake Victoria

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Abstract: This paper presents the levels and possible sources of selected polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in surface sediments from Napoleon Gulf and Murchison Bay of Lake Victoria. Sediment samples were extracted and cleaned up for PAHs using UNEP, 1992 and EPA method 3630C protocols, respectively. The analysis of sample extracts was done using a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer. Fifteen congeners, mostly the high molecular weight PAHs (HPAHs) (4-6 rings) were detected. Total (Σ) concentrations varied from 44.2 to 80.2 ng g⁻¹ dry weight (d.w.) at Napoleon Gulf while those at the Murchison Bay ranged from 17.0 to 55.0 ng g⁻¹ d.w. Statistical analysis showed no significant difference in the concentrations of PAHs among sites ($p < 0.05$, ANOVA). It was noted that the concentrations for most sampling sites were far below the lowest effect levels based on the Sediment Quality Guidelines except for one station at the Napoleon Gulf. Principal component analysis and diagnostic ratios indicated that PAHs of combustion and petroleum origin were dominant and brought mainly by atmospheric deposition.

Key words: PAH concentrations; sediments; sources; Lake Victoria

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1. Introduction

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3 23 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are wide spread contaminants with two or more fused aromatic
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6 24 rings.¹⁻² Sixteen PAHs have been included on the list of priority pollutants by United States Environmental
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16 28 The major PAH sources include combustion of petroleum and fossil fuels, discharges from industrial and
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22 31 pollutants may find their way into water bodies via run off.⁸

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26 33 levels and sources of PAHs in the sediments of Lake Victoria. The lake is a receiver end for industrial and
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37 38 39 **2. Materials and methods**

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46 41 study (Figure. 1). The Gulf was chosen because it is located near industries such as Nyanza textile industries,
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48 42 Steel Rolling Mills Uganda Limited, Tembo Steel Mills Uganda Limited, a water treatment plant, soap and
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50 43 oil company (BIDCO), a copper smelting plant and, a paper and pulp industry. These industries could be
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52 44 potential sources of PAHs. Furthermore, Jinja town is highly urbanized with a population of over 72,000
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3 46 people in its catchment.¹⁶ The Murchison Bay was chosen because it is a receiver end of sewage effluents,
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12 13 50 *2.2 Sample collection and preparation*

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15 51 A total of 53 surface sediments (<13 cm depth) were collected in July 2014 from the Napoleon Gulf (stations
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17 52 A and B) and Murchison Bay (stations C and D) using a pre-cleaned sediment grab sampler. The sediment
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22 54 station, samples were collected at distances of approximately 100 m from one another. The samples were
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25 55 transferred into polyethene bags with zip locks and transferred in cooling boxes containing ice packs to the
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27 56 Pesticide laboratory at Makerere University. In the laboratory, the samples were kept in a freezer at -18 °C
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31 32 58 33 34 59 *2.3 Analytical procedure*

35 36 60 *2.3.1 Extraction and clean-up*

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44 63 material. The extraction of samples was done according to protocols set by UNEP, (1992)¹⁷ with minor
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46 64 modification. Briefly, 5g of the freeze dried sample was spiked with standards (phenanthrene-d₁₀ (Phe-d₁₀)
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48 65 and chrysene-d₁₂ (Chr-d₁₂), and carefully transferred into the soxhlet apparatus. The spiked sample was then
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3 68 The clean-up of extracts was done following the procedure described in method 3630C of the United States
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10 71 of activated copper powder layer on top and 2 g of anhydrous sodium sulfate) followed by a silica gel
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14 73 powder layer and 2 g of anhydrous sodium sulfate). The extract was added to the column (that had been
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18 75 and *n*-hexane (50:50 v/v). The resulting eluate was concentrated to 1mL using a rotary evaporator. The
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20 76 concentrated eluate was transferred to glass vials and further reduced to 20 μ L using a gentle stream of
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25 79 2.3.2 Gas chromatographic analysis

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27 80 Analysis of PAHs was done on an Agilent 6890N series gas chromatograph (GC) equipped with a mass
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29 81 spectrometer (MS) (Agilent 5975 inert XL Duadrupole, Palo Alto, CA, USA). Chromatographic separation
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31 82 was achieved on a capillary column (30 m length \times 0.25 mm i.d. \times 0.25 μ m film thickness). An aliquot of 1
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33 83 μ L extract was introduced into the injector port. The GC oven temperature was initially set at 90 $^{\circ}$ C for 1
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35 84 min, increased to 180 $^{\circ}$ C for 4.5 min at 20 $^{\circ}$ C min^{-1} , raised to 240 $^{\circ}$ C at 10 $^{\circ}$ C min^{-1} , then held for 1 min and
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39 86 ionization mode. The injector and detector were kept at temperatures of 250 $^{\circ}$ C and 300 $^{\circ}$ C, respectively.
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41 87 Helium (99.99% purity) as the carrier gas at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min^{-1} . The GC-MS was operated in a
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45 89 was 3.57 min. The selected ion monitoring (SIM) mode was used for PAH determination. Data acquisition
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97 *2.4 Source identification and apportionment*

98 Diagonistic ratios and principal component analysis (PCA) in conjunction with source markers were used to
99 identify the possible sources of PAHs in the Lake Victoria environment. Multiple linear regression (MLR)
100 was used to apportion the sources identified by PCA. Principal component analysis was done to extract
101 significant components, following 1/3 root standardization on combined data from Napoleon gulf and
102 Murchison Bay. Transformation was performed to remove differences in ranges of variables as well as
103 giving variables the same importance during data analysis. Only samples that could give at least 40% of the
104 detects were used during PCA analysis. The number of significant components was chosen by the broken
105 stick model criterion. Observed eigen values in this model were only interpreted in cases where they
106 exceeded the expected generated values. Factor scores and loadings were obtained and used in the analysis.
107 Multiple regression of the absolute PCA scores (independent variable) was then completed against the
108 dependent PAH levels.

109 *2.5 Quality assurance and quality control*

110 To ensure the quality of data, PAH standards and replicates were included in the analysis. A procedural blank
111 was also run after every five samples. Blank samples were separately spiked with 0.2 and 0.4 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ of a
112 standard PAH mixture. The recovery assays were replicated three times. The recovery ranges at 0.2 and 0.4
113 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ were 51-75 and 65-99%, respectively. Since most recoveries were within the acceptable US EPA

range (60-120%), the reported data was not corrected for recovery. Method detection limit (MDL) was calculated as three times standard deviations of the detected concentrations in the blank matrix. The MLDs were between 0.3 and 2.7 ng g⁻¹ dry weight (d.w.).

2.6 Statistical data analysis

Statistical analysis was performed using SIRIUS 8.1 software. Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were calculated from the generated data. In computing the mean concentrations, analytes that were below the limit of detection were taken to be half the detection limit. One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to assess differences in PAH levels between sampling stations. The students't-test was used to assess differences between the concentrations of the high molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (HPAH) and low molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (LPAHs). Regression analysis was used to study the significance of principal components. In all cases, the level of significance was taken to be $p < 0.05$.

3. Results and discussion

3.1 Concentration of PAHs in sediments

The concentrations of PAHs in surface sediments from Napoleon Gulf and Murchison Bay are presented in Table 1. Total (Σ_{16}) PAH levels at the study sites varied from 17 to 80 ng g⁻¹ d.w.. The concentrations were in the same range of data as that reported in the surface sediments from the Winam Gulf on the Kenya side of Lake Victoria (0.04 to 32 ng g⁻¹ d.w.)¹⁹, and Ibadan River in Nigeria; where Σ_{14} PAHs varied from 1.68 to 919 ng g⁻¹ d.w.¹² The PAH levels in the present study were lower than those reported from sediments of the Fosu Lagoon, along coastal belt of Ghana (254 to 558 ng g⁻¹ d.w.)²⁰ and those of sediments of a creek in the Niger Delta region (5583 to 9326 ng g⁻¹ d.w.)²¹ The PAH levels were also lower than some of those reported from other parts of the world, namely the Jakarta Bay in Indonesia (Σ_{26} PAHs was 257-1511 ng g⁻¹ d.w.)¹¹,

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3 137 Langat Estuary in Malaysia (Σ_{17} PAHs 322-2480 ng g⁻¹ d.w.)⁹, and Tokyo Bay in Japan (Σ_{26} PAHs was 1372-
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6 138 1615 ng g⁻¹ d.w.)¹¹. The Σ_{16} PAHs at Napoleon Gulf ranged from 44 to 80 ng g⁻¹ d.w. It was observed that
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11 140 from station A. The high levels at the former site than the later could be due to release of PAH related
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17 143 PAHs. The Σ_{16} PAHs in the sediments from the Murchison Bay were between 17 and 55 ng g⁻¹ d.w.
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19 144 Statistically the PAH levels at station C of the Bay were significantly higher than those from station D (p
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21 145 < 0.05 , ANOVA). One possible reason for the high levels at station C could be that it receives industrial and
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27 148 concentrations of PAHs among sites ($p < 0.05$, ANOVA).
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35 152 benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[g,h,i]perylene) is associated with their high octanol-water partition coefficient (K_{oc})
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37 153 compared to the LPAHs and are thus more likely to adsorb onto the sediments for longer periods.²² These
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45 157 further noted that phenanthrene and anthracene (3-ring LPAHs) were readily desorbed onto the sediments
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12 164 consequently atmospheric deposition was a great contributor to PAHs levels. The abundance of chrysene
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46 3.2 Source identification and apportionment of PAHs in the sediments of Lake Victoria

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16 188 highly consistent.²⁶⁻²⁷ The ratio of Ant/(Ant+Phe) was 0.54 at C, (Table 2), suggesting that pollution was due
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18 189 to combustion. The ratio of IcP/(IcP+BgP) at station A (0.33) indicates that sources of PAHs were pyrolytic.
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20 190 Yunker et al. (2002) reported that if the ratio of IcP/(IcP+BgP) is between 0.2 and 0.5, then the PAH source
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24 192 company (BIDCO), copper smelting plant, and paper and pulp industries. These industries use firewood and
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26 193 gas as sources of energy and could therefore be emitting PAH related compounds. At station C, the ratios of
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30 195 al. (1997) and Yunker et al. (2002), these ratios suggest pyrolytic sources^{26,28}. The ratio of Flt to (Flt+Pyr)
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46 203 ratio Σ COMB/ Σ PAHs were 0.84, 0.95, 0.85, and 0.56 for stations A, B, C and D, respectively. Stations A,
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3.2.2 Source apportionment using principal component analysis (PCA)

Principal component analysis was done to compare the percent congener profiles with known PAH sources reported in literature³¹⁻³⁶ by Harrison et al. (1996); Li and Kamens (1993); Khalili et al. (1995); Nasher et al. (2013); Rogge et al. (1997); and Peters et al. (1999). All the two principal components extracted explained 61.6% of the total variance (Figure. 3). PC1 explained 36.3% of the total variance. This component had high contribution from benzo[g,h,i]perylene, benzo[a]pyrene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene and chrysene, with medium loading for pyrene and benzo[b]fluoranthene. A Study by Nasher et al. (2013) showed that these PAHs are associated with combustion of heavy gasoline oils, lubrication oils and used motor oils.³⁴ Diesel emissions are similar to gasoline emissions (PAH markers are indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, corone and benzo[g,h,i]perylene) however the latter has more loading from benzo[b]fluoranthene and benzo[k]fluoranthene.³¹ PC1 would be a diesel emission source category since they are characterized by high concentrations of benzo[g,h,i]perylene³² but due to absence of benzo[k]fluoranthene and corone; the component has been tagged a 'heavier oil combustion' factor that may include gasoline and diesel. PC2 explained 25.3% of the variance. It had high loading from benzo[b]fluoranthene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene and pyrene with presence of naphthalene and benzo[g,h,i]perylene. No clear source is associated with this composition; however benzo[a]pyrene and naphthalene are well researched examples of coal tar PAHs.³⁷ It should be noted that indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene and naphthalene are present in coke during its production.³³ The presence of benzo[b]fluoranthene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, benzo[a]pyrene and benzo[g,h,i]perylene which are similar to the PAH compositions of engine emission.³⁶(petrogenic origin). Therefore PC2, can be tagged a 'mixed factor' of petroleum and combustion factor. In vicinity of stations B and A of the Napoleon Gulf, biomass based fuel such as wood and petroleum are used in addition to fossil fuels burnt to generate energy for the oil and soap company (BIDCO). The wastes of the industry therefore could be channeled to these sites via runoff.

Multiple linear regression (MLR) of the elements in the factor score matrix was done against the total PAH levels for the data set to estimate the contribution of each PAH source on total PAH level of the sample. Significance of the regression coefficients ($R^2 = 0.81$, observations; $N = 19$) were at 95% confidence level ($p < 0.05$). The regression results based on 2 factor scores showed that component 2 ($p = 0.642$) did not significantly influence the Σ PAH values. Therefore, the components were reduced to 1 factor which explained 36.3% of the total variance. The MLR equation ($R^2 = 0.81$, ANOVA significance $f < 1.56 \times 10^{-7}$, p -value for $SC1 = 1.56 \times 10^{-7}$) was: $\Sigma \text{ PAH} = 31.39 \text{ SC1} + 56.14$; where SC1 are factor scores for samples on component 1 (heavier oil combustion). Multiple linear regressions apportion heavier oil combustion as the major source of PAHs. These are petrogenic inputs though some pyrolytic sources like combustion of biomass could not be ruled out. The sources were also in agreement with those from diagnostic ratios source apportionment approach in this study and those reported by Arinaitwe, et al., (2012) in the air samples around the water shade of L. Victoria that is; Combustion of petroleum, biomass and mixed sources among others. This would therefore indicate that atmospheric deposition of PAHs in sediments was possible.

Conclusion

Fifteen PAHs of the 16 'priority PAHs' were detected in sediment samples collected from four sampling stations at the Napoleon Gulf and Murchison Bay of Lake Victoria. The concentrations varied from 17.0 to 80.2 ng g⁻¹ d.w.. The PAH levels in the sediments from Lake Victoria were low to pose risk to living organisms based on the ISQG values except at one station of the Napoleon Gulf. The results from PCA and diagnostic ratios showed that the major PAH sources were petrogenic. However, we would not rule out atmospheric deposition as a major source of PAHs in the Lake Victoria environment. Therefore, regulatory controls for monitoring and mitigating wastewater emissions into Lake Victoria need to be implemented and emphasized by the relevant government organs.

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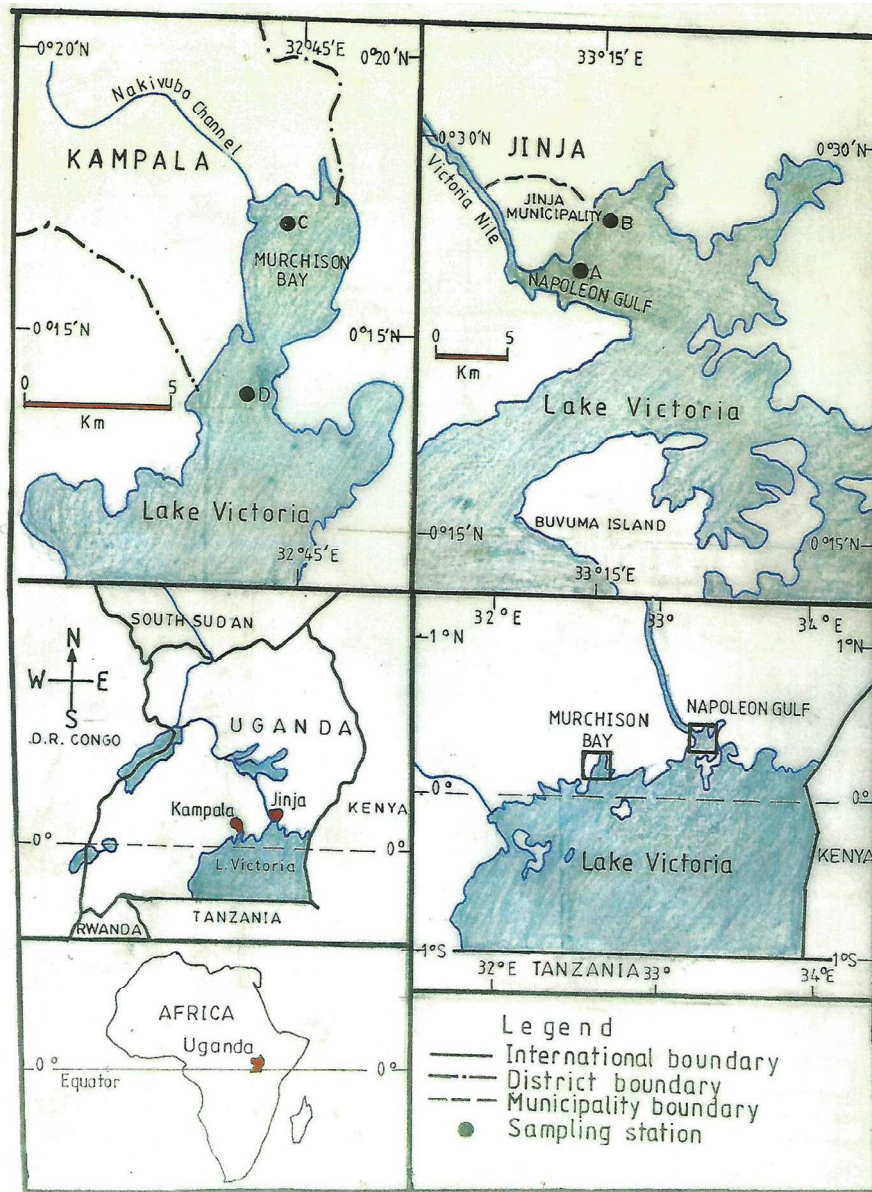
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3 **Figure 1:** Location of the sampling stations in Murchison Bay and Napoleon Gulf of Lake Victoria.

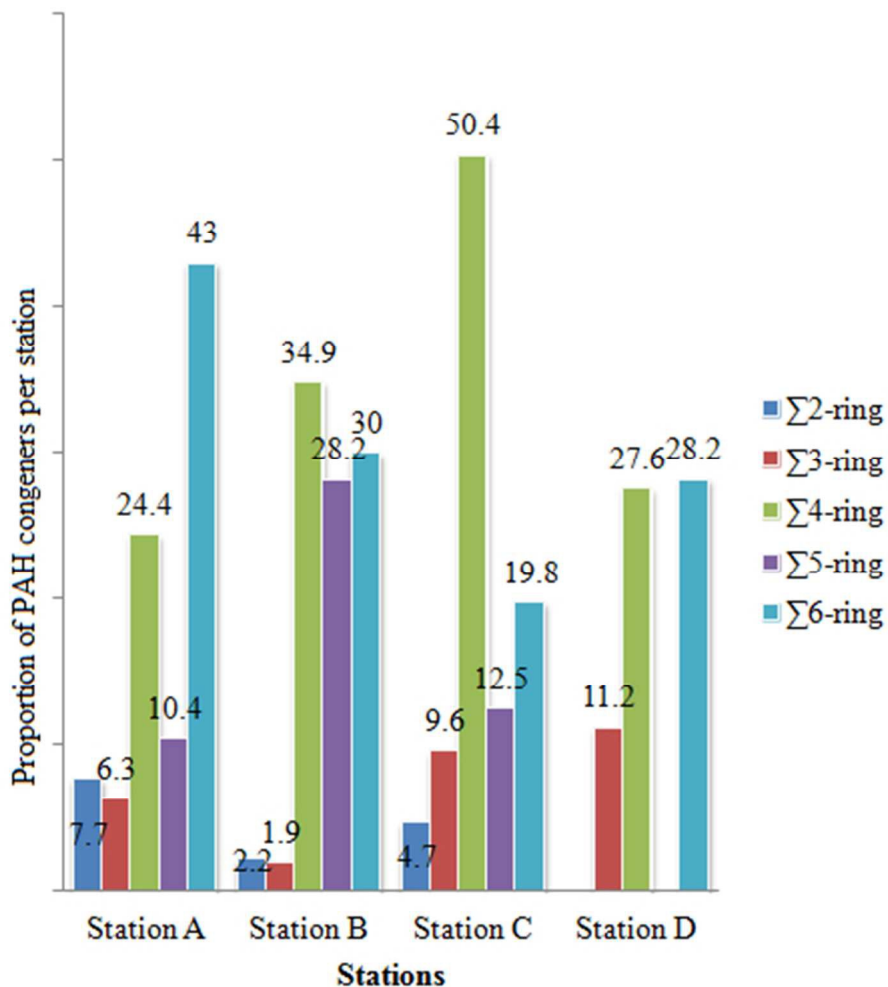
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5 **Figure 2:** Percentage contribution of PAH congeners to total PAH concentration per station.

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7 **Figure 3:** Component loadings of the principal components (PCs) for PAH composition in the
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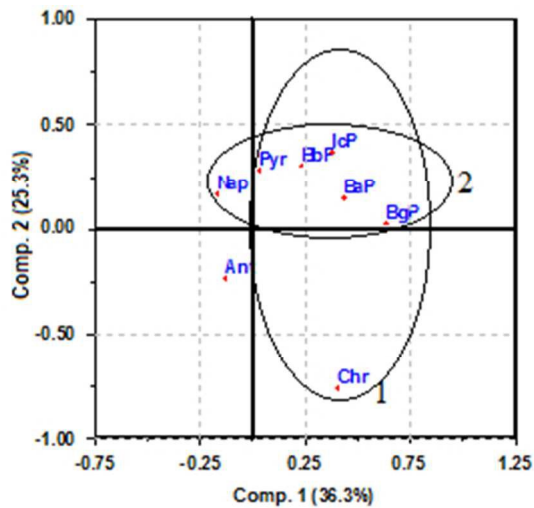
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Table 1: Mean concentrations and ranges of PAHs (ng g⁻¹ d.w.) in surface sediments from Napoleon Gulf and Murchison Bay

Compound	Rings	Napoleon Gulf		Murchison Bay		ISQG	PEL	TEC
		Station A	Station B	Station C	Station D			
Nap	2	3.4±3.3	1.8±2.3	2.6±4.4	n.d.	34.6	391	30
Acy	3	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	5.87	128	10
Ace	3	0.8±1.0	n.d.	n.d.	0.5±2.3	6.71	88.9	10
Phe	3	n.d.	0.6±0.7	2.1±6.4	n.d.	41.9	515	90
Ant	3	2.0±2.5	0.9±1.2	3.2±5.1	0.5±1.8	46.9	245	50
Flu	3	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.9±0.8	21.2	144	20
Σ LPAHs	(2&3 rings)	7.8±1.2	4.9±0.5	9.5±1.2	3.1±0.2			
Pyr	4	2.4±1.8	2.8±1.2	5.7±14.4	n.d.	53.0	875	150
Flt	4	n.d.	n.d.	1.5±1.4	n.d.	111	2355	110
BaA	4	n.d.	0.5±0.8	1.3±3.2	n.d.	31.7	385	70
Chr	4	8.4±5.6	25±24	19±15	4.7±0.7	57.1	862	110
BbF	5	2.7±1.5	9.3±10.3	4.0±3.2	n.d.			70
BaP	5	1.9±1.3	4.9±5.3	1.3±1.8	n.d.	31.9	782	90
BkF	5	n.d.	6.5±18.0	0.6±0.7	n.d.			60
BgP	6	15±17	14±17	7.7±4.4	3.1±0.2			
IcP	6	3.8±2.9	9.7±16.1	3.2±2.5	1.7±1.0			
DaA	5	n.d.	1.9±3.3	1.0±1.4	n.d.	6.22	135	
Σ HPAHs	(4,5&6 rings)	36±4.7	75±7.5	46±5.6	14±1.5	53		
Σ PAHs		44±3.9	80±6.7	55±4.7	17±1.3			
% OM		9.5±1.8	10.0±0.7	9.9±1.0	9.1 ±1.3			

Results are presented as mean values \pm SD. Total number of samples per station for A, B, C and D were 17, 9, 15 and 12, respectively; n.d. means nondetectable levels (used as 0.5 dl in the mean of the station). The Σ LPAHs represent sum of low molecular weight PAHs (Nap, Acy, Ace, Phe, Ant and Flu) while the Σ HPAHs represent sum

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Table 2: Diagnostic ratios of PAHs for the Murchison Bay and Napoleon Gulf

Diagnostic ratios	Petrogenic source	Pyrolytic source	Napoleon Gulf		Murchison Bay	
			A	B	C	D
Ant/(Ant+Phe)	<0.1	>0.1	-	-	0.54	-
BaA/Chr	<0.4	>0.9	-	-	1.68	-
BaA/(BaA+Ch)	<0.2	>0.35	-	-	0.63	-
IcP/(IcP+BgP)	<0.2	>0.2	0.33	0.29	0.28	0.28
Phe/Ant	>15	<10	-	0.40	0.59	-
Flt/(Flt+Pyr)	<0.4	>0.4	-	-	0.16	-
Flt/Pyr	<1.0	>1.0	-	-	0.16	-
LPAHs/HPAHs	>1	<1	0.21	29.4	5.74	0.18
Σ COMB/ Σ PAHs			0.84	0.95	0.85	0.56

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