

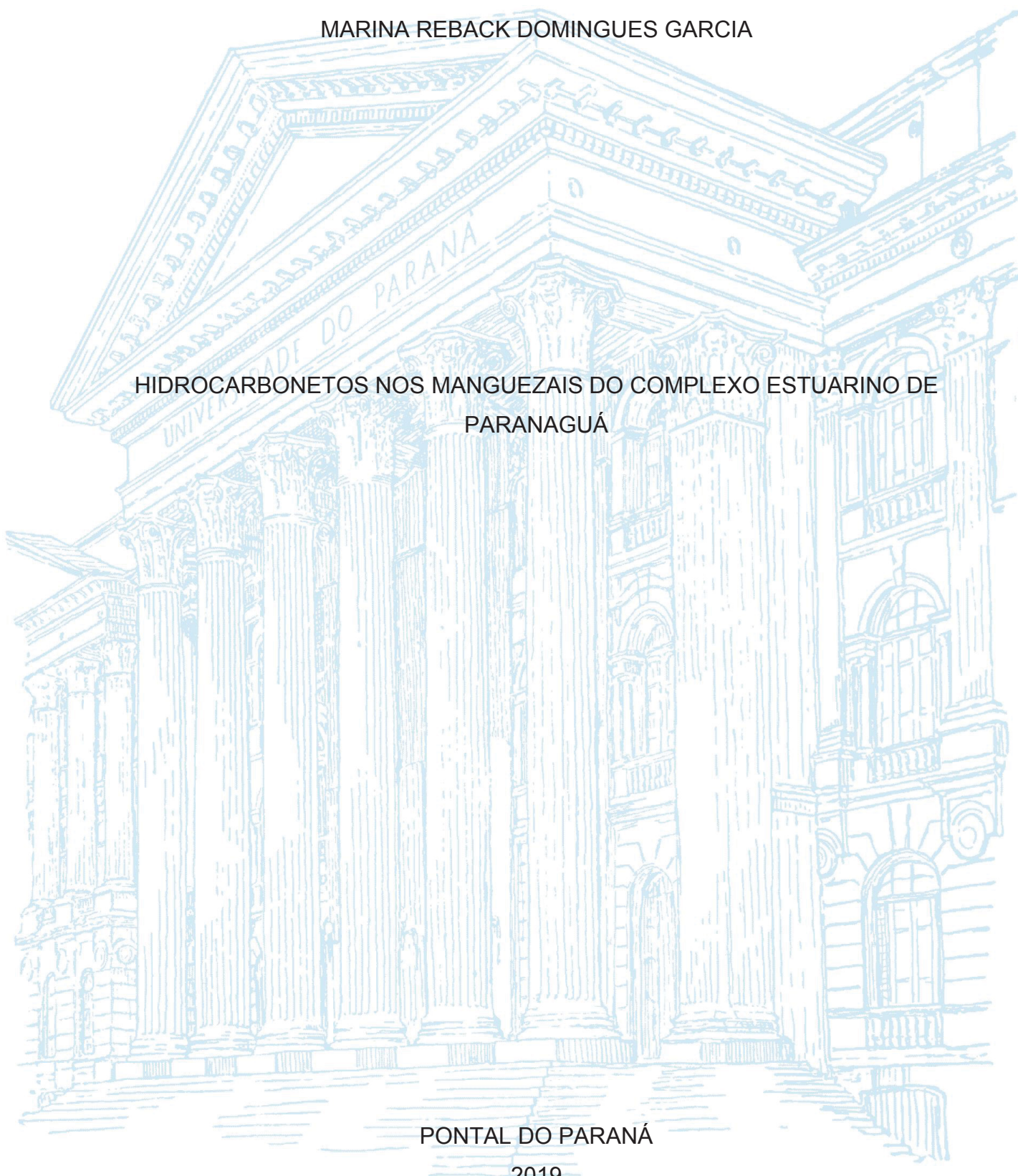
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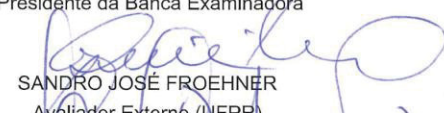
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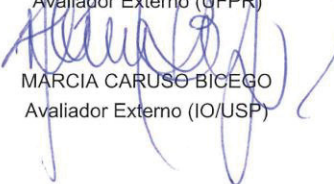
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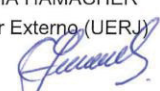
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RESUMO

Hidrocarbonetos são compostos orgânicos formados por cadeias de átomos de carbono e hidrogênio. Estão amplamente distribuídos nos ambientes costeiros e marinhos, apresentando diferentes classes com propriedades e origens diversas (tanto antrópicas quanto naturais). O presente trabalho realizou, pela primeira vez, a caracterização e a quantificação dos hidrocarbonetos (*n*-alcanos, hidrocarbonetos policíclicos aromáticos (HPAs) e biomarcadores de petróleo) nos ambientes de manguezal do Complexo Estuarino de Paranaguá (CEP). O estudo foi dividido em três capítulos, em formato de artigos. O primeiro artigo buscou verificar a distribuição dos hidrocarbonetos em dois transectos (um em uma área impactada e o outro em uma área de controle), dispostos ao longo do gradiente de zanação manguezal-marisma-planície não vegetada. As zonas mais elevadas, com menor tempo de imersão (marismas e manguezais) se mostraram mais propícias para acúmulo de hidrocarbonetos. Os *n*-alcanos revelaram a predominância de aportes naturais, porém HPAs e biomarcadores de petróleo (atribuídos a aportes crônicos de petróleo e derivados, provenientes principalmente das atividades de navegação) indicaram sinais de contaminação. O somatório de *n*-alcanos variou entre 0,640 e 11,930 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (*n*-C₁₂ a *n*-C₃₉); o somatório de 16 HPAs entre 1,28 e 78,60 ng g^{-1} ; os hopanos totais entre 3,69 e 282,30 ng g^{-1} (19 compostos); os terpanos totais entre < LD e 75,30 ng g^{-1} (7 compostos); e os esteranos totais entre 1,41 e 48,60 ng g^{-1} (19 compostos). O segundo artigo teve como objetivo estudar os compostos triterpenoides naturais e catagênicos (de petróleo) nos sedimentos de manguezal do CEP. Os compostos naturais predominantes foram identificados como terpenoides provenientes de vegetais superiores (oleanoides, lupanoides, ursanoides and taraxeroides) com sinais de degradação anaeróbica (configuração 'des-A'), além de hopanoides bacterianos. Compostos catagênicos estiveram distribuídos por todo o estuário e evidenciaram as fontes preferenciais de contaminação quando presentes em uma razão > 1 em relação aos compostos biogênicos. As Baías de Antonina e de Guaraqueçaba foram áreas preferenciais de acumulação dos terpanos e hopanos naturais. Analogamente, essas regiões internas do CEP podem ser apontadas como locais de alta vulnerabilidade para contaminação por compostos hidrofóbicos e possuem baixo potencial de remobilização/recuperação. O terceiro artigo estudou a distribuição espacial dos HPAs nos sedimentos superficiais do CEP. O somatório dos 16 HPAs variou entre < LD e 234,3 ng g^{-1} . A maior concentração esteve localizada na Baía das Encantadas (Ilha

do Mel), seguida de pontos localizados nas Baías de Paranaguá e Antonina, e na Ilha da Gamela (Baía das Laranjeiras). Em linhas gerais, o impacto antrópico causado por hidrocarbonetos nos manguezais do CEP pode ser considerado baixo, porém foram observados sinais de impacto nas Baías de Antonina e de Paranaguá e no entorno da Ilha do Mel. O eixo Leste-Oeste do CEP apresentou evidências de aportes crônicos de hidrocarbonetos, provenientes das ocupações urbanas e das atividades portuárias. Já o eixo Norte-Sul apresentou baixa evidência de aportes antrópicos de hidrocarbonetos, sendo identificados níveis aumentados apenas para o grupo dos HPAs em um dos locais avaliados (Vila da Gamela). Tais condições devem ser consideradas no planejamento de novos empreendimentos na região.

Palavras-chave: Atlântico Sul. HPAs. Terpanos. Hopanos. Esteranos.

ABSTRACT

Hydrocarbons are organic compounds formed by chains of carbon and hydrogen atoms. They are ubiquitous in coastal and marine environments, having many classes with different properties and origins (anthropic or natural). This work aimed to characterize and quantitate hydrocarbons (*n*-alkanes, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and petroleum biomarkers) in the mangrove sediment of the Paranaguá Estuarine Complex (PEC). The study was comprised of three papers. The objective of the first paper was to verify the distribution of hydrocarbons in two transects (one in an impacted area and another in a control area), distributed along the zonation gradient (mudflat - salt marsh - mangrove). Hydrocarbons were preferentially accumulated in higher areas with shorter immersion time (salt marshes and mangroves). The *n*-alkanes were dominated by natural inputs. However, contamination was evidenced by PAHs and mainly petroleum biomarkers (attributed to chronic inputs of petroleum and byproducts, mainly from navigation). The sum of *n*-alkanes in the sediments (d.w.) ranged between 0,64 and 11,930 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (*n*-C₁₂ to *n*-C₃₉); the sum of 16 HPAs, between 1,28 and 78,60 ng g^{-1} ; total hopanes, between 3,69 and 282,30 ng g^{-1} (19 compounds); total terpanes, between < DL and 75,30 ng g^{-1} (7 compounds); and total steranes, between 1,41 and 48,60 ng g^{-1} (19 compounds). The second paper aimed to study the distribution of natural and catagenic triterpenoids in the mangrove sediments of PEC. Natural compounds were identified mainly as terpenoids from higher plants (oleanoids, lupanoids, ursanoids, and taraxeroids) with signs of anaerobic degradation ('des-A' configuration), as well as bacterial hopanoids. Catagenic compounds were also distributed throughout the estuary and could reveal the preferential source areas of contamination when present in a ratio > 1, in relation to the biogenic compounds. Antonina and Guaraqueçaba Bays were preferential areas for the accumulation of natural terpanes and hopanes. These inner, sheltered areas of PEC can be identified as highly vulnerable sites for contamination with hydrophobic compounds having low remobilization/recovery potential. The third paper presents the spatial distribution of PAHs in the superficial sediments of PEC. The sum of 16 PAHs ranged from < LD to 234,3 ng g^{-1} . The highest concentration was located in Encantadas Bay (Mel Island), followed by sites located at Paranaguá and Antonina Bays and Gamela Village (Laranjeiras Bay). In general terms, the anthropic impact by hydrocarbons in the PEC mangroves can be considered low but signs of impact were observed in Antonina and Paranaguá Bays and around Mel Island. The East-West axis

of the PEC showed evidence of chronic hydrocarbon inputs from urban occupations and port activities. The North-South axis showed low evidence of anthropogenic hydrocarbon inputs but increased levels of PAHs were identified in one site (Gamela Village). Such conditions are relevant for impact studies and must be considered for the assessment of impacts of new ventures in the area.

Keywords: Hydrocarbons. South Atlantic. PAHs. Hopanes. Terpanes.

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1 INTRODUÇÃO

1.1 HIDROCARBONETOS NOS ESTUDOS AMBIENTAIS

Hidrocarbonetos são compostos orgânicos formados por átomos de carbono e hidrogênio. Apesar da simplicidade de sua composição elementar, esses compostos apresentam muitas classes com propriedades e origens diferentes, devido a grande variação estrutural que pode ser assumida. São compostos muito comuns no ambiente, incluindo os ecossistemas costeiros e marinhos, onde estão associados principalmente à fração orgânica dos sedimentos, devido as suas características hidrofóbicas (KILLOPS e KILLOPS, 2005; VOLKMAN *et al.*, 1997).

Os hidrocarbonetos nos ambientes costeiros e marinhos podem ter origens tanto naturais quanto antrópicas (UNEP, 1992; GESAMP, 1993; LIBES, 2009) e os principais grupos avaliados em estudos ambientais são os *n*-alcanos, os alcanos isoprenoides e os hidrocarbonetos policíclicos aromáticos (HPAs). Além de apresentarem importância ecotoxicológica (no caso dos HPAs), os hidrocarbonetos podem fornecer indícios a respeito das fontes naturais e antrópicas da matéria orgânica para o ambiente, sendo considerados marcadores moleculares pois podem ser diretamente relacionados a sua origem (EGANHOUSE, 1997). Outro grupo de hidrocarbonetos com aplicação em estudos ambientais são os biomarcadores de petróleo (BMPs), onde se incluem as classes dos esteranos, hopanos e terpanos. Os BMPs têm sido aplicados para realizar o diagnóstico específico do aporte de petróleo, pois são moléculas com elevada resistência aos processos de intemperismo e biodegradação, sendo possível correlacioná-las especificamente às fontes de introdução (WANG e FINGAS, 1995; WANG e STOUT, 2007).

Assim, o estudo do aporte de hidrocarbonetos para os ecossistemas costeiros e marinhos fornecem informações sobre as fontes, o transporte e destino dessas substâncias que são introduzidas de forma aguda ou crônica no ambiente, sendo fundamentais para avaliação de impactos ambientais. Como a maioria da população mundial está estabelecida na zona costeira, os impactos humanos são intensos nessa região, decorrentes da construção de infra-estrutura e outros impactos associados, tais

como lançamento de esgoto e de resíduos sólidos, atividades extrativistas, dentre diversas outras (SPALDING, 2001).

Um dos ecossistemas costeiros mais impactados são os manguezais, que sofreram nas últimas décadas um rápido declínio de sua cobertura vegetal, já tendo perdido mais de 20% de sua cobertura total (ALONGI *et al.*, 2008; SPALDING *et al.*, 2010). Alguns autores chegam a prever a destruição total dos mangues nos próximos 100 anos (DUKE *et al.*, 2007). Além dos impactos diretos do desmatamento e extrativismo, os impactos da poluição nos manguezais merecem particular atenção pois suas condições físico-químicas favorecem a deposição de sedimentos finos e a degradação lenta da matéria orgânica, sendo considerados bastante vulneráveis à contaminação orgânica, inclusive por hidrocarbonetos do petróleo (BOUILLON *et al.*, 2008; NOERNBERG & LANA, 2002; DUKE, 2016). Os manguezais têm, portanto, uma baixa capacidade de recuperação, pois os compostos tóxicos são removidos muito lentamente dos sedimentos e a degradação dos hidrocarbonetos é baixa em sedimentos anóxicos, mesmo em zonas de clima tropical (BURNS *et al.*, 1993).

Outros aspectos, incluindo alta produtividade, abundância de detritos e alta concentração de carbono orgânico fazem dos manguezais ambientes preferenciais para captação e acúmulo de petróleo e outras substâncias hidrofóbicas lançadas de forma crônica no ambiente, como os HPAs (LI *et al.*, 2014; LEWIS *et al.*, 2011; DUKE, 2016). Certos manguezais foram diagnosticados como severamente contaminados por HPAs, com concentrações mais altas que $10 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (peso seco) (KLEKOWSKI *et al.*, 1994). Em locais onde ocorreram processos de urbanização de forma rápida e desordenada como, por exemplo, em Hong Kong, os manguezais se encontram contaminados e com concentrações mais altas do que as verificadas nas áreas portuárias adjacentes (TAM *et al.*, 2001). Dessa forma, diversos estudos têm demonstrado que níveis de hidrocarbonetos relativamente altos podem ser encontrados nos sedimentos de manguezal, inclusive no Brasil (FARIAS *et al.*, 2008; SANTOS *et al.*, 2013), onde foi possível identificar locais impactados, principalmente próximos a grandes centros urbanos e sujeitos a aportes crônicos e agudos de petróleo e derivados.

Além dos *n*-alcanos e HPAs, os biomarcadores de petróleo têm sido estudados em locais sujeitos a influência de aportes de petróleo em diversas áreas do mundo, tanto em

sedimentos superficiais quanto em testemunhos. Em sedimentos estuarinos de locais sujeitos a intensas atividades antrópicas (navegação e transporte de petróleo e derivados e próximo a assentamentos urbanos) são reportados valores da ordem de $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ de somatório total de biomarcadores de petróleo (hopanos e esteranos) (MEDEIROS e BÍCEGO, 2004; MEDEIROS *et al.*, 2005; FARIAS *et al.*, 2008; SILVA e BÍCEGO, 2010). Em locais relacionados a atividades de extração de hidrocarbonetos, como na província de Alberta, no Canadá, são relatados valores até dez vezes maiores (WANG *et al.*, 2014). No entanto, estudos sobre o acúmulo de biomarcadores de petróleo em manguezais são escassos, estando na maioria restritos a distribuição e concentração de *n*-alcanos e HPAs.

1.2 HIDROCARBONETOS NO LITORAL DO PARANÁ

O litoral do Estado do Paraná, apesar de ser um dos menos extensos do Brasil, possui muitas reentrâncias, totalizando 1.675 km de linha de costa. De toda essa extensão, 80% é classificada como área de alta sensibilidade ambiental, compreendendo áreas de marisma e manguezal (SOUSA, 2008). Assim, a avaliação dos níveis e perfis de hidrocarbonetos desses ecossistemas é fundamental para o diagnóstico ambiental da região. Além dessa abordagem, a determinação de testemunhos em áreas adjacentes aos manguezais busca indícios de eventos da introdução de hidrocarbonetos na área de estudo tanto de forma crônica como acidental.

A principal feição geomorfológica do litoral do Estado é o Complexo Estuarino de Paranaguá (CEP), onde os primeiros estudos sobre a introdução de hidrocarbonetos na zona costeira foram realizados por SEYFFERT (2008) a partir de coletas realizadas em 2003, 2004 e 2006, com amostras de sedimento superficial. Em geral, os níveis reportados de *n*-alcanos e HPAs foram baixos, compatíveis com áreas consideradas livres de contaminação petrogênica. A contribuição de fontes biogênicas é predominante para a região, tendo sido verificada influência urbana, petrogênica e pirolítica nos sedimentos apenas: (1) em locais próximos a atividades portuárias; (2) onde ocorre lançamento de petróleo e derivados (locais com intensa movimentação de embarcações), e; (3) zonas urbanas. As maiores concentrações de hidrocarbonetos

foram encontradas nas baías de Antonina e Paranaguá, enquanto as baías de Guaraqueçaba e Pinheiros apresentaram níveis relativamente baixos.

Posteriormente, foram realizados outros estudos sobre hidrocarbonetos no CEP, em fundos predominantemente arenosos (ABREU-MOTA *et al.*, 2014; BET *et al.*, 2015), além de dois testemunhos curtos obtidos em áreas próximas das cidades de Paranaguá e Antonina (MARTINS *et al.*, 2015). As áreas de manguezal ainda não haviam sido avaliadas, nem haviam sido efetuadas determinações de BMPs em amostras de sedimento superficial do CEP.

No CEP, além da influência das fontes difusas de hidrocarbonetos antropogênicos originadas das atividades humanas realizadas na área, ocorreram acidentes ambientais que envolveram aportes agudos de hidrocarbonetos para o estuário (ALBARELLO, 2012; IAP, 2004). Os principais foram: (1) em 2000, no porto de Paranaguá, ocorreu vazamento de 450 litros de óleo diesel, dentro do terminal, atingindo a linha de costa, devido ao rompimento de uma válvula durante uma operação de rotina; (2) ainda em 2000, em torno de 4.000 m³ de diesel vazaram de um trem na cidade de Morretes, atingindo o rio Nhundiaquara; (3) em 2001, um acidente no Oleoduto Araucária-Paranaguá (OLAPA) que liga a Refinaria Presidente Getúlio Vargas, em Araucária (REPAR), ao Porto de Paranaguá, levou ao vazamento de 145 m³ de óleo diesel (dados estimados), atingindo o rio Nhundiaquara e seus afluentes e manguezais na desembocadura do rio na Baía de Antonina; (4) em 2004, no píer da empresa Cattalini Terminais Marítimos, em Paranaguá, ocorreu o vazamento de 4.000 t de metanol e 1.400 m³ de óleo combustível devido à explosão do navio chileno Vicuña, durante o descarregamento de sua carga de metanol. Estima-se que 400 m³ de óleo bunker não puderam ser recolhidos e se dispersaram no ambiente, atingindo as baías de Paranaguá, Antonina e Laranjeiras e 170 km da linha de costa no entorno do navio, das Ilha da Cotinga e do Mel. A área estimada de manguezal atingido foi de, no mínimo, 135 km² (APPA, 2017; IAP e FATMA, 2005), tendo sido considerado o maior desastre ambiental ocorrido no CEP,

1.3 OBJETIVOS

O objetivo geral deste trabalho foi realizar a caracterização, distribuição e quantificação dos hidrocarbonetos (*n*-alcanos, HPAs e biomarcadores de petróleo) nos ambientes de manguezal do Complexo Estuarino de Paranaguá, a fim de:

- Estudar a distribuição dos hidrocarbonetos ao longo do gradiente de zonação: planície entre marés – marisma – manguezal em dois locais com distintos graus de contaminação (Item 2);
- Realizar a determinação e identificação dos biomarcadores de petróleo (terpanos e hopanos) nos sedimentos superficiais de manguezal da área de estudo, como ênfase na caracterização geoquímica dos principais hidrocarbonetos naturais cíclicos e ramificados (Item 3);
- Avaliar o aporte recente de HPAs através da determinação desses compostos nos sedimentos superficiais dos manguezais distribuídos na área de estudo (Item 4).

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2 PETROLEUM BIOMARKERS AS TRACERS OF LOW-LEVEL AND CHRONIC OIL CONTAMINATION OF COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS: A SYSTEMATIC STUDY IN A SUBTROPICAL ESTUARINE MANGROVE

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1. Introduction

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The exploration of petroleum reserves and their use as fossil fuels and other by-products are responsible for the removal of massive amounts of immobilized organic matter (OM) from sedimentary deposits, introducing high concentrations of hydrocarbons and CO₂, to the different natural compartments of the planet, including marine ecosystems (Ciais et al., 2014). Actually, the chronic input of hydrocarbons to marine and coastal areas has a higher load than that from accidental oil spills (GESAMP, 1993; Tarr et al., 2016).

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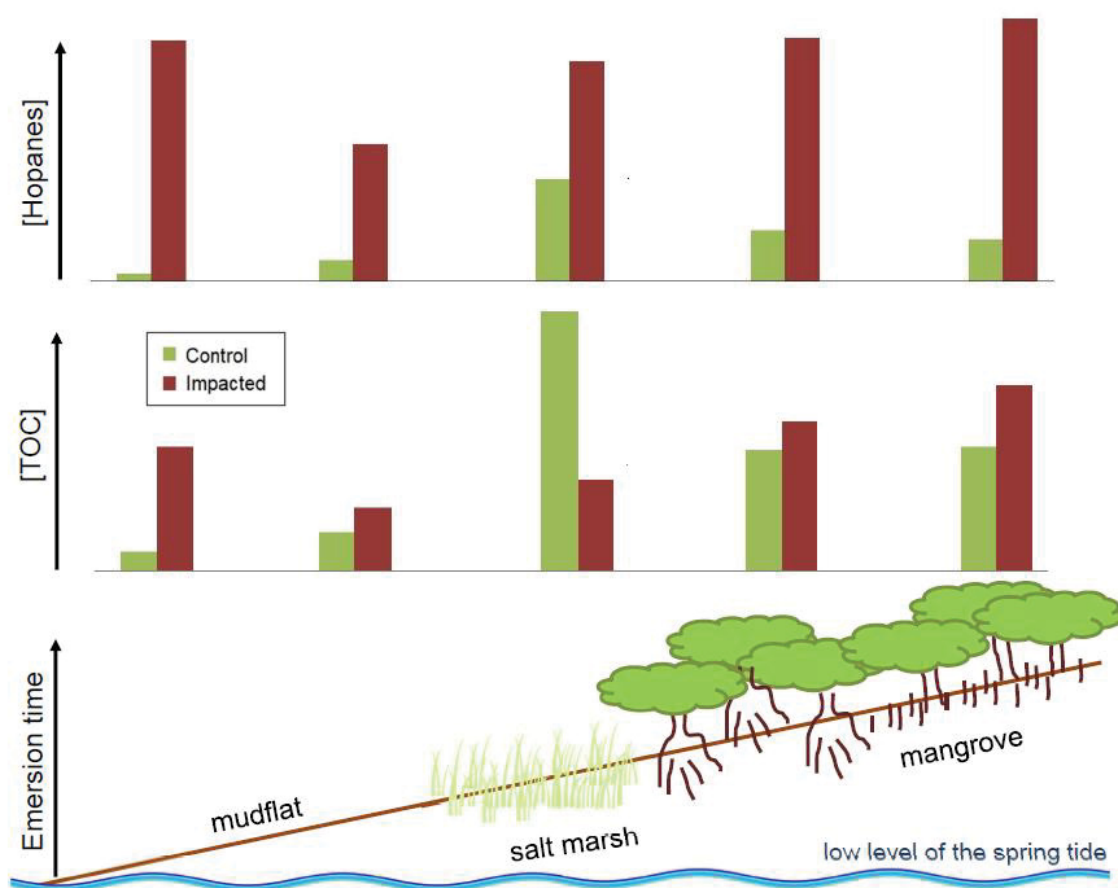
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Hydrocarbons assessed in mudflat, salt marsh and mangrove of a subtropical estuary
- Hydrocarbon levels varied in correlation to organic carbon and fine sediments
- PAHs and petroleum biomarkers in the impacted site were higher (3-6 fold)
- *N*-alkanes reflected biogenic hydrocarbon input in control and impacted sites
- Petroleum biomarkers evidenced HCs contamination under a high biogenic background

Graphical abstract



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37 Estuaries are among the most densely populated areas in the world. As such, they suffer
38 from chronic pollution of urban and industrial diffuse sources and are the destination of loads of
39 contaminants from the drainage of the river basins (United Nations, 2018a, b). Consequently,
40 coastal sediments act as a sink and a repository of hydrophobic compounds, such as hydrocarbons,
41 that can pose environmental risks (Maioli et al., 2010).

42 Mangroves are among the most remarkable coastal ecosystems playing a key role to the
43 OM environmental balance due to their high capacity of carbon sequestration (termed “blue
44 carbon”) despite being critically sensitive to human impact (McLeod et al., 2011). The rapid decline
45 in mangrove coverage areas and associated biological productivity is of global concern, reinforcing

46 the importance to develop new strategies to evaluate hydrocarbon in these coastal systems (Duke,
47 2016; Ferreira and Lacerda, 2016).

48 Mangrove sediments tend to accumulate hydrophobic compounds, due to low
49 hydrodynamic energy, low oxygen levels, fine grain size and high organic carbon content (Bernard
50 et al., 1996; Bayen, 2012; Wagener et al., 2012). They are rich in OM from multiple biogenic
51 sources including autochthone mangrove litter and suspended OM from terrigenous, riverine and
52 marine sources. Several organic markers such as *n*-alkanes derived from plant waxes (*n*-C₂₇, *n*-C₂₉
53 and *n*-C₃₁) are typically associated to mangroves (Kristensen et al., 2008). *N*-alkanes are also
54 associated with anthropogenic inputs that can be overlapped by the natural hydrocarbons, posing
55 a challenge to the discrimination of chronic loads from different sources.

56 Once hydrocarbons reach the estuarine environment, most compounds can be rapidly
57 degraded but some can be preserved. Remarkably, petroleum biomarkers are recalcitrant
58 compounds that represent a major component of natural oil, being highly reliable as markers of
59 petroleum contamination (Peters et al., 2005; Tarr et al., 2016). The best known and widely studied
60 petroleum biomarkers are terpanes, hopanes (derived from prokaryots) and steranes (from
61 eukaryotic cells) (Volkman, 2005; Zhang et al., 2015). Despite the high source specificity of these
62 molecular markers, the determination of petroleum biomarkers in subtropical mangrove and
63 adjacent environments has not been totally explored, especially in areas under a high biogenic
64 hydrocarbon input together with anthropogenic contributions.

65 Therefore, the main purpose of this study is to determine the concentrations of different
66 classes of hydrocarbons, with special attention to petroleum biomarkers, in the sediments along
67 two transects (mudflat – salt marsh – mangrove) from two locations exposed to different levels of
68 anthropogenic impact (control vs impacted site).

69 The sites are located in Paranaguá Bay, SW Atlantic, a subtropical estuary affected by
70 intensive tourism and high contamination risk (e.g. Combi et al., 2013; Souza et al., 2016) due to
71 extensive urban development and harbors activities (e.g. Martins et al., 2015). Based on an
72 integrated approach of multivariate statistics, bulk parameters, multiple groups of hydrocarbons
73 and diagnostic ratios, we hypothesized that the chronic hydrocarbon contamination may affect
74 mudflat, saltmarshes and mangrove zones in distinct ways. Finally, we aim to define the best
75 strategy to achieve an effective assessment of environmental impacts of hydrocarbon input in the
76 intertidal area.

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78 **2.2. Material and Methods**

79 *2.2.1. Sampling and studied sites*

80 Sediments (n = 30) were collected along a sea-to-land transect in the intertidal zone from
81 a subtropical estuary, the Paranaguá Bay (25°30'S; 48°25'W) (Fig. 1). The estuarine system is the
82 larger bay of South Brazil with 552 km² of open water area (Lana et al., 2018). The study site was
83 on the mesohaline sector of Paranaguá Bay, where the main human settlements are located,
84 including Paranaguá city, the largest urban center established in the bay margins with more than
85 140,000 inhabitants (IBGE, 2010). The study area has no oil and gas deposits or any other
86 significant deposit of fossil organic matter. The Bay is comprehended in the geological barrier
87 system of Paranaguá coastal plain with Pleistocene and Holocene sedimentary deposits,
88 surrounded by prominent mountain ranges, consisting of granitic massifs, intruded into the
89 paleoproterozoic basement (Lessa et al., 2000; Nascimento et al., 2016).

90 Samples were collected along two different transects according to the impact from human
91 activities as assessed in previous studies (e.g. Abreu-Mota et al., 2014; Souza et al., 2016). The

92 first one was located in Paranaguá city (T1), near to Paranaguá harbor (Fig. S1), the main grain
93 terminal and the third most important port of South America in terms of loading and unloading
94 operations (Martins et al., 2015). This place is considered to be more influenced by human
95 activities, receiving effluents from several sources (sewage and fertilizer plants), urban runoff and
96 residues from the intense cargo harbor activity. The second transect (T2), located near the mouth
97 of Maciel River, 12 km away from Paranaguá city can be considered semi-pristine and much less
98 influenced by anthropogenic activities (Egres et al., 2012).

99 In each transect, 15 samples of surface sediments (0 - 2 cm) were collected in five different
100 zones (Fig. 2), according to the absence or nature of plant cover –, which is ultimately the result
101 of how long the sediments are subject to flooding during the tidal cycles (Spier et al., 2016).
102 Sampling was performed during a low spring tide, when the whole intertidal zone was exposed.
103 The transects started at non-vegetated mud bottoms, followed by *Spartina alterniflora* marshes
104 and finally in mangrove woodland (mixed stands of *Laguncularia racemosa* and *Rhizophora*
105 *mangle*). Due to their large extension, both the upper and lower zones of the mudflat and mangrove
106 were sampled, whereas only one zone was sampled at the narrow salt marsh belt. Each sample was
107 composed from equal parts of sediments taken from three different quadrats (1 m² each) in order
108 to minimize short-scale spatial variation (Fig. 2). Sediment temperature, pH and Eh were measured
109 *in situ* in each quadrat (thermometer Instrutherm TE 300, pH meter Instrutherm 710, with
110 combined electrode; and Eh meter Instrutherm ORP-896 with platinum electrode ORP-897). The
111 sediments were frozen (-20 °C), freeze-dried and stored in cleaned glass jars until analysis.

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113 *2.2.2. Bulk parameters*

114 Particle size of the sediment samples was determined in the dried total sediment by a laser
115 particle size analyzer (CILAS 1064 L, CILAS, Orleans, France). Bulk OM (total organic carbon;
116 TOC, total nitrogen; TN, and carbon isotope ratio; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) was determined using an EA-Costech
117 elemental analyzer coupled with an isotope ratio mass spectrometer Thermo Scientific Delta V
118 Advantage MS (EA-IRMS). The detailed procedure is described as supplementary material.

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120 *2.2.3. Sample extraction and instrumental analysis of hydrocarbons*

121 The analytical procedure used for the hydrocarbons in the marine sediments analysis was
122 based on the United Nations Environment Programme method (UNEP, 1992) with adaptations
123 described in Wisnieski et al. (2016). Approximately 20 g of sediment were extracted over 8 h using
124 80 mL of a mixture of dichloromethane and *n*-hexane (1:1, v/v). Activated copper was added in
125 order to remove elemental sulfur. A surrogate standard mixture of deuterated compounds
126 (naphthalene- d_8 , acenaphthene- d_{10} , phenanthrene- d_{10} , chrysene- d_{12} , perylene- d_{12} and 5 α -
127 cholestane- d_4) and two aliphatic hydrocarbons (1-hexadecene and 1-eicosene) were added before
128 each blank and sample extraction. The DCM/*n*-hexane extract was concentrated using rotary
129 evaporation until 2 mL and purified by column chromatography using 5% deactivated alumina
130 (1.8 g) and silica (3.2 g). Elution was performed with 10 mL of *n*-hexane (fraction 1: aliphatic
131 hydrocarbons and petroleum biomarkers) and 15 mL of a mixture of dichloromethane and *n*-
132 hexane (3:7, v/v) (fraction 2: PAHs). The resulting extract (500 μL) was stored in glass vials.
133 Internal standard (1-tetradecene, benzo(*b*)fluoranthene- d_{12} and pregnane- d_4) was added prior to
134 the gas chromatographic analysis. The quantification of organic compounds, detailed instrumental
135 analyses and quality assurance are described as supplementary material.

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137 2.2.4. Statistical analyses

138 Statistical data analyses were performed with TIBCO Statistic Academic software and R
139 Studio (GAD package). As a first approach, the relationship between the studied parameters was
140 analyzed with Spearman correlation (r). Following, the normality of data was checked by the
141 Shapiro's test and the homogeneity of the variances was verified by the Cochran's test. Data was
142 transformed to $\ln(x+1)$ whenever necessary (Underwood, 1997) and the mean bulk parameters (%
143 of fine sediments and TOC), aliphatic hydrocarbons (Σn -alkanes) and petroleum biomarkers
144 (hopanes, terpanes and steranes) were separately analyzed by a two-factor analysis of variance
145 with the following model: Transect (fixed, 2 levels: T1 -impacted; T2 - control) and Zones (fixed,
146 5 levels crossed with Transect: LF - lower mudflat; UF - upper mudflat; SM - salt marsh; LM -
147 lower mangrove and UM - upper mangrove). *A posteriori* comparison in significant terms of
148 interest ($\alpha = 0.05$) were conducted by the Student-Newman-Keuls procedure (SNK). Each
149 dependent variable from aliphatic hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and petroleum
150 biomarkers were selected according to local contamination sources.

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152 2.3. Results and Discussion

153 2.3.1. Field and bulk parameters

154 Field and bulk parameters (mean \pm standard deviation) for each site are presented in Table
155 1 and Fig. 3a. Both sites (T1, impacted and T2, control) presented similar contents of TOC and
156 TN that are within the lower limits of values reported elsewhere for mangrove sediments (Holmer
157 and Bachmann, 2002; Kristensen et al., 2008; Resmi et al., 2016). The percentage of fine sediments

158 (% silt + clay) remained in similar ranges in both transects. In general, T2 presented lower values
159 of pH and Eh than T1, probably due to the influence from the riverine input.

160 A prevalent organic origin of total nitrogen is suggested by the TOC/TN ratio ($R^2 = 0.88$,
161 Fig. S2) which in association to the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ shows a predominance of terrigenous OM in both
162 transects (mean values at T1: $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of -25.1‰ and TOC/TN of 8.68 and T2: -25.8‰ and 10.6,
163 respectively) (Bouillon et al., 2008; Kristensen et al., 2008). The depositional and weathering
164 sediment conditions can be considered similar in both sites, with $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ indicating a dominance of
165 C_3 -plants (-23.4 to -26.5‰) (Meyers, 1997; Kelleway et al., 2018).

166 2.3.2. Levels and ratios of hydrocarbons for impacted vs control sites

167 2.3.2.1. Aliphatic hydrocarbons

168 Total n -alkanes ($\sum n$ -alkanes) and resolved aliphatic hydrocarbons ($\sum\text{AHs}_R$)
169 concentrations (mean \pm standard deviation) were similar in both transects, with T2 presenting a
170 slightly higher level of $\sum n$ -alkanes than T1 (Table 1, Fig. 3b). On the other hand, unresolved
171 complex mixture (UCM) and total aliphatic hydrocarbons were almost two times higher in T1,
172 probably as a result of human impact. In general, the UCM in T2 samples presented a hump in the
173 range of medium-length carbon chain n -alkanes (C_{18} to C_{26}) while in T1 also presented a bimodal
174 hump in the range of medium-length and long carbon chain n -alkanes (C_{26} to C_{33}) (Fig. S3).
175 According to Tolosa et al. (2009), the UCM related to short/middle carbon chain n -alkanes can be
176 related to light oils as fossil fuels (gasoline and diesel) and the long one can be associated to crude
177 oils characterized by an asphaltic content. In this study, the UCM was determined by GC-MS so
178 it must be examined as a general trend, but a similar UCM hump in the long-chain n -alkanes range
179 can be identified in fresh lube oil as Bunker C diesel, commonly associated to ship traffic in harbor
180 areas (Wang et al., 1999). Also, similar UCM bi-modal humps were observed by Oliveira and

181 Madureira (2011) in the sediments from a nearby impacted coastal area (~200 km south). Another
182 possible source for the UCM can be the degradation and weathering of biogenic terrigenous OM
183 contributions (Zaghden et al., 2005). However, the differences between T1 and T2 sites and the
184 presence of the petroleum biomarkers suggest that the anthropogenic activities are the main
185 sources of the UCM.

186 The predominance of odd carbon numbered *n*-alkanes was evident, with *n*-C₂₉ representing
187 the most abundant compound in all samples (Fig. S3). The long chain *n*-alkanes (*n*-C₂₅ to *n*-C₃₅)
188 with odd number of carbon atoms are characteristically synthesized by mangrove trees (Kristensen
189 et al., 2008) acting as a protection to the leaves (epicuticular waxes). Specifically, *n*-C₂₉ is the most
190 abundant lipid on the epicuticle layer of *Rizophora sp.* (Mead et al., 2005). Therefore, mangrove
191 forests can be inferred as the main source of *n*-alkanes to the local sediments, confirmed by similar
192 distributions reported in pristine mangroves (Resmi et al., 2016). As a result, the anthropic
193 influence is not evident in the *n*-alkanes distribution. The concentrations of *n*-alkanes found in
194 Paranaguá Bay mangroves compared to levels found in previous studies in the Paranaguá Bay
195 bottom sediments and several locations of the world are presented as supplementary material.

196 Total aliphatic hydrocarbons (Σ AHs) in unpolluted sediments are expected to be lower
197 than 10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (Volkman et al., 1992; Readman et al., 2002). In T1 site, 100% of sediment samples
198 had concentrations higher than this threshold while in T2 only 20% of the samples were above this
199 level. This parameter cannot be directly related to human impact in the study area due to the
200 intensive biogenic input, mainly from mangrove trees. High levels ($> 100 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) of total aliphatic
201 hydrocarbons have indeed been attributed to natural sources (Volkman et al., 1992; Oliveira and
202 Madureira, 2011). However, the total aliphatic hydrocarbons are not a conclusive source indicator
203 of hydrocarbons and complimentary parameters are required.

204 Diagnostic ratios based on the hydrocarbon concentrations are widely used to assess the
205 contribution of different sources of OM as well as degradation processes (Medeiros and Bicego,
206 2004; Massone et al., 2013; Martins et al., 2015). The CPI₂₅₋₃₅ (carbon preference index) for odd-
207 to-even *n*-alkanes with high molecular weight can sign plant wax contribution (CPI > 1.0, typically
208 4.0 – 6.0) or fossil fuel contamination (CPI < 1.0) (Aboul-Kassim and Simoneit, 1996; Wang et
209 al., 2009; Abreu-Mota et al., 2014). CPI values in both transects (4.94 – 10.5) reflect the
210 predominance of terrigenous OM source of long-chain *n*-alkanes over petroleum contamination.

211 In order to further examine the terrigenous contribution, the TAR (terrigenous-to-aquatic
212 ratio) can be applied $[(n-C_{27} + n-C_{29} + n-C_{31}) / (n-C_{15} + n-C_{17} + n-C_{19})]$ with values above 1.0 being
213 diagnostic of terrigenous material (Silliman et al., 1996; Vaezzadeh et al., 2015). In this study,
214 TAR values ranged between 4.45 and 54.7, with average values increasing progressively from the
215 lower mudflat to the upper mangrove, showing the increasing contribution of terrigenous
216 hydrocarbons (Fig. S4).

217 Overall, the high natural levels of *n*-alkanes observed in the salt marshes and mangroves
218 may be superimposed on the anthropic inputs of hydrocarbons to the sediments. Therefore,
219 additional parameters such as PAHs and petroleum biomarkers could provide key information to
220 the environmental assessment and must be included in these studies.

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222 2.3.2.2. *Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons*

223 The concentration of total PAHs (Σ PAHs) (mean \pm standard deviation) were about three
224 times higher in T1 than in T2 (Table 1, Fig. 3c). The concentrations of PAHs found in Paranaguá
225 Bay mangroves compared to levels found in previous studies in the Paranaguá Bay bottom
226 sediments and several locations of the world are presented as supplementary material.

227 Despite the low levels of PAHs, the semi-pristine T2 site presented signs of a recent
228 contribution of petroleum hydrocarbons, with alkylated PAHs showing levels close to T1. The
229 PAHs (4-6 rings) were prevalent in T1 that can be preliminary assigned to pyrogenic sources and
230 pyrene presented the highest level of an individual compound in this site.

231 Perylene, a diagenetic-related PAH, was detected in higher concentrations if compared to
232 other individual PAH in the majority of sediments analyzed, representing 50-100% of the 5-ring
233 PAHs in T2 and 24-52% in T1. Perylene represented the most abundant PAH in the T2 sample,
234 and the lower predominance of this compound in the T1 can be linked to the relatively higher
235 contribution of the other anthropogenic PAHs.

236 The PAH isomer pair ratios (Yunker et al., 2002) calculated for the sediment samples are
237 shown in Fig. S5, and the results indicate the predominance of PAHs from combustion processes
238 as the main source of PAHs in both transects. Despite this general trend, samples in the control
239 site showed a tendency towards the range of petrogenic sources (Fig. S5b). However, the majority
240 of the PAHs ratios in both sites remained in the petroleum or biomass combustion range (Fig. S5a,
241 c and d). Similar results were verified in Shantou wetlands, China, where pyrolytic PAHs were
242 also prevalent in an impacted environment (Cao et al., 2009).

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244 2.3.2.3. *Petroleum biomarkers*

245 The concentrations of petroleum biomarkers are presented in Table 1. Hopanes were
246 predominant, followed by terpanes and steranes, the latter two having similar concentrations (Fig.
247 3d). The concentrations of PAHs found in Paranaguá Bay mangroves compared to levels found in
248 previous studies in several locations of the world are presented as supplementary material.

249 Total hopanes (Σ Hopanes) concentrations were on average five-fold higher in T1
250 compared to T2. The C₃₀-17 α (H),21 β (H)-hopane was the predominant hopane in the T1 while the

251 C₃₁-17 α (H),21 β (H)-hopane (22R) was dominant in the T2 transect (Fig. S6a). Both hopanes are
252 characteristically sourced from crude oil, with the thermodynamically stable 17 α (H),21 β (H)
253 configuration (Peters et al., 2005). However, 17 α ,21 β (H)-homohopane (22R) can be quickly
254 formed through diagenetic processes in acidic environments (Inglis et al., 2018). So, the diagenetic
255 formation of this compound in the sediments may be suggested as an additional source of this
256 specific compound to the T2.

257 Furthermore, extended hopanes (C₃₁-C₃₅ S and R homohopanes) found in the T1 samples
258 are also unequivocal indications of petrogenic contamination of marine sediments (Babcock-
259 Adams et al., 2017). These typical doublets of extended hopanes found in crude oil are not apparent
260 in the T2 chromatograms, but present other biological hopanes such as C₃₀-17 β ,21 β -hopane (Silva
261 and Bicego, 2010). The presence of biogenic compounds in the m/z 191 and 217 fragmentograms
262 in sediment samples with recent OM inputs have been reported (e.g. Meniconi and Barbanti, 2007)
263 and high peaks observed in the T2 site may be linked to ‘fresh’ bacterial contribution in the m/z
264 191 related to hopanes (such as diploptene) (Bieger et al., 1996; Le Dréau et al., 1997; Tolosa et
265 al., 2009) or other biologically-produced hopanes derived from polyhydroxyhopanoids of bacterial
266 origin that are ubiquitous in immature sediments (Volkman, 2005). Also, mangrove sediments can
267 have multiple triterpenoid compounds from high-plants (He et al., 2018) and many biogenic
268 compounds have m/z 191 fragments such as unsaturated hopanes, lupenes, oleanenes (Simoneit,
269 1996; Shiojima et al., 1992).

270 Terpanes were prominent in T2, as expressed by higher values of diagnostic ratios (iv) and
271 (v) (Table 2). It can be attributed to the fuel used by small boats and ships around Paranaguá Bay
272 since these compounds are common in diesel fuel and in lubricating oils (Simoneit, 2005). The
273 occurrence of an UCM related to medium-carbon chain length (C₁₅ – C₂₅) is also characteristic of

274 this oil source. The T2 site presented terpanes that are less resistant to environmental degradation
275 than pentacyclic terpanes (Bieger et al., 1996), suggesting a more recent (or less degraded) input
276 of hydrocarbons.

277 Total steranes (Σ Steranes) concentrations were on average six-fold higher in T1 than in
278 T2, with levels similar to locations under chronic pollution, such as the Gulf of Mexico sediments
279 before the Deepwater Horizon accident (Babcock-Adams et al., 2017). The most abundant
280 compounds were stigmastanes (C_{29}) (24-ethyl- $5\alpha,14\alpha,17\alpha$ -cholestane 20S and 20R; and 24-ethyl-
281 $5\alpha,14\beta,17\beta$ -cholestane 20S and 20R) indicating mainly terrigenous matured OM (Fig. S6b). The
282 $C_{29}\text{-}\alpha\alpha\alpha/C_{29}\text{-}\alpha\beta\beta$ ratio values for site T1 were around 1.0, typical of mature sedimentary OM
283 (Volkman et al., 1997). At the T2 site, only four compounds were detected, limiting the use of
284 diagnostic ratios. Steranes have relatively poor chromatographic resolution in one-dimensional gas
285 chromatography due to the variety of homologous series and stereoisomers (Araújo and Azevedo,
286 2016). In spite of these limitations, total steranes could provide qualitative information about
287 petroleum hydrocarbon inputs and are a reliable specific molecular marker to the study area since
288 no expected biogenic inputs of matured OM with m/z 218 and specific $5\alpha,14\beta,17\beta$ configuration
289 from matured hydrocarbons was presented (Wang et al., 2007).

290 According to Bayona and Albaiges (2006) and references therein, the sterane 20S/S + R
291 epimeric ratio (e.g. ratio (x), Table 2) are indicators of primary maturity and they usually reach the
292 thermodynamic equilibrium values in mature crude oils. While studying oil spills fingerprint, these
293 ratios would be of limited interest because all oils would present similar values, resulting in no
294 differentiation from one potential source to another. However, these ratios can provide signals of
295 the extension of oil biodegradation in environmental conditions, since the biological isomer 20R
296 is removed faster than 20S compounds; the same tendency occur with $14\alpha(H),17\alpha(H)$ isomers in

297 relation to the 14 β (H),17 β (H). In the T2 sites, the main compound has ‘ $\alpha\alpha\alpha$ R’ configuration,
298 considered as the more degradable sterane, and in the T1 site, the prevailing components were
299 ‘ $\alpha\beta\beta$ R’ (9 samples) and ‘ $\alpha\alpha\alpha$ S’ (6 samples), considered to be the more resistant steranes (Chosson
300 et al., 1992).

301 Furthermore, the calculated ratios for C₂₉ steranes isomers shows higher values of C₂₉ $\alpha\alpha\alpha$
302 (S/S + R) and lower values for the C₂₉ $\alpha\beta\beta/(\alpha\beta\beta+\alpha\alpha\alpha)$ (ratios (vii) and (viii), Table 2) in T1 sites.
303 These differences can be a reflex of a decrease in $\alpha\alpha\alpha$ and R isomers, expected to be preferentially
304 attacked by microbial degradation (Bayona and Albaiges, 2006). Additionally, the carbon number
305 also affects the degradation rate of steranes (C₂₇ > C₂₈ > C₂₉); so, the absence of C₂₇ and C₂₈
306 isomers may be a signal of preferential degradation by the local microbiota (Bayona and Albaiges,
307 2006).

308 Petroleum biomarkers diagnostic ratios are often used in petroleum geochemistry and
309 forensic studies of oils spills (Peters et al., 2005; Wang et al., 2009). In contrast, where
310 contamination sources are considered to be diffuse, it is a challenge to assign sources using the
311 calculated diagnostic ratios (Wagener et al., 2012; Keshavarzifard et al., 2015). In this study, most
312 of the calculated ratios for each of the sites were in different ranges, suggesting that there are
313 distinct petroleum biomarkers sources or, alternatively, hydrocarbons have suffered distinct levels
314 of weathering processes (Table 2).

315 The fundamentals of fingerprinting methods for identification of oil spills is that each oil
316 is unique in terms of petroleum biomarkers composition. However, if sources are diffuse as in the
317 case of chronic pollution the result can be a sum of many possible sources (Wagener et al., 2012).
318 Therefore, an exact match is not always possible, as observed in other chronically impacted sites
319 (Le Dréau et al., 1997; Tolosa et al., 2009) and there is no single diagnostic ratio that can be used

320 to identify the source of unknown spilled oil by itself without matching it to known oils (Wang et
321 al., 2007).

322 The weathering of oil may change the characteristics of the original input, although
323 hopanes are considered to be stable in environmental conditions and the C_{29}/C_{30} hopanes (ratio
324 (iii), Table 2) is apparently independent of weathering effects (Wang and Fingas, 1995). However,
325 incubation studies have shown that C_{30} hopanes may be degraded if environmental temperature is
326 high or around 30 °C (Frontera-Suau et al., 2002) as observed in the studied sites (Table 1). In the
327 incubation conditions used by Frontera-Suau et al. (2002) the biomarker T_m had a relatively faster
328 rate of biodegradation than its homolog T_s , resulting in higher $T_s/(T_m + T_s)$ values for heavily
329 biodegraded samples. Homohopane index was also affected by degradation with higher values
330 verified for degraded oils. A similar tendency was observed for the studied sites (ratios (i) and (x),
331 Table 2).

332 In general, tricyclic terpanes are considered to be very resistant compared to other
333 petroleum biomarkers (Head et al., 2003; Larter et al., 2012). However, some degradation may
334 occur, mostly in the lighter compounds. In the C_{23}/C_{24} tricyclic terpanes ratio (ii), Table 2), both
335 of these terpanes are biodegradable, but the degradation rate of C_{23} is higher than C_{24} , since lower
336 C_{23}/C_{24} values are observed for degraded oils (Wang and Fingas, 1995).

337 Aeppli et al. (2014) studied the biodegradation in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and
338 compiled several studies with different time scales. Some groups of petroleum biomarkers may
339 undergo biodegradation only in longer time scales (more than 5 years); so, the observed alteration
340 in petroleum biomarkers ratios in T1 and T2 sites can be a result of some years of accumulation
341 and degradation of the chronic inputs of hydrocarbons. In the case of T1, it is possible that the oil
342 may be biodegraded even before being released to the environment (inside the ships in wastewater

343 tanks), since the autochthonous microbiota consortium may possess high potential for hydrocarbon
344 degradation (Nievas et al., 2006; Chandrasekaran et al., 2011).

345 Navigation activities can be an important widespread source of petroleum biomarkers to
346 the marine coastal sediments (Volkman et al., 1992; Bieger et al., 1996). In the study area, there
347 was clear evidence of contamination from the ship traffic from Paranaguá port (T1) and small
348 touristic and fishing boats (T2). These sources of hydrocarbon contamination are coherent with
349 the distribution of petroleum biomarkers and UCM humps detected mostly in the T1 site, that are
350 similar to oil and derivatives used in the local fleet (Peters et al., 2005). Large ships that use
351 maritime oil as the main source of energy and oil lubricants and grease that contains petroleum
352 biomarkers may be an important source of hydrocarbon pollution to the coastal areas. They are
353 recognized worldwide as a relevant source of chronic oil pollution, as the result of the continuous
354 stream of smaller and larger oil spills and operational discharges of oily waste (bilge water) from
355 vessels (USNRC, 2003; Wiese and Ryan, 2003; García-Borboroglu et al., 2006). These residues
356 may contain petroleum biomarkers, as maritime fuel is the result of the highest boiling residues of
357 crude oil distillation and inherits most biomarkers. Then, the chemical fingerprint of an oily waste
358 will be a mixture of the fuels, lubricants, and solvents that are used on board (Wang et al., 2007)
359 and they are very difficult to identify individually.

360 Another expected source of hydrocarbons to the estuary is Paranaguá city, with
361 contributions from urban runoff, sewage and atmospheric deposition – that may as well contain
362 petroleum biomarkers. The lubricant oils used in the cars at coastal urban centers can leave their
363 fingerprint on coastal sediments (Zakaria et al., 2000) provided that lubricating oils largely reflect
364 the biomarker distributions in the original crude oil (Wang et al., 2007). Additionally, the

365 predominance of high molecular weight PAHs (4-6 rings) found in T1 zones can also be related to
366 urban runoff (Wang et al., 1999).

367 In contrast, T2 zones presented different PAHs, showing signs of low molecular weight
368 compounds associated to 'fresh' petrogenic sources and significative contribution of perylene, a
369 diagenetic-related PAH. Despite the fact that the studied mangrove margins are unoccupied, the
370 local traffic of boats moved by gasoline or diesel engines may contribute to low level, chronic
371 inputs of fuel, lubricant, engine wastes and soot that are released to the environment and ultimately
372 are adsorbed to the suspended material and deposited in the sediments (Bieger et al., 1996).

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374 2.3.3. Statistical analyses

375 The correlation coefficients (r) between silt+clay, TOC and hydrocarbons classes are
376 shown in Table S1. Some groups of hydrocarbons exhibited a highly significant correlation to each
377 other ($p < 0.05$, $n = 30$): \sum PAHs vs \sum PAHs (2-3 rings) and \sum PAHs (4-6 rings); \sum Hopanes vs
378 \sum Steranes. Other groups presented a significant correlation ($p < 0.10$, $n = 30$): \sum AHs_R vs TOC;
379 \sum AHs_R vs \sum *n*-alkanes; \sum PAHs (2-3 rings) vs \sum PAHs (4-6 rings); \sum PAHs (4-6 rings) vs
380 \sum Terpanes, \sum Hopanes and \sum Steranes; \sum Terpanes vs \sum Steranes.

381 The correlation between Resolved AHs and *n*-alkanes point to a predominant biogenic
382 origin to these groups, with an influence of the TOC in the distribution of these compounds. In
383 contrast, the correlation between PAHs with 4-6 rings and the petroleum biomarkers indicates the
384 influence of oil contamination in association to pyrolytic origins of PAHs, suggesting another
385 source of hydrocarbons to the sediments linked to contamination/anthropic sources.

386 The ANOVA results showed significant differences in interaction between factors for all
387 mean dependent variables analyzed (Table S2). For the fine sediments and TOC, all zones

388 followed the same pattern, except for TOC in the salt marsh zone (SM) where significantly lower
389 concentrations were found in the impacted transect (T1). Considering the aliphatic hydrocarbons,
390 PAHs and petroleum biomarkers analyzed in the five zones within the transects, all hydrocarbons
391 concentrations in the lower mudflat zone (LF) were significantly higher in T1, except for Σ Alkyl
392 PAHs which had significantly higher values detected in T2. In the upper mudflat zone (UF),
393 Σ PAHs, Σ Alkyl PAHs, Σ PAHs (4-6 rings), Σ Terpanes, Σ Hopanes and Σ Steranes showed
394 significantly higher concentrations in T1. However, for Σ PAHs (2-3 rings) the differences were
395 not significant between the two transects. In salt marshes zone (SM) the differences were not
396 significant for Σ PAHs, Σ PAHs (2-3 rings), Σ PAHs (4-6 rings) and Σ Terpanes. For Σ n-alkanes
397 and Σ Alkyl PAHs significantly lower means were found in T1 and for Σ PAHs, Σ PAHs (2-3rings)
398 and Σ Terpanes the differences were not significant between transects. Significantly higher means
399 were found for Σ Hopanes and Σ Steranes in T1. In the lower mangrove zone (LM), significantly
400 lower concentrations were observed in T1 for Σ n-alkanes but the differences were not significant
401 for Σ Alkyl PAHs; and the means were significantly higher in T1 for all the other hydrocarbon
402 groups. In the upper mangrove zone (UM) the significantly higher for Σ PAHs, Σ PAHs (2-3rings),
403 Σ PAHs (4-6rings), Σ Terpanes, Σ Hopanes and Σ Steranes in T1. No significant differences were
404 observed for Σ n-alkanes and Σ Alkyl PAHs. In general, the results evidenced a higher impact in
405 T1 in most zones, mainly for Σ Hopanes and Σ Steranes since all zones from this transect were
406 significantly different when compared to T2.

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408 *2.3.4. Hydrocarbon distribution along transects*

409 In general, the concentration of different classes of hydrocarbons increased as immersion
410 time decreased, despite within-transect differences (Fig. 4). However, as a similar trend for both

411 sites, aliphatic hydrocarbons presented higher levels of total aliphatic hydrocarbons in the lower
412 mangrove (LM), with a noticeable UCM contribution. The lower mudflat zone (LF) also presented
413 a high UCM but the lowest hydrocarbons concentrations were always observed in the upper
414 mudflat (UF) (Fig. 4c and 4d).

415 PAHs distribution along the transect also increased with decreasing time of immersion (Fig.
416 4d and 4e). A similar distribution was reported by Cao et al. (2009) in the human-impacted Shantou
417 wetlands, China. However, there were exceptions to this general distribution trend, as the in lower
418 mudflat (LF) in T1 and the salt marsh (SM) in T2. The PAHs distribution trends were similar to
419 the TOC and fine grain size (Fig. 4a and 4b). Salt marsh (SM) presented the highest levels of PAHs
420 in T2 with an important contribution of alkyl PAHs. Conversely, in T1 the upper mangrove (UM)
421 was the most impacted environment but the lower mudflat (LF) also showed high PAHs
422 concentrations.

423 The distribution of petroleum biomarkers along the transect was similar to the distribution
424 of PAHs, with concentrations increasing towards the land (Fig. 4g and 4h). Exceptions to this trend
425 were seen for the lower mudflat (LF) in T1 and salt marsh (SM) in T2, both with relatively higher
426 levels of petroleum biomarkers.

427 Overall, hydrocarbon levels tend to increase as flooding time decreases. This might be a
428 result of the remobilization of compounds by the water preventing the accumulation of OM in the
429 zones more exposed to wave energy, such as the upper mudflat. In contrast, more protected zones
430 such as the salt marsh and mangrove seem to possess a higher capacity of accumulation of chronic
431 inputs of hydrocarbons. This is a matter of concern, since these environments may be subjected to
432 pollution even in remote areas, considered to be away from the major expected sources of

433 hydrocarbons. These environments should be treated as preferential places for environmental
434 monitoring of hydrophobic compounds, including hydrocarbons.

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436 **2.4. Conclusions**

437 This was the first study focusing on the petroleum biomarkers at Paranaguá Bay
438 mangroves, an important subtropical environment in South Hemisphere. Hydrocarbon levels
439 varied along the transects (mudflat, salt marsh and mangrove) in accordance to the organic carbon
440 and fine sediments content. Differences between sites (control *vs* impacted) were not evidenced
441 by *n*-alkanes levels which had a predominant biogenic input. In contrast, PAHs and petroleum
442 biomarkers revealed the contribution from anthropic sources with concentrations at least three
443 times higher in the impacted site than in the semi-pristine site. Petrogenic inputs could be assigned
444 by the presence of alkyl PAHs and petroleum biomarkers, while combustion sources were
445 evidenced by high molecular weight PAHs.

446 Petroleum biomarkers are a reliable tool to assess petroleum inputs to subtropical
447 mangroves being able to reveal preferential sites of deposition and assign different levels of
448 chronic oil contamination (particularly the hopanes, that were found in relatively higher
449 concentrations). Despite the high background levels of natural hydrocarbons from biogenic source
450 (both normal and cyclic hydrocarbons), the anthropic inputs could be clearly assigned. Petroleum
451 biomarkers provided evidences that the deposition of hydrocarbons is different for each zone along
452 the terrestrial-aquatic gradient and salt marshes and mangroves are the preferential environments
453 for the accumulation of hydrocarbons. As such, monitoring for oil pollution must be considered as
454 a priority in areas subjected to chronic contamination.

455 The recalcitrance and source-specificity of these compounds are the main characteristics
456 that provide high reliability for the assessment of chronic petroleum pollution to coastal sediments.
457 Although diagnostic ratios of petroleum biomarkers could not be linked unequivocally to any
458 specific type of oil, the calculated values for T1 and T2 sites provided information about two
459 possible different sources of hydrocarbons and/or different levels of degradation. This
460 methodology will be applied to further investigations in the study area and can also be extended
461 to other salt marshes and mangrove swamps to provide a reliable assessment of these ecosystems.

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Figures

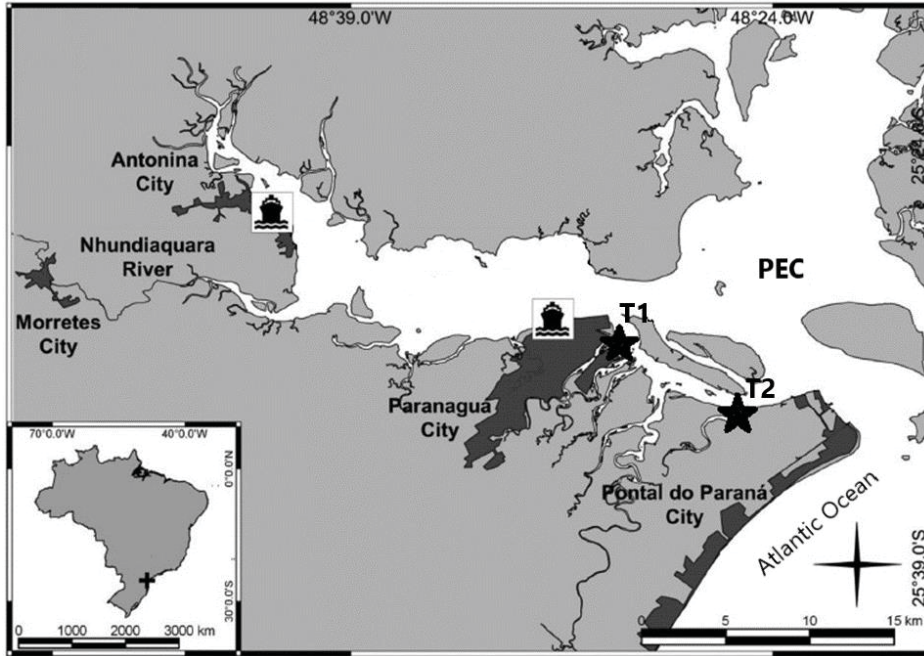


Fig. 1. Paranaguá Bay with T1 and T2 sampling sites (black stars).

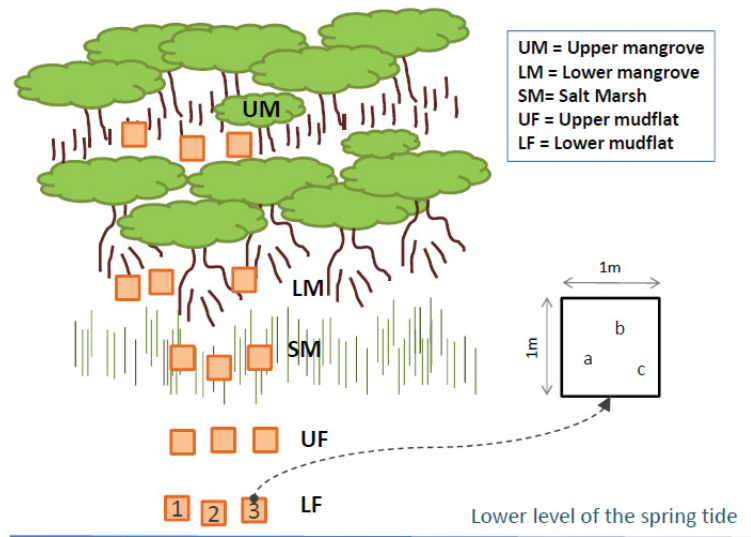


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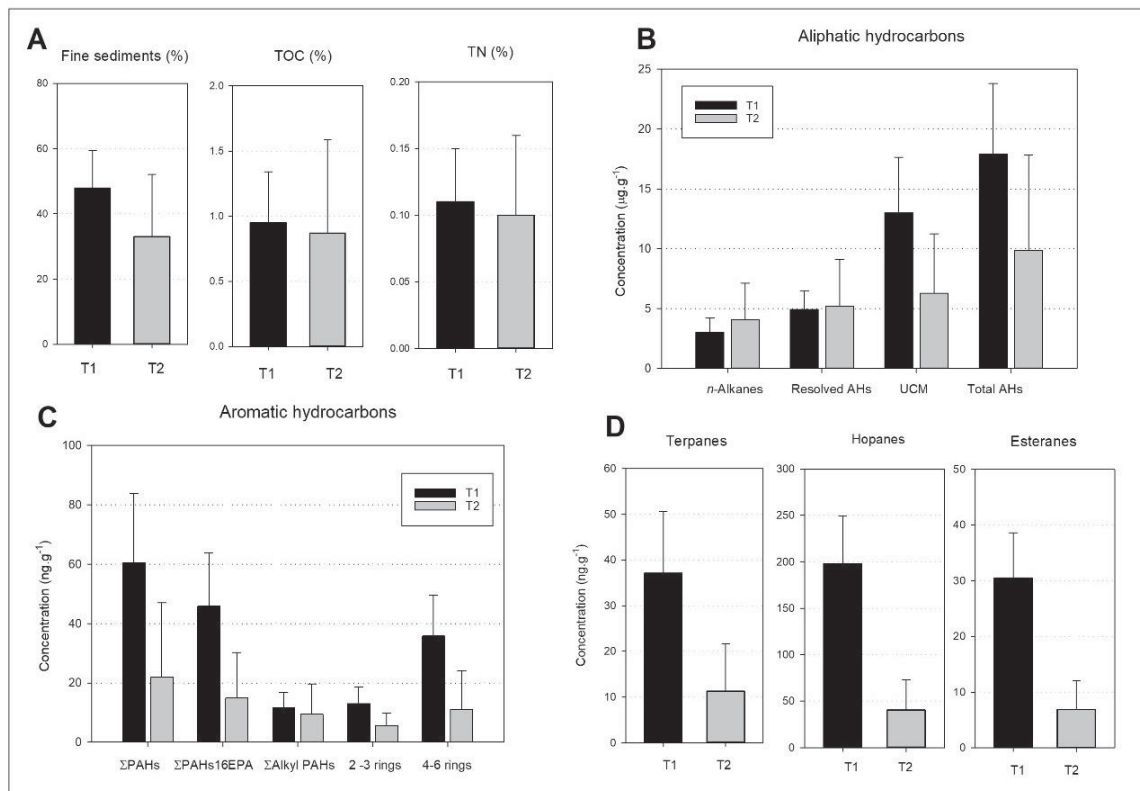


Fig. 3. Average results for control vs impacted site: bulk results (A); aliphatic hydrocarbons (B); polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (C), and; petroleum biomarkers (D) (error bars = standard deviation).

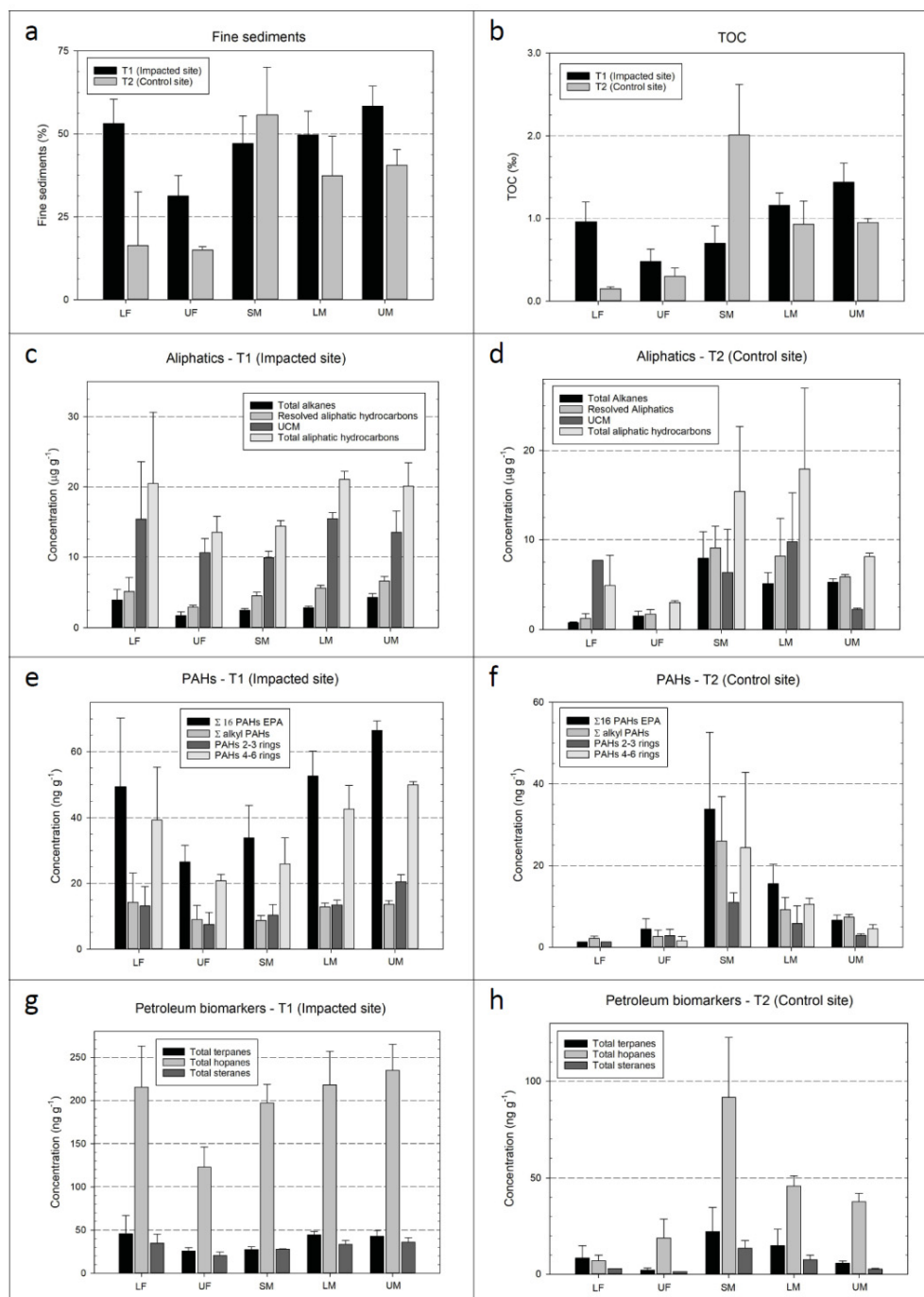


Fig. 4. Average results for groups of hydrocarbons along the transects. LF - lower mudflat; UF - upper mudflat; S - salt marsh; LM - lower mangrove, and; UM - upper mangrove.

Tables

Table 1. Summary of the results for field/bulk parameters and hydrocarbon concentrations. SD: standard deviation; <DL: below detection limit.

Parameters	Impacted (T1)		Control (T2)		
	Min – Max	Mean (\pm SD)	Min – Max	Mean (\pm SD)	
Field parameters	Temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)	28.5 – 31.3	30.1 \pm 1.0	25.9 – 27.5	26.8 \pm 0.6
	pH	6.1 – 6.6	6.3 \pm 0.1	4.8 – 6.2	5.5 \pm 0.4
	Eh (mV)	-178.0 – 50.0	-81.6 \pm 64.0	-310.0 – 117.0	-7.1 \pm 96.5
Bulk parameters	Fine sediment (% silt+clay)	23.7 – 67.0	47.9 \pm 11.6	4.3 – 66.6	33.0 \pm 19.1
	TOC (%)	0.37 – 1.76	0.95 \pm 0.39	0.13 – 2.71	0.87 \pm 0.72
	$\delta^{13}\text{C}/\delta^{12}\text{C}$	-26.0 – -23.4	-25.1 \pm 0.7	-26.5 – -24.4	-25.6 \pm 0.6
	TN (%)	0.06 – 0.20	0.11 \pm 0.4	n.d. – 0.24	0.10 \pm 0.06
Aliphatic hydrocarbons ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$)	Σn -alkanes	1.29 – 6.00	3.03 \pm 1.20	0.64 – 11.9	4.11 \pm 3.02
	ΣAHs_R	2.55 – 7.91	4.93 \pm 1.57	0.69 – 14.2	5.21 \pm 3.91
	UCM	7.28 – 26.6	13.0 \pm 4.66	2.13 – 15.2	6.28 \pm 4.98
	ΣAHs	10.8 – 34.5	17.9 \pm 5.90	2.27 – 29.4	9.86 \pm 7.97
Aromatic hydrocarbons (ng g^{-1})	ΣPAHs	27.4 – 109.8	60.4 \pm 23.3	0.64 – 95.8	22.0 \pm 25.0
	$\Sigma 16$ PAHs EPA	21.1 – 78.6	45.8 \pm 18.0	<DL – 59.8	14.9 \pm 15.4
	Σ Alkyl PAHs	4.69 – 26.9	11.7 \pm 5.12	0.64 – 33.8	9.48 \pm 10.1
	ΣPAHs (2-3rings)	4.63 – 22.3	13.0 \pm 5.67	<DL – 13.1	5.51 \pm 4.28
	ΣPAHs (4-6rings)	18.1 – 61.4	35.7 \pm 13.8	<DL – 49.1	11.0 \pm 13.1
Petroleum biomarkers (ng g^{-1})	Total Terpanes	21.8 – 75.3	37.1 \pm 13.5	<DL – 39.6	11.3 \pm 10.4
	Total Hopanes	103.4 – 282.3	197.7 \pm 51.8	3.69 – 133.3	40.2 \pm 32.7
	Total Steranes	15.9 – 48.6	30.4 \pm 8.17	1.41 – 18.7	6.89 \pm 5.19

Table 2. Ranges for petroleum biomarkers ratios in the sampling sites of Paranaguá Bay.

Code	Diagnostic ratio	Impacted (T1)	Control (T2)	Expected effect of biodegradation	References
i	Ts/(Ts+Tm)	0.77 – 0.83	0.58 – 0.67	↑	Wang and Fingas (1995); Munoz et al. (1997); Frontera-Suau et al. (2002)
ii	C ₂₃ /C ₂₄ tricyclic	1.66 – 1.88	1.46 – 2.32	↓	Wang and Fingas (1995)
iii	C ₂₉ /C ₃₀ hopane	0.57 – 0.92	0.74 – 1.10	↓	Frontera-Suau et al. (2002)
iv	C ₃₁ -C ₃₅ α,β S/(S+R)	0.51 – 0.56	0.28 – 0.53	↑	Munoz et al. (1997), Bost et al. (2001)
v	C ₃₀ -β,α/(C ₃₀ -β,α + C ₃₀ -α,β)	0.16 – 0.23	0.23 – 0.50	-	
vi	C ₃₁ -22S/(C ₃₁ -22S + C ₃₁ -22R)	0.45 – 0.51	0.29 – 0.34	↑	Munoz et al. (1997)
vii	C ₂₉ ααα (S/S + R)	0.66 – 1.00	0.30 – 0.41	↑	Bayona and Albaiges (2006)
viii	C ₂₉ αββ/(αββ+ααα)	0.48 – 0.64	0.31 – 0.47	↑	Bayona and Albaiges (2006)
ix	ΣC ₃₁ -C ₃₅ /C ₃₀	1.56 – 2.07	2.00 – 3.54	↓	Aeppli et al. (2014); Wang et al. (2001)
x	Homopane index	3.06 – 7.81	0.00 – 5.12	↑	Frontera-Suau et al. (2002)

Appendix A. Supplementary data

Material and Methods

1. Bulk parameters

Approximately 6-8 mg of dry sediment was decarbonated with HCl solution (1 mol L⁻¹) (Costa *et al.*, 2016) and total nitrogen was determined in the same amount of bulk sediment (Ryba and Burgess, 2002). Standards (USGS-40, glutamic acid, United States Geological Survey, and IAEA-600, caffeine, International Atomic Energy Agency) were determined before each bath of 40 samples to verify the analytical accuracy. The standard deviation for the calibration of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ was equal to 0.01% (USGS-40) and 0.03% (IAEA-600). The standard used for determination of carbon and nitrogen contents was Soil LECO (LECO Corporation, USA) (estimated levels of 13.6% and 0.81%, respectively).

2. Instrumental analyses and quality assurance procedures

Hydrocarbons analysis was performed with a gas chromatograph (Agilent Model 7890A) coupled to a mass spectrometer (Agilent 5973N inert MSD with Triple-Axis Detector) using a fused silica capillary column coated with 5% diphenyl/dimethyl siloxane (30 m, 0.25 mm internal diameter, 0.25 μm film thickness). A 2 μL aliquot of each extract (fraction 1 and 2) was injected in splitless mode with the injector temperature at 280°C. Oven temperature ramp was programmed from 40 to 60°C at 20 °C min⁻¹, then to 290 °C at 5 °C min⁻¹, and finally to 300 °C at 6 °C min⁻¹, with a final hold for 20 min. The interface with the detector was conditioned at 300 °C and the ion source at 230 °C. Data acquisition was performed in selected ion monitoring (SIM) mode (Table S3).

Individual *n*-alkanes and PAHs were identified by matching their retention times and ion mass fragments (*m/z*) with those from standard mixtures (*n*-C₁₂ to *n*-C₃₉, DRH-008S-R2 and Z-014G-FL respectively, both from AccuStandard). The calibration range used in the quantification were 0.25 to 15.0 and 0.10 to 2.00 ng μL^{-1} respectively. Petroleum biomarkers were quantified based on response factor of 17 α (H),21 β (H)-Hopane-C₃₀- $\alpha\beta$ and 5 α -cholestane-C₂₇- $\alpha\alpha\alpha$ -20R, both from Chiron, with concentrations range from 0.10 to 2.00 ng μL^{-1} , and identified by their ion mass fragments compared to *m/z* chromatograms obtained in the literature (Wang et al., 2009; Tolosa et al., 2009; Yang et al., 2011) and from injected oil samples (commercial Arab Light, MF 380 and Marlim Blend). Total aliphatic hydrocarbons were determined by the total area of the chromatogram of the aliphatic fraction. Unresolved Complex Mixture (UCM) was calculated by the total aliphatic hydrocarbons minus the area of the unidentified peaks in the aliphatic fraction (resolved aliphatic hydrocarbons) and the *n*-alkanes, pristane and phytane peaks.

Quality assurance procedures included analyses of procedural blanks, matrix spikes, precision tests and certified reference material (Wade and Cantillo, 1994). Blanks were performed for each extraction batch of 11 samples and did not show interference with the analyses of the target compounds. Mean standard recoveries for the spiked sediments were $60 \pm 8\%$ for 1-hexadecene, $83 \pm 10\%$ for 1-eicosene, $40 \pm 9\%$ for naphthalene-d₈, $60 \pm 10\%$ for acenaphthene-d₁₀, $83 \pm 15\%$ for phenanthrene-d₁₀, $86 \pm 11\%$ for chrysene-d₁₂, $84 \pm 13\%$ for perylene-d₁₂ and $80 \pm 13\%$ for 5 α -cholestane-d₄.

The detection limit (DL) and repeatability were obtained by analyzing the samples spiked with known concentration of standards (Table S4). The DL was determined by the addition of known standards in concentrations 10 times lower than expected for the samples and was considered as the highest value obtained in comparison to the instrumental detection limit (IDL)

of $0.001 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for individual *n*-alkanes and 0.50 ng g^{-1} for PAHs and petroleum biomarkers. Precision for aliphatic hydrocarbons was 90% within the target ($< 15\%$ of the average values), while 100% of the PAHs and petroleum biomarkers attended this threshold. Additionally, target hydrocarbon concentrations in the sediment reference material (IAEA-417; International Atomic Energy Agency) were satisfactory, with recoveries in agreement to $\pm 35\%$ within the certified values.

Results and Discussion

1. Levels of hydrocarbons compared to other locations

The concentrations of *n*-alkanes found in Paranaguá Bay mangroves showed similar or slightly higher concentrations when compared to previous studies in the Paranaguá Bay bottom sediments ($0.28 - 8.19 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Martins et al., 2012; $0.01 - 1.23 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Abreu-Mota et al., 2014); $< \text{DL} - 3.45 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Bet et al., 2015; $6.04 - 12.98 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Martins et al., 2015). When compared to other mangrove forests, the *n*-alkanes levels in the Paranaguá bay sediments are lower or similar to pristine places such as Camamu Bay, Brazil ($0.8 - 55.2 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Paixão et al., 2011), Itaparica, Brazil ($0.1 - 5.7 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Santos et al., 2013), Pichavaram, India ($0.0 - 9.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Ranjan et al., 2015) and Kerala, India ($10.3 - 221.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Resmi et al., 2016). Impacted mangroves located in Santa Catarina State, Brazil presented similar levels of *n*-alkanes ($0.53 - 18.14 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Oliveira and Madureira, 2011; $4.2 - 55.6 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Assunção et al., 2017). However, most of the impacted mangroves presented higher *n*-alkanes levels, as those reported for Guanabara Bay, Brazil ($3 - 318 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Farias et al., 2008); the Strait of Malacca, Malaysia ($28.0 - 254.5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Vaezzadeh et al., 2015) and the Caribbean ($0.7 - 382.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Bernard et al., 1996).

Considering the sixteen priority PAHs listed by USEPA ($\Sigma 16\text{PAHs}$ EPA), previous studies in the Paranaguá Bay bottom sediments showed similar levels of PAHs ($3.85 - 89.2 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Martins et al., 2012; $<DL - 57.2 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Abreu-Mota et al., 2014; $0.6 - 63.8 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Cardoso et al., 2016) and in areas near Paranaguá Port the levels were 10 times higher ($15 - 812 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Martins et al., 2015). Also, the concentrations were low if compared to impacted mangroves such as Guanabara Bay, Brazil ($10 - 240,394 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Farias et al., 2008; $4,400 - 1,387,000 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Fontana et al., 2012); Florianópolis, South Brazil ($25.9 - 434.2 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Assunção et al., 2017); Fortaleza, Brazil ($3,040 - 2,234,760 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Cavalcante et al., 2009); Guadeloupe Island, the Caribbean ($103 - 1,657 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Bernard et al., 1996); Puerto Rico coast ($500 - 58,800 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Klekowski et al., 1994) and Shantou wetlands, China ($57 - 238 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, Cao et al., 2009).

Concentrations found in Paranaguá Bay mangrove sediments were 1-2 orders of magnitude lower than those reported for highly impacted Brazilian coastal mangrove areas, such as Guanabara Bay (up to $64,68 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Farias et al., 2008); São Sebastião Channel ($<LD - 2.20 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Silva and Bicego, 2010) and Santos Bay ($0.05 - 2.56 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Medeiros and Bicego, 2004) and also the Athabasca River, Canada ($0.22 - 30.00 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Wang et al., 2014). Concentrations were similar to those reported for the human impacted area of Pearl River Delta, China ($0.01 - 0.40 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Yang et al., 2011) and the pristine Hecate Strait, Canada ($0.01 - 0.06 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Yunker et al., 2014), where natural background prevails.

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Table S1. Spearman correlation coefficients correlating hydrocarbons classes, grain size (% silt+clay) and TOC in the sediments collected in Paranaguá Bay. Bold values mean significant correlation at the 95% level ($p < 0.05$) and underlined values mean significant correlations at the 90% level ($p < 0.10$)

	% silt+clay	TOC	Σn -alkanes	Σ AHs_R	Σ AHs	Σ PAHs	Σ Alkyl PAHs	Σ PAHs (2-3rings)	Σ PAHs (4-6rings)	Σ Terpanes	Σ Hopanes	Σ Steranes
% silt+clay	x											
TOC	0.67	x										
Σn -alkanes	0.57	0.86	x									
Σ AHs_R	0.57	<u>0.93</u>	<u>0.94</u>	x								
Σ AHs	0.47	0.66	0.46	0.66	x							
Σ PAHs	0.74	0.78	0.53	0.66	0.83	x						
Σ Alkyl PAHs	0.66	0.88	0.71	0.79	0.73	0.89	x					
Σ PAHs (2-3rings)	0.62	0.75	0.48	0.63	0.79	0.95	0.85	x				
Σ PAHs (4-6rings)	0.71	0.67	0.42	0.54	0.83	0.97	0.79	<u>0.92</u>	x			
Σ Terpanes	0.61	0.57	0.30	0.48	0.86	0.88	0.67	0.84	<u>0.92</u>	x		
Σ Hopanes	0.69	0.57	0.34	0.49	0.76	0.90	0.70	0.89	<u>0.93</u>	0.88	x	
Σ Steranes	0.65	0.55	0.29	0.47	0.81	0.88	0.68	0.88	<u>0.92</u>	<u>0.94</u>	0.97	x

Table S2: Summary of analysis of variance (n = 3 replicate per zone) for mean of main parameters. For SNK pair-wise a posteriori comparison: LF = Lower Mudflat, UF = Upper Mudflat, SM = Salt Marsh, LM = Lower Mangrove, UP = Upper Mangrove. “>” indicates p < 0.05 and “=” indicates p > 0.05. Significant terms of interest ($\alpha = 0.05$) are highlighted in bold.

Data transformed to $\ln(x + 1)$ before analysis

Source	df	% of fine sediments		TOC		Σ n-alkanes	
		MS	F	MS	F	MS	F
Transect = Tr	1	1672.68	12.65**	0.08	3.02	0.06	1.18
Zone = Zn	4	816.11	6.17**	0.41	15.73* **	0.84	16.46** *
Tr x Zn	4	394.32	2.98*	0.28	10.76* **	0.72	14.07** *
Residual	20	132.21		0.03		0.05	
SNK tests		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 = T2 SM: T1 = T2; LM: T1 = T2 UP: T1 = T2		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 = T2 SM: T1 < T2; LM: T1 = T2 UP: T1 = T2		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 = T2 SM: T1 < T2; LM: T1 < T2 UP: T1 = T2	
Source	df	Σ PAHs		Σ Alkyl PAHs		Σ PAHs (2-3 rings)	
		MS	F	MS	F	MS	F
Transect = Tr	1	25.81	115.68* **	1.81	10.44* *	551.69	39.28** *
Zone = Zn	4	2.65	11.89** *	1.13	6.54**	50.39	3.59*
Tr x Zn	4	2.46	11.01** *	1.20	6.93**	73.02	5.20**
Residual	20	0.22		0.17		14.04	
SNK tests		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 > T2 SM: T1 = T2; LM: T1 > T2 UP: T1 > T2		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 < T2; UF: T1 > T2 SM: T1 < T2; LM: T1 = T2 UP: T1 = T2		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 = T2 SM: T1 = T2; LM: T1 > T2 UP: T1 > T2	
Source	df	Σ PAHs (4-6 rings)		Σ Terpanes		Σ Hopanes	
		MS	F	MS	F	MS	F
Transect = Tr	1	5724.2	53.39** *	17.69	76.68* **	185990	182.57* **
Zone = Zn	4	279.3	2.60	1.44	6.24**	5242	5.15**
Tr x Zn	4	452.8	4.22*	1.03	4.48**	3734	3.66*
Residual	20	107.2		0.23		1019	
SNK tests		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 > T2 SM: T1 = T2; LM: T1 > T2 UP: T1 > T2		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 > T2 SM: T1 = T2; LM: T1 > T2 UP: T1 > T2		Among levels of Tr, within Zn LF: T1 > T2; UF: T1 > T2 SM: T1 > T2; LM: T1 > T2 UP: T1 > T2	
Source	df	Σ Steranes					
		MS	F				
Transect = Tr	1	31.18	247.21* **				
Zone = Zn	4	1.80	14.26** *				

Table S3: List of monitored ions (m/z) for the hydrocarbons analyses by gas chromatography coupled to mass spectrometer

Classes of hydrocarbons	Monitored Ions (m/z)	Compounds
<i>N</i> -alkanes and linear isoprenoids	83	<i>n</i> -C ₁₂ to <i>n</i> -C ₃₉ , pristane and phytane
Petroleum biomarkers	191	terpanes
	191	hopanes
	217/218	steranes
PAHs	128/127	naphthalene
	142/141	C ₁ -naphthalene
	156/141	C ₂ -naphthalene
	152/153	acenaphthylene
	153/154	acenaphthene
	170/155	C ₃ -naphthalene
	166/165	fluorene
	178/179	phenanthrene
	178/179	anthracene
	192/191	C ₁ -phenanthrene
	202/200	fluoranthrene
	202/200	pyrene
	228/226	benzo(<i>a</i>)anthracene
	228/226	crysene
	252/253	benzo(<i>b+j+k</i>)fluoranthrene
	252/253	benzo(<i>e+a</i>)pyrene
	252/253	perylene
	276/138	indeno(1,2,3- <i>c,d</i>)pyrene
	276/138	benzo(<i>g,h,i</i>)perylene
279/139	dibenz(<i>a,h</i>)anthracene	

Table S4: List of individual compounds and detection limits (DL)

<i>N</i> -alkanes, pristane, phytane	DL	Aromatic hydrocarbons	DL
<i>n</i> -C ₁₂	0.004	PAHs (2-3 rings)	
<i>n</i> -C ₁₃	0.002	naphthalene	0.67
<i>n</i> -C ₁₄	0.002	acenaphthylene	1.79
<i>n</i> -C ₁₅	0.016	acenaphthene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₁₆	0.005	fluorene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₁₇	0.009	phenanthrene	0.82
<i>n</i> -C ₁₈	0.004	anthracene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₁₉	0.008	PAHs (4-6 rings)	
<i>n</i> -C ₂₀	0.012	fluoranthene	1.44
<i>n</i> -C ₂₁	0.005	pyrene	1.92
<i>n</i> -C ₂₂	0.006	benzo[a]anthracene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₂₃	0.005	chrysene	0.52
<i>n</i> -C ₂₄	0.009	benzo[b]fluoranthene	1.02
<i>n</i> -C ₂₅	0.019	benzo[j+k]fluoranthene	0.69
<i>n</i> -C ₂₆	0.010	benzo[e]pyrene	0.60
<i>n</i> -C ₂₇	0.019	benzo[a]pyrene	1.02
<i>n</i> -C ₂₈	0.017	indene[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene	0.66
<i>n</i> -C ₂₉	0.017	dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₀	0.019	benzo[g,h,i]perylene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₁	0.019	Alkyl PAHs	
<i>n</i> -C ₃₂	0.012	2-methylnaphthalene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₃	0.018	1-methylnaphthalene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₄	0.006	C ₂ -naphthalene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₅	0.017	C ₃ - naphthalene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₆	0.005	C ₁ -phenanthrene (*)	0.50
<i>n</i> -C ₃₇	0.004	Natural PAH	
<i>n</i> -C ₃₈	0.004	Perylene	0.91
<i>n</i> -C ₃₉	0.002	(*) instrumental DL > method DL	
pristane	0.011		
phytane	0.006		

Table S4 (continued): List of individual compounds and detection limits (DL)

Terpanes and hopanes	DL	Steranes	DL
(1) C ₂₀ -Tricyclic Terpane (*)	0.50	(1) 13 β ,17 β -diacholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(2) C ₂₁ -Tricyclic Terpane (*)	0.50	(2) 13 β ,17 β - diacholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(3) C ₂₃ -Tricyclic Terpane	0.92	(3) 13 α ,17 β - diacholestane (20S) (**)	0.50
(4) C ₂₄ -Tricyclic Terpane	0.66	(4) 13 α ,17 β - diacholestane (20R) (**)	0.50
(5) C ₂₅ -Tricyclic Terpane	1.51	(5) 24-methyl-13 β ,17 α - diacholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(6) C ₂₄ -Tetracyclic Terpane	0.90	(6) co-eluted compounds: 24-methyl-13 α ,17 β - diacholestane (20S) and 5 α ,14 α ,17 α -cholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(7) C ₂₆ -Tricyclic Terpane (*)	0.50	(7) co-eluted compounds: 24-ethyl-13 β ,17 α - diacholestane (20S) and 5 α ,14 β ,17 β -cholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(8) C ₂₇ -18 α ,21 β Hopane (T _s) (*)	0.50	(8) co-eluted compounds: 5 α ,14 β ,17 β -cholestane (20S) and 24-methyl-13 α ,17 β - diacholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(9) 22,29,30-Trisnorhop-17(21)-ene (T _e)	0.53	(9) 5 α ,14 α ,17 α -cholestane (20R)	0.59
(10) C ₂₇ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (T _m) (*)	0.50	(10) 24-ethyl-13 β ,17 α - diacholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(11) 17b(H)-22,29,30-Trisnorhopane (T _b) (*)	0.50	(11) 24-ethyl-13 α ,17 β - diacholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(12) C ₂₉ -17 α ,21 β Hopane	2.60	(12) 24-methyl-5 α ,14 α ,17 α -cholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(13) C ₂₉ -17 β ,21 α Hopane (*)	0.50	(13) co-eluted compounds: 24-ethyl-13 α ,17 β - diacholestane (20R) and 24-methyl-5 α ,14 β ,17 β -cholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(14) C ₃₀ -17 α ,21 β Hopane	1.78	(14) 24-methyl-5 α ,14 β ,17 β -cholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(15) C ₃₀ -17 β ,21 α Hopane	1.09	(15) 24-methyl-5 α ,14 α ,17 α -cholestane (20R) (**)	0.50
(16) C ₃₁ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22S)	1.86	(16) 24-ethyl-5 α ,14 α ,17 α -cholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(17) C ₃₁ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22R)	1.93	(17) 24-ethyl-5 α ,14 β ,17 β -cholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(18) C ₃₀ -17 β ,21 β Hopane	0.55	(18) 24-ethyl-5 α ,14 β ,17 β -cholestane (20S) (*)	0.50
(19) C ₃₂ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22S)	0.71	(19) 24-ethyl-5 α ,14 α ,17 α -cholestane (20R) (*)	0.50
(20) C ₃₂ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22R) (*)	0.50	(*) instrumental DL > method DL	
(21) C ₃₃ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22S) (*)	0.50	(**) not detected	
(22) C ₃₃ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22R) (*)	0.50		
(23) C ₃₄ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22S) (*)	0.50		
(24) C ₃₄ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22R) (*)	0.50		
(25) C ₃₅ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22S) (*)	0.50		
(26) C ₃₅ -17 α ,21 β Hopane (22R) (*)	0.50		



Fig. S1. Sampling site T1

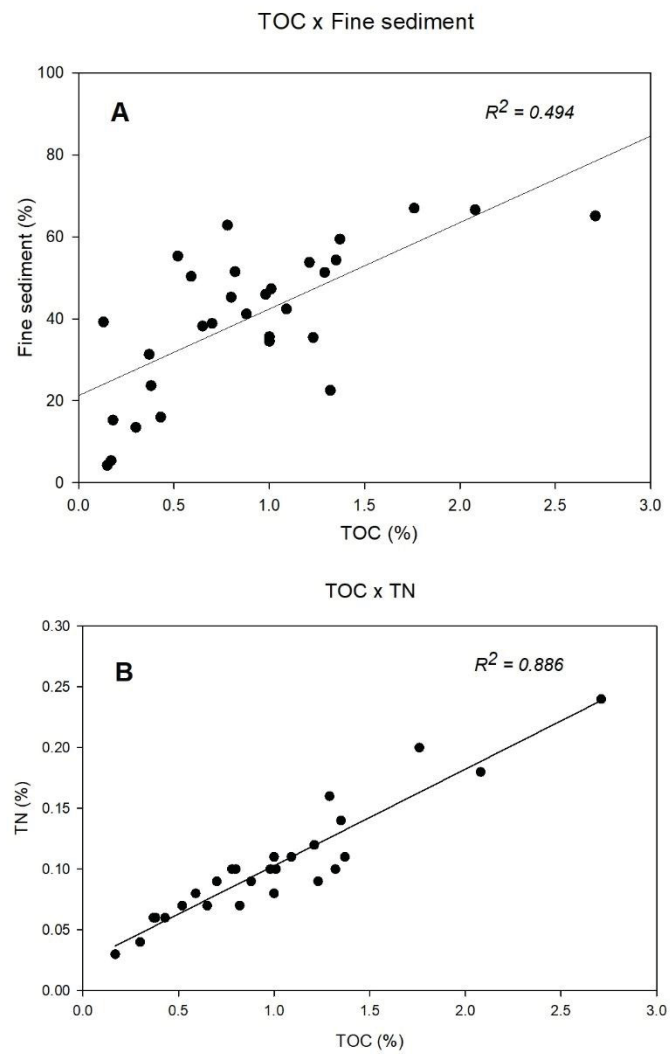


Fig. S2. Bulk data cross plots. A: Total organic carbon vs percentage of fine sediments. B: Total organic carbon vs Total nitrogen

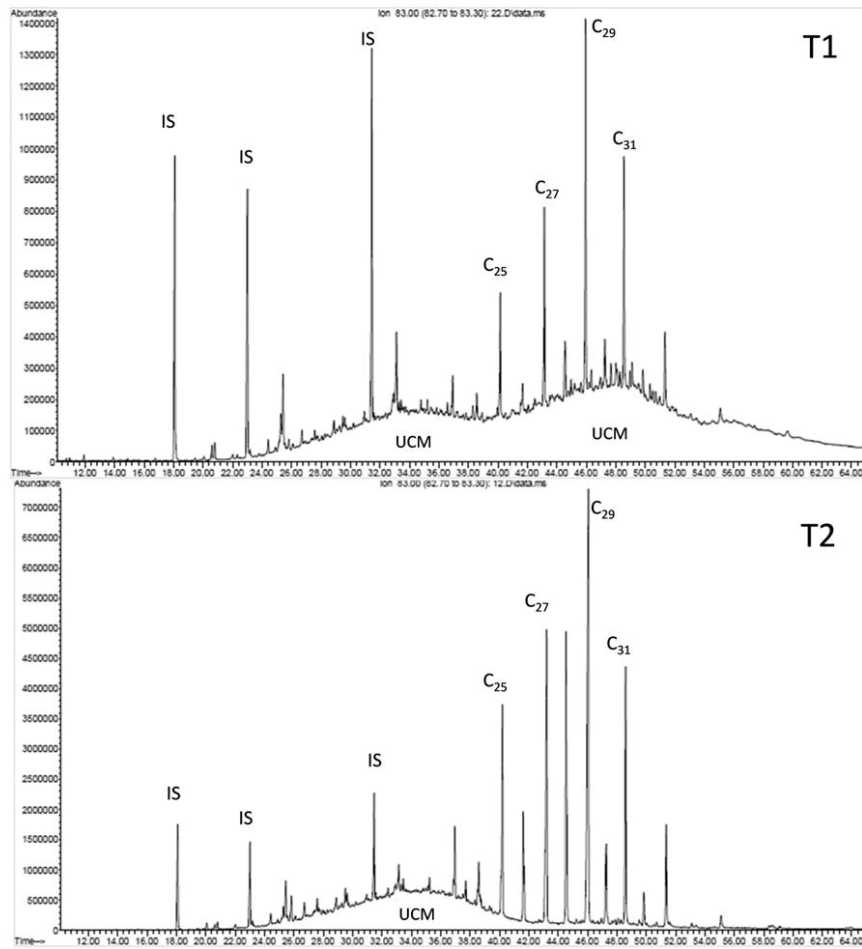


Fig. S3. Representative chromatograms (m/z 83) from T1 and T2 sites (IS = internal standard).

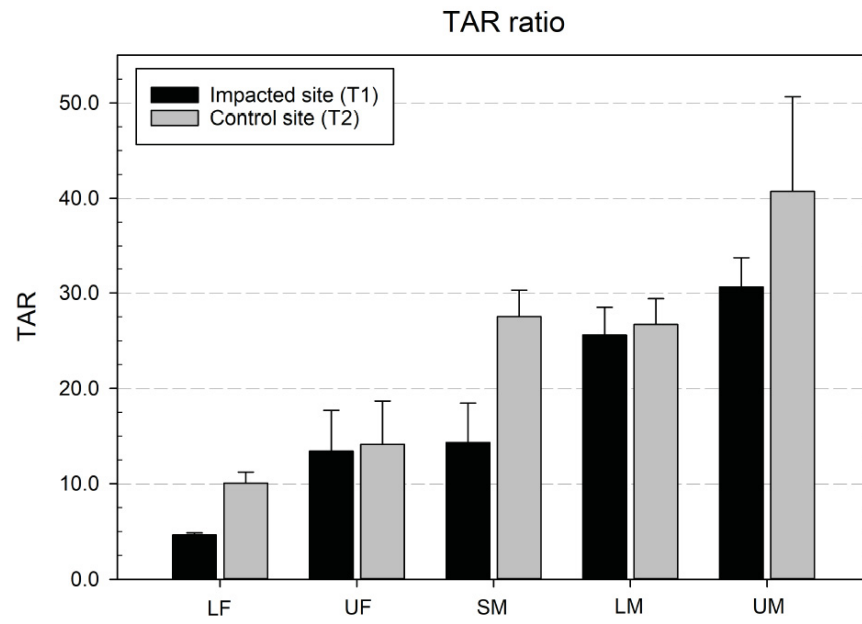


Fig. S4. Terrigenous-to-aquatic ratio (TAR): $(n\text{-C}_{27} + n\text{-C}_{29} + n\text{-C}_{31}) / (n\text{-C}_{15} + n\text{-C}_{17} + n\text{-C}_{19})$

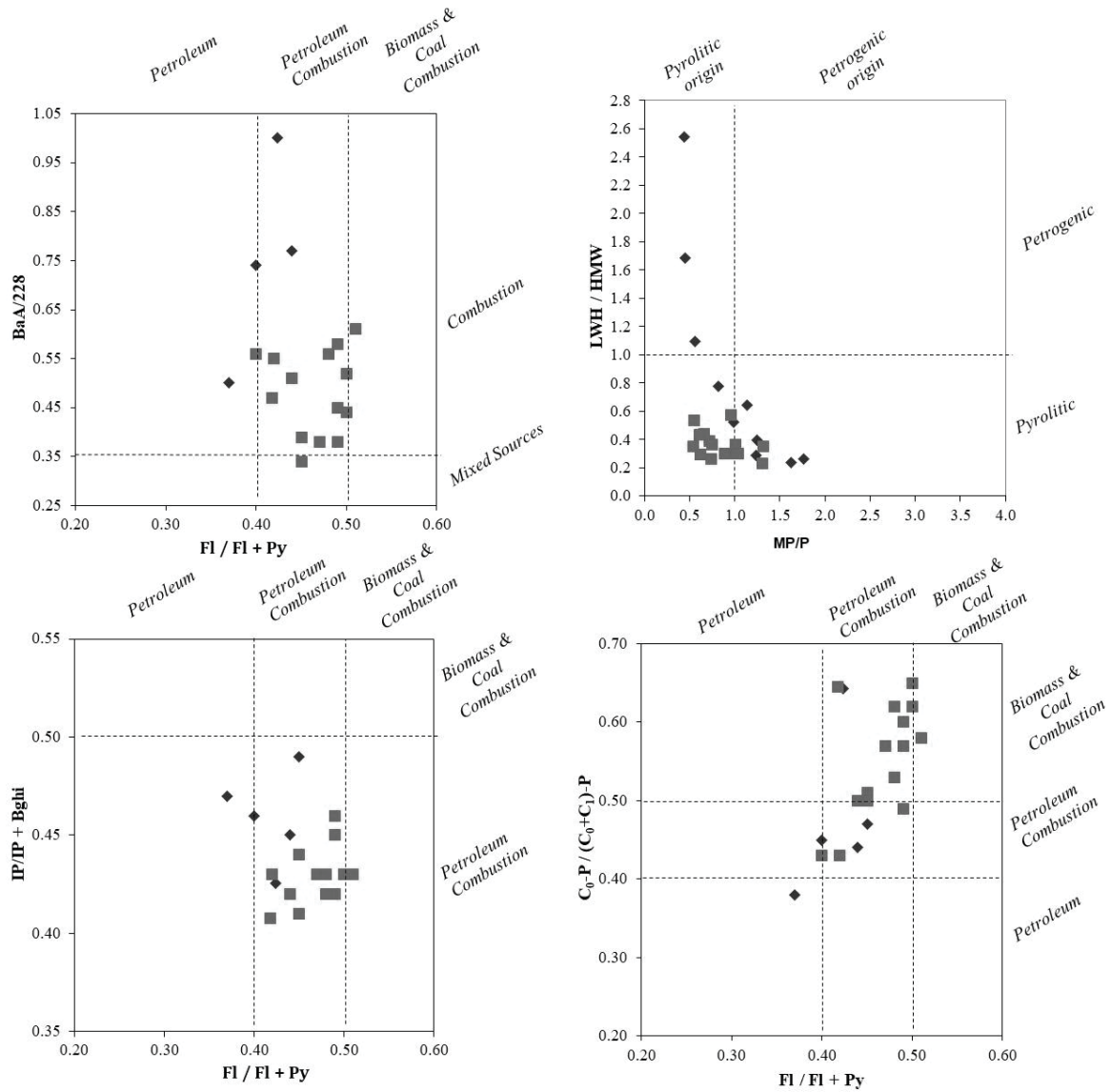


Fig. S5. PAH cross plots for the diagnostic ratios of (a) BaA/228 vs FI/FI+Py, (b) LMW/HMW vs MP/P, (c) IP/IP+Bghi vs FI/FI+Py and (d) C₀-P/(C₀+C₁)-P vs FI/FI+Py of sediments from mangroves of Paranaguá Bay, Brazil. T1 = squares; T2 sites = diamonds.

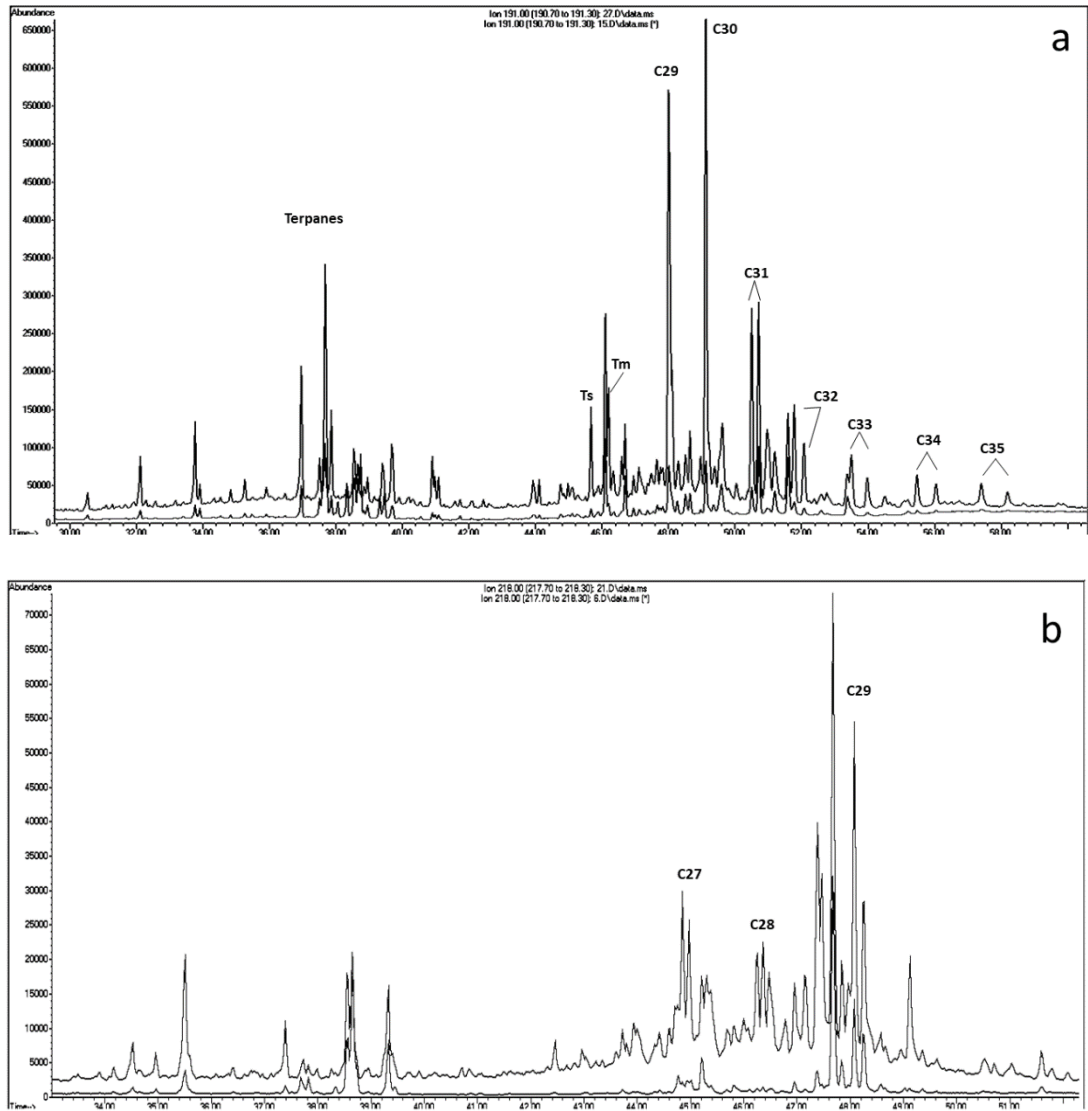


Fig. S6. Typical chromatograms for m/z 191 (a) and m/z 218 (b), showing T1 (top line) vs T2 (bottom line) samples.

3 BIOGENIC AND CATAGENIC CYCLIC TERPENOID HYDROCARBONS AS TOOLS TO THE STUDY OF ORGANIC MATTER ACCUMULATION IN SUBTROPICAL MANGROVE SEDIMENTS

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1 ABSTRACT

2 Terpenoid hydrocarbons are ubiquitous compounds in the marine environment and can
3 be linked to natural synthetic activities, as the structure of the original carbon skeleton from the
4 biological precursor is kept. In pristine environments, the terpenoid profile is expected to have
5 a biogenic signature. However, the widespread use of petroleum derivatives can contribute to
6 the inventory of hydrocarbons found in recent sediments, introducing cyclic hydrocarbons with
7 a catagenic signature. Terpenoid hydrocarbons were examined in the mangrove sediments of
8 Paranaguá Estuarine System, the largest bay of South Brazil, affected by intensive tourism and
9 high contamination risk due to extensive urban development and harbors activities. Biological
10 terpenoids were predominantly composed by high plant unsaturated derivatives (oleanoids,
11 lupanoids, ursanoids and taraxeroids) with des-A configuration, as well as bacterial hopanoids.

12 Catagenic compounds were distributed throughout the estuary and both groups presented a
13 similar distribution, with significant correlation ($R^2=0.66$). In order to better assess anthropic
14 sources of hydrocarbons to the mangrove, a ratio of catagenic/biogenic terpanes is proposed.
15 Ratios higher than 1.0 were found near Paranaguá Port and in Paranaguá Bay area. An important
16 touristic destination, Mel Island, also presented ratios higher than 1.0 in two locations. The
17 proposed ratio of catagenic/biogenic terpenoids could accurately assess the low-level chronic
18 inputs of anthropic hydrocarbons in the study area. This innovative approach can be applied to
19 areas with high natural inputs of organic matter, where chronic low-level hydrocarbon inputs
20 are not evident through *n*-alkanes and PAHs analyses.

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22 3.1 INTRODUCTION

23 Cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbons, such as cycloalkanes and cycloalkenes, are organic
24 markers frequently found in sediments being assumed to be derived from biological precursors.
25 During sedimentation, the original products undergo chemical processes leading to the
26 degradation and loss of the original reactive functional groups (e.g. biological hopanoids lead
27 to hopanoid acids and, finally, hydrocarbons) (RIES-KAUTT and ALBRECHT, 1989,
28 MEYERS and ISHIWATARI, 1993; HE *et al.*, 2018). Despite these changes, the ‘carbon
29 skeleton’ of the original molecules formed by a hydrocarbon cyclic chain is recalcitrant to
30 degradation. Therefore, it keeps information about its sources, being applied as geochemical
31 tracers in the reconstruction of paleoenvironments and petroleum exploration (PETERS *et al.*,
32 2005; JACOB *et al.*, 2007; VAN BREE, *et al.*, 2016).

33 After sedimentation, the organic matter undergoes further transformations during
34 diagenesis and catagenesis. In the case of hopanoids, biogenic precursors present a 17 β H,21 β H
35 configuration assuming a 17 α H,21 β H configuration and, to a lesser extent, a 17 β H,21 α H
36 configuration, during sedimentary maturation process. Extended hopanes, that present an
37 additional chiral center at C22 (originally with a 22R configuration) may be altered to a mixture

38 of 22R and 22S epimers (RIES-KAUTT and ALBRECHT, 1989, RUSHDI *et al.*, 2017;
39 INGLIS *et al.*, 2018). Other compounds such as triterpenes from higher plants, also undergo
40 transformation processes in order to reach a thermodynamically stable configuration (PETERS
41 *et al.*, 2005; SAMUEL *et al.*, 2010).

42 In environments where deposits of mature organic matter do not occur, recent
43 sediments are expected to have a predominance of cyclic hydrocarbons from biogenic sources,
44 such as oleananes, lupanes, taraxeranes (TRENDEL *et al.*, 1989; VAN BREE *et al.*, 2016) and
45 hopanoids (MEREDITH *et al.*, 2008; ISHIWATARI *et al.*, 2014). However, cyclic
46 hydrocarbons with a catagenic signature can effectively contribute to the inventory of
47 hydrocarbons found in recent sediments, derived from the widespread use of petroleum
48 derivatives (CHANDRU *et al.*, 2008; KAO *et al.*, 2015; RUSHDI *et al.*, 2017).

49 In sediments with high content of organic matter such as those found in mangrove
50 swamps, both ‘anthropic’ and ‘biogenic’ inputs may be overlapped (GARCIA *et al.*, 2019).
51 Mangrove swamps have proper conditions for the deposition of fine sediments including
52 biogenic debris and a slow degradation of the organic matter (BOUILLON *et al.*, 2008; DUKE,
53 2016). Therefore, natural recalcitrant compounds as well as chronic inputs of hydrophobic
54 contaminants from anthropogenic sources are favorably accumulated in these conditions. Also,
55 recently efforts have been made to better understand the carbon storage in mangrove soils, since
56 it presents an important carbon sequestration rate in the earth surface (termed “blue carbon”;
57 HOWARD *et al.*, 2014).

58 Despite its importance, mangroves are considered to be critically sensitive to human
59 impact (MCLEOD *et al.*, 2011). There is a global concern on the rapid decline in mangrove
60 coverage areas and the associated biological productivity (DUKE, 2016; FERREIRA and
61 LACERDA, 2016) therefore it is urgent to study this ecosystem. The blue carbon stock of
62 mangroves is mostly stored belowground usually constituting 50% to over 90% of the total

63 carbon in the ecosystem (DONATO et al. 2011; KAUFFMAN et al. 2011). According to
64 HOWARD et al. (2014), carbon soil storage can reach many meters deep and remain for long
65 times, but their vulnerability to land-use is poorly understood. Recalcitrant organic compounds
66 contribute to the carbon storage.

67 The presence, accumulation and persistence of anthropogenic hydrocarbons in
68 mangrove sediments have been frequently reported in the literature (OYO-ITA *et al.*, 2013; LI
69 *et al.*, 2014; SOUZA *et al.*, 2018). However, the high level of natural compounds found in
70 mangrove sediments may pose a challenge on the identification of the catagenic compounds in
71 the same matrix since the structures of the natural molecules are very similar, providing a
72 similar spectral signature (e.g., high signals in the m/z 191 fragmentograms) which may lead to
73 mistake in the identification. Therefore, this study aims to (1) characterize the natural
74 background cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbons in the mangrove sediments from a subtropical
75 estuarine system; (2) map the chronic low-level inputs of catagenic terpanes and hopanes under
76 a high biogenic background in order to identify anthropogenic inputs, and; (3) associate the
77 occurrence of selected biogenic and anthropogenic hydrocarbons as tracers of organic matter
78 ('blue carbon') accumulation in the mangrove swamps.

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80 3.2 MATERIAL AND METHODS

81 PES is a subtropical estuary (25°30'S; 48°25'W) affected by intensive tourism and high
82 contamination risk (e.g. COMBI *et al.*, 2013; SOUZA *et al.*, 2016) due to extensive urban
83 development and harbors activities (e.g. MARTINS *et al.*, 2015). The estuarine system is the
84 larger bay of South Brazil with 552 km² of open water area (LANA *et al.*, 2018). The E-W axis
85 comprise the main human settlements, including Paranaguá city, the largest urban center
86 established in the Bay margins with more than 140,000 inhabitants (IBGE, 2010). PES is
87 comprehended in the geological barrier system of Paranaguá coastal plain with Pleistocene and

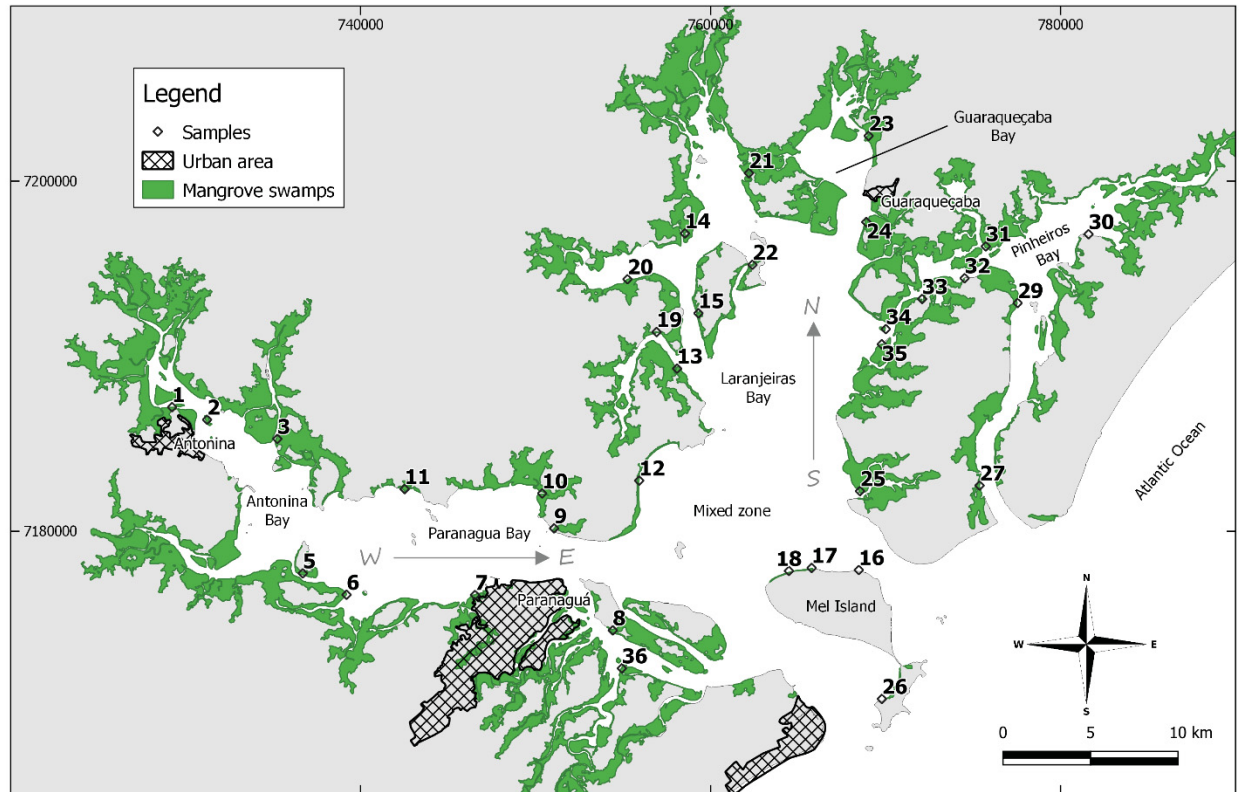
88 Holocene sedimentary deposits. It is surrounded by prominent mountain ranges, consisting of
89 granitic massifs, intruded into the Paleoproterozoic basement (LESSA *et al.*, 2000;
90 NASCIMENTO *et al.*, 2016). The study area has no oil and gas deposits with mature organic
91 matter, so all catagenic compounds present in the sediments are therefore attributed to
92 anthropogenic inputs.

93 Mangrove areas have a high complexity of structures that do not enable a regular
94 mapping, requiring an irregular distribution of the samples defined according to the existent
95 natural mosaic of vegetation coverage. Thirty-six sediment samples were distributed amongst
96 well developed forests (NOERNBERG *et al.*, 2008), representing different structural types
97 (NAIZOT, 1993) (Fig. 3.1).

98 Forests formed by *Rizophora sp.* were preferentially sampled, corresponding to recent
99 areas of swamp that are favorable to retain sedimentary organic carbon (CUNHA-LIGNON *et*
100 *al.*, 2009). Also, this species of mangrove tree can resist longer periods of flooding and anoxia,
101 conditions expected to provide better preservation of hydrocarbons (SANDERS *et al.*, 2010).
102 If *Rizophora* forests could not be found in the target location, sampling was performed in
103 *Avicennia sp.* or mixed forests (*Rizophora* and *Avicennia*).

104 Each sample was composed from equal parts of sediments taken from three different
105 quadrats (1 m² each) in order to minimize short-scale spatial variation (GARCIA *et al.*, 2019).
106 Sediment pH and Eh were measured in situ in each quadrat (pH meter Instrutherm 710, with
107 combined electrode and Eh meter Instrutherm ORP-896 with platinum electrode ORP-897).
108 The sediments were frozen (-20 °C), freeze-dried and stored in cleaned glass jars until analysis.

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110 FIGURE 3.1: Sampling sites in Paranaguá Estuarine System (PES) with sub-areas and main axes (N-S
 111 and E-W).
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113 Fine sediments content was determined in the dried total sediment by sieving method
 114 (<0,062 mm particle size). Bulk organic matter (total organic carbon; TOC, total nitrogen; TN,
 115 and carbon isotope ratio; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) was determined using an EA-Costech elemental analyzer
 116 coupled to an isotope ratio mass spectrometry Thermo Scientific Delta V Advantage MS (EA-
 117 IRMS). Approximately 6-8 mg of dry sediment was decarbonated with HCl solution (1 mol L⁻¹)
 118 and total nitrogen was determined in the same amount of bulk sediment. Standards were
 119 determined before each group of 40 samples to verify the analytical accuracy (USGS-
 120 40/glutamic acid, United States Geological Survey, and IAEA-600/caffeine, International
 121 Atomic Energy Agency). The standard deviation for the calibration of isotopic ratios was equal
 122 to 0.01% for both ratios (USGS-40 standard) and 0.03% for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (IAEA-600 standard). The
 123 standard used for determination of carbon and nitrogen contents was Soil LECO (LECO
 124 Corporation USA) (estimated levels of 13.55% and 0.81%, respectively).

125 The analytical procedure used for the hydrocarbons in the marine sediments analysis
126 was based on the United Nations Environment Program method (UNEP, 1992) with adaptations
127 described in WISNIESKI *et al.* (2016). Approximately 20 g of sediment were extracted over 8
128 h using 80 mL of a mixture of dichloromethane and *n*-hexane (1:1). Activated copper was added
129 in order to remove elemental sulfur. A surrogate standard deuterated (5α -cholestane- d_4) was
130 added before each blank and sample extraction. The DCM/*n*-hexane extract was purified by
131 column chromatography using 5% deactivated alumina (1.8 g) and silica (3.2 g). Elution of the
132 saturate fraction was performed with 10 mL of *n*-hexane (fraction 1: aliphatic hydrocarbons
133 and petroleum biomarkers). The resulting extract (500 μ L) was stored in glass vials.

134 The extracts of five samples (#1, 2, 3, 10 and 11) were molecular-sieved for removal
135 of *n*-alkanes with the adsorbent S-115 (Honeywell/UOP, dry at 85 °C). A glass pipette was
136 packed with approximately 2 g of the adsorbent and eluted with approximately 3x5 mL of *n*-
137 pentane (Honeywell, $\geq 95.0\%$ GC). The *n*-alkanes were retained in the sieve while the branched
138 and cyclic (B/C) were eluted from the column (VILLALBA, 2016).

139 Following fractionation (or purification in the case of B/C alkanes extracts), the
140 chromatographic analyses were performed in a GC Agilent 7890 paired with an Agilent 5975C
141 MSD quadrupole with a DB-5 column (60 m x 250 μ m x 0.25 μ m). Injections were made
142 manually (1 μ L) in splitless mode (front inlet temperature: 300°C). Helium was used as a carrier
143 gas. Oven program was 40 °C for 1.5 min then 4 °C min^{-1} to 300 °C for 34 min. The detector
144 was set to a 70 eV energy impact.

145 The saturate fractions were scanned in multiple ion detection mode (including m/z 191
146 for terpanes and hopanes), while the five molecular-sieved extracts were injected in full scan
147 mode. The results for these selected samples were qualitatively similar, then only one sample
148 with the highest quantity of extractable organic matter (# 10) was used in order to primarily

149 characterize the natural/catagenic compounds by mass spectrometry. This sample was assumed
150 as being representative of the study area.

151 Compounds in B/C fraction of # 10 were identified by comparison with mass spectra
152 and retention times from known catagenic compounds found in Lower Pennsylvanian Morrow
153 shale and published data (PHILP, 1985; SHIOJIMA *et al.*, 1992; DAMSTÈ *et al.*, 1995;
154 JACOB *et al.*, 2007; HE *et al.*, 2018).

155 The estimated concentrations of the compounds identified (semiquantitative analysis)
156 was based on the integrated areas of specific ions (m/z 191 for the terpanes and hopanes and
157 m/z 221 for the surrogate 5α -cholestane- d_4) in the saturate fraction extracts. This procedure
158 aims to assess the variations of concentrations in the study area, and although this cannot
159 provide a real concentration it provides an estimative facing the unknown individual response
160 factors for each compound (JACOB *et al.*, 2007).

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162 3.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

163 3.3.1 Bulk results

164 PES has a geographic configuration that allows it to be divided into subareas
165 (NAIZOT, 1993; LANA *et al.*, 2001; MANTOVANELLI *et al.*, 2004; Tab. 3.1). According to
166 the geographic location, a progressive increase of marine influences towards the mixed zone is
167 expected. The lowest average content of fine sediments and TOC was observed in areas near
168 the ocean, suggesting a stronger marine influence with a higher energy depositional
169 environment. In contrast, inner bay areas (Antonina and Guaraqueçaba) present average bulk
170 results that may reflect a stronger influence of continental apports in a lower energy
171 depositional environment, such as relatively high fine sediment content and TOC and TN. In
172 between, there is Paranaguá, Laranjeiras and Pinheiros Bay - presenting intermediate results to
173 these parameters.

174 For $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, the results ranged from -28.4 to -23.1 with all results corresponding to
 175 terrigenous inputs (ZHOU *et al.*, 2006). The spatial distribution of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ throughout the PES
 176 mangroves was apparently random, not following the expected terrestrial-marine gradient.
 177 Regarding C/N ratios, this gradient was not clear, but it presented average values corresponding
 178 to terrigenous O.M. in Antonina Bay (> 15). All other sub-areas presented lower values – with
 179 averages remaining in the mixed range (8 – 15). Results corresponding to marine inputs (< 8)
 180 were observed in isolated samples in Paranaguá Bay, Pinheiros Bay and Mixed zone
 181 (PREMUZIC *et al.*, 1982). TOC and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ were not significantly correlated ($R^2 = 0.10$) with
 182 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ suggesting the same source of OM for all TOC levels. For TOC and TN, these parameters
 183 presented good correlation ($R^2 = 0.80$) indicating similar sources for both elements.

184 TABLE 3.1 – AVERAGE BULK RESULTS IN EACH SUBAREA OF PEC

	PEC Subareas					
	Inner zone		Intermediate zone			Outer zone
	Antonina	Guaraqueçaba	Paranaguá	Laranjeiras	Pinheiros	Mixed zone
N	5	2	5	7	9	8
pH	6.1 (5.50 – 6.64)	5.8 (5.78 – 5.89)	6.8 (6.26 – 7.33)	6.1 (5.70 – 6.40)	6.2 (5.66 – 6.80)	6.5 (6.22 – 6.98)
Eh (mV)	+62 (-24 – +145)	+99 (+58 – +140)	+25 (-192 – +141)	+22 (-178 – +124)	+42 (-127 – +150)	+11 (-296 – +194)
% fine sed	76.5 (14.9 – 96.0)	54.6 (24.3 – 85.0)	30.9 (2.1 – 87.3)	21.2 (4.7 – 48.6)	33.0 (3.3 – 72.5)	14.1 (1.1 – 45.7)
% TOC	5.9 (3.32 – 9.14)	3.5 (1.74 – 5.30)	2.5 (0.27 – 5.35)	1.5 (0.51 – 3.67)	2.2 (0.60 – 4.03)	1.1 (0.13 – 3.08)
% TN	0.37 (0.12 – 0.45)	0.30 (0.12 – 0.48)	0.21 (0.04 – 0.43)	0.13 (0.05 – 0.34)	0.21 (0.06 – 0.49)	0.14 ($<$ LOD – 0.22)
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	-26.9 (-27.43 – -26.36)	-26.6 (-27.16 – -26.09)	-25.5 (-26.62 – -24.86)	-26.8 (-28.36 – -25.77)	-25.8 (-26.78 – -24.96)	-25.7 (-27.29 – -23.10)
C/N	17.7 (12.1 – 27.5)	12.9 (11.1 – 14.8)	10.0 (6.2 – 13.8)	12.1 (8.1 – 18.9)	11.45 (5.2 – 21.3)	10.85 (4.5 – 16.2)

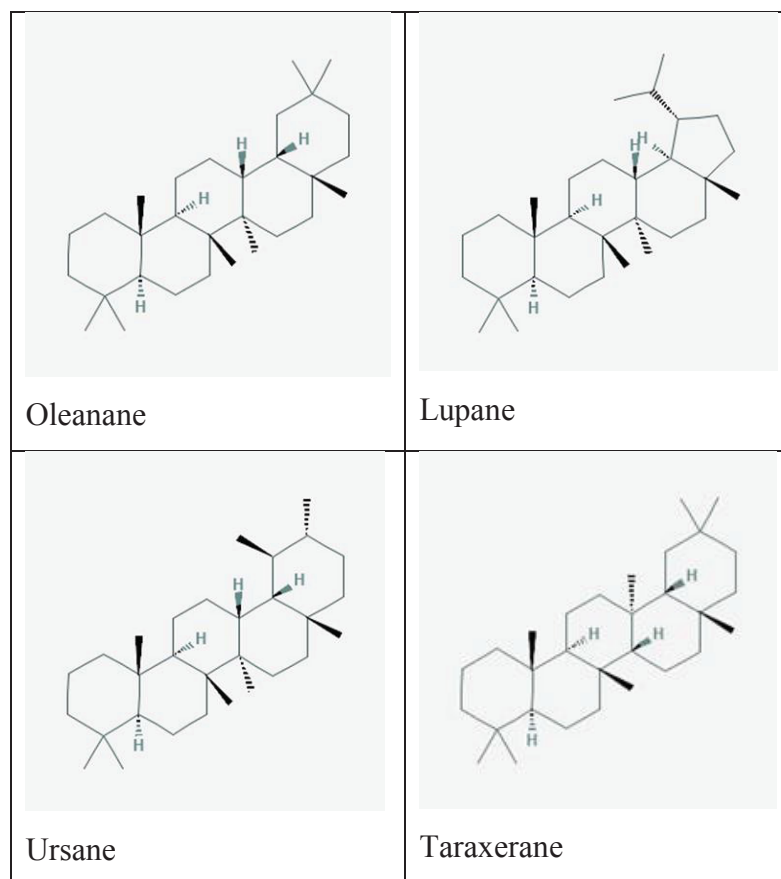
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186 3.3.2 Identification of the mass spectra of biogenic compounds

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188 The TIC chromatogram of # 10 obtained in full scan mode after molecular sieving is
 189 presented in Fig. 3.2 and the peaks correspondence with probable compounds identified are
 190 listed in Table 3.2. The compiled mass spectra of selected compounds area presented as
 191 Supplementary Material ('Anexo 1'). In the terpanes group (retention time: 56 - 62 min), all
 192 identified peaks are natural compounds, with inferred molecular structures derived from ursane,

193 oleanane, lupane and taraxerane (Fig. 3.2). These hydrocarbon skeletons are common in higher
 194 plants and are ubiquitous in marine sediments, being typically used as markers of higher plant
 195 inputs (PANCOST and BOOT, 2004).



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197 FIGURE. 3.2. COMMON TRITERPENOID CARBON STRUCTURES FROM HIGHER PLANTS
 198 IN RECENT SEDIMENTS (C₃₀H₅₂) (structures after: pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

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200 The occurrence of oleanoids and lupanoids in marine sediments are interpreted as
 201 being tracers from angiosperms (TEN HAVEN and RULLKOTTER, 1988; RULLKOTTER *et*
 202 *al.*, 1994; MOLDOWAN *et al.* 1994). Compounds with the taraxer-14-ene carbon skeleton as
 203 presented in taraxerol are common in higher plants (PANCOST *et al.*, 2002), being abundant
 204 in mangrove leaves and seagrass. The taraxeroids are classically applied as tracers of mangrove
 205 swamps (KILLOPS and FREWIN, 1994; VERSTEEG *et al.*, 2004; KOCH *et al.*, 2011).

206 The identified molecules present 22 or 24 carbons and different degree of unsaturation.

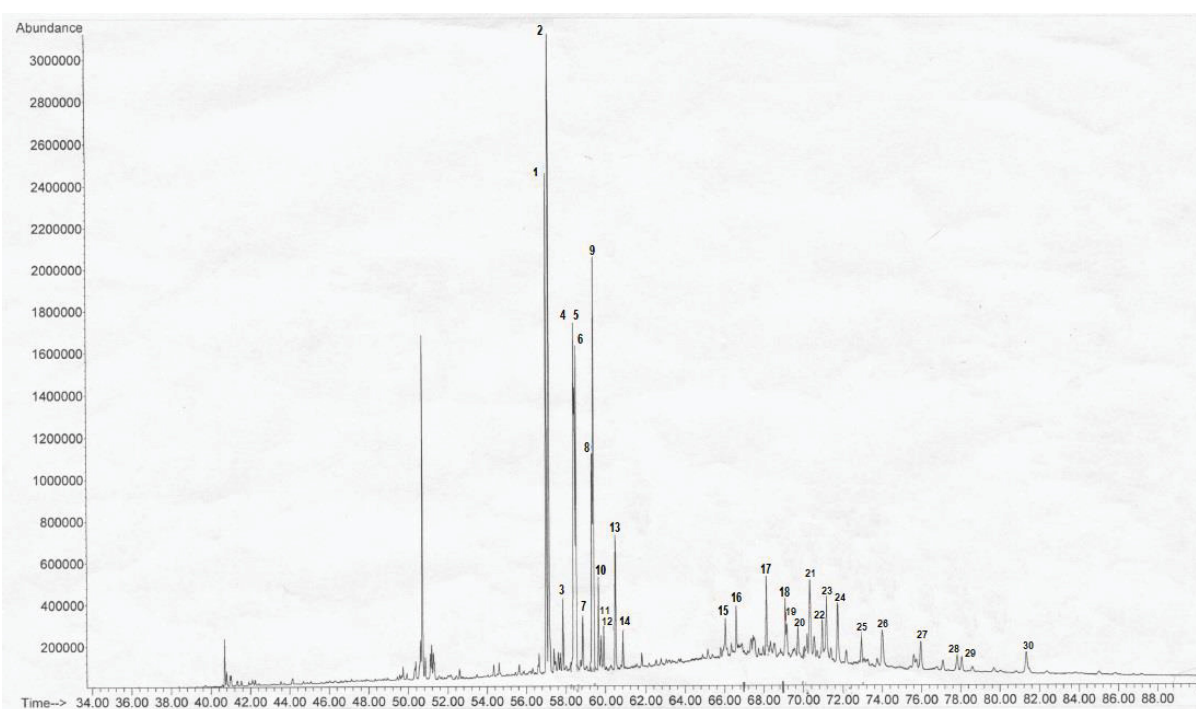
207 All compounds showed an early stage of degradation/diagenesis with a 'broken' A ring ('Des-

208 A configuration') which are considered to be diagenetic products of microbial degradation of
209 plant triterpenoids under anoxic conditions (HUANG *et al.*, 2008; TRENDEL *et al.*, 1989;
210 MILLE *et al.*, 2006; JACOB *et al.*, 2007).

211 With exception from compound 7 (10 β (H)-Des-A-lupane), the identified molecules
212 presented one, two, five or six unsaturations on the cyclic chain. Most of the peaks were
213 identified as oleanane by-products. The presence of these unsaturated molecules suggests the
214 early diagenesis of the of organic matter in an anaerobic environment leading to aromatization,
215 since the original oleanane carbon 'skeleton' present a Δ^2 configuration (KILLOPS and
216 FREWIN, 1994; TEN HAVEN *et al.*, 1992; JACOB *et al.*, 2007).

217 Des-A-triterpenoids are reported in sediments with the dominating type of carbon
218 skeletons being unsaturated oleananoids, ursanoids and lupanoids. In contrast, for saturated
219 compounds, des-A-lupane is in most cases the only ring A-degraded diagenetic triterpenoid
220 identified in Holocene deposits as well as in ancient sediments (JAFFÉ *et al.*, 1996; OTTO *et*
221 *al.*, 2005; BECHTEL *et al.*, 2007; JACOB *et al.*, 2007; HUANG *et al.*, 2008). This compound
222 probably results from its preferential formation or peculiar resistance to diagenetic
223 transformations (JACOB *et al.*, 2007). However, in the studied environment, unsaturated
224 compounds are much more abundant, what is probably an indication of the diagenesis of
225 organic matter in a reduced environment.

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227 FIGURE 3.3: TIC chromatogram on full scan (branched and cyclic fraction of # 10).

228 TABLE 3.2 – SELECTED TERPANES IDENTIFIED IN FULL SCAN MODE (FIG. 3.3)

ID number	Compound name	M ⁺ ion	Formula	Retention time (min)
1	Des-A-oleana-9,18-diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	57.026
2	Des-A-oleana-9,13(18)-diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	57.166
3	Des-A-lupana-9,22(29)diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	57.861
4	Des-A-traxera-5(10),14-diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	58.418
5	Des-A-oleana-5(10),12-diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	58.480
6	Des-A-oleana-5(10),13(18)-diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	58.532
7	10β(H)-Des-A-lupane	330	C ₂₄ H ₄₂	58.861
8	Des-A-ursana-5(10), 12-diene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	59.331
9	Des-A-26,27-bisnoroleana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene (*)	292	C ₂₂ H ₂₈	59.414
10	Des-A-26,27-bisnorursana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene	292	C ₂₂ H ₂₈	59.659
11	Des-A-lup-5(10)-ene	328	C ₂₄ H ₄₀	59.778
12	Des-A-26,27-bisnorlupana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene	292	C ₂₂ H ₂₈	59.921
13	Des-A-26,27-bisnoroleana 5,7,9,11,13-hexaene	290	C ₂₂ H ₂₆	60.458
14	di-unsaturated des-A-triterpene	326	C ₂₄ H ₃₈	60.835

* Chromatographic standard coeluted (pregnane-d₄)

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230 In the 'hopanes group' (retention time: 65 - 82 min), natural and catagenic compounds

231 had similar signal intensities and were distributed along the TIC chromatogram. The

232 identification of the petroleum biomarkers obtained in TIC could provide information for the

233 disambiguation of the peaks identified in the SIM. Many compounds could not be completely

234 identified (Table 3.3), since natural compounds can have many different configurations, and

235 some of them may still unknown. But some effort is still being made to include more
236 compounds and their specific information, regarding molecular masses and/or structural
237 groups. However, the identifications obtained may be so far sufficient to provide the
238 disambiguation of catagenic and biogenic compounds, what is still a valuable information in
239 order to assess the low-level anthropic inputs to the study area.

240 Among the natural compounds, some higher plant six-carbon E-rings could be
241 identified, such as oleanane and taraxerane derivatives (compounds 20, 21 and 28; Table 3.3).
242 These are synthesized by high plants (KILLOPS and FREWIN, 1994; HE *et al.*, 2018). Other
243 group of identified compounds were hopanoids, that are a group of pentacyclic triterpenoids
244 produced by bacteria. The mass spectrum presented fragments derived from a biological
245 configuration - such as hop-17(21)-ene. It is a product from acidic dehydration of the
246 diplopterol, a biological product (SUMMONS and JAHNKE, 1990).

247 The catagenic C₃₃-22S (Compound 29, Table 3.3) appears close to a compound that
248 has an ion with m/z 205 as the base peak, identified as C₃₁ββ-22R (Compound 30; Table 3.3).
249 The 17β(H),21β (H) stereochemistry in ring-E is characteristic from most bacteriohopanoids
250 (SUMMONS and JAHNKE, 1990). After sedimentation, the rapid loss of reactive functional
251 groups (-OH) leads to the formation of a hydrocarbon molecule that inherits the biological
252 configuration of the cyclic chain (DAMSTÉ *et al.*, 1995).

253 A specific case occurs in the extended hopane C₃₁-22R that may have the contribution
254 both from natural and catagenic sources. According to INGLIS *et al.* (2018) and references
255 therein, in modern settings hopanoids mostly occur with the biological 17β,21β(H)
256 configuration. But the 'mature' 17α,21β(H) stereoisomer C₃₁ hopane is frequently found in
257 modern peatlands since it is formed in early stages of the transformation of organic matter
258 during diagenesis. In this case, the isomerization of the hydrogen atom at the C17 position is
259 not caused by the long-term maturation of the organic matter during catagenesis, being quickly

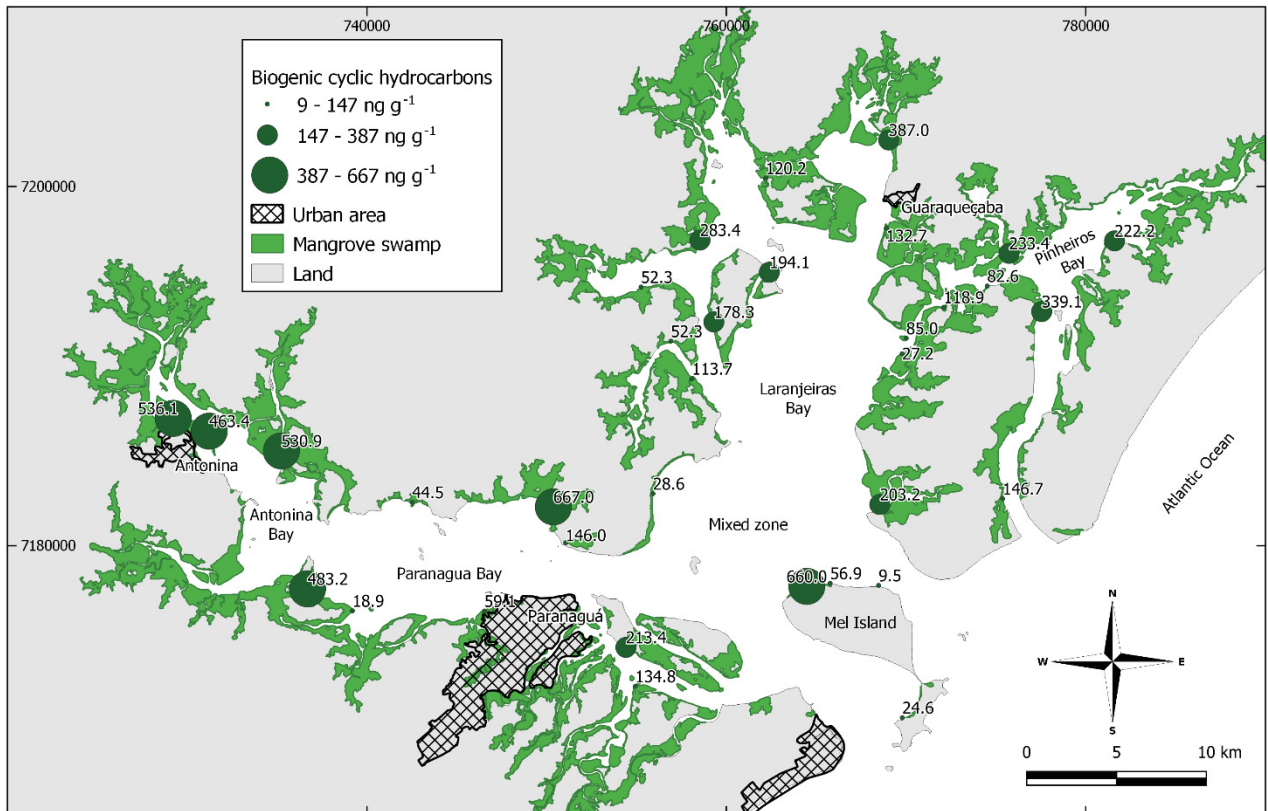
260 catalyzed by the acidic environment (RIES-KAUTT and ALBRECHT, 1989; INGLIS *et al.*,
 261 2018).

262 TABLE 3.3 – HOPANES IDENTIFIED IN FULL-SCAN MODE (Sample 10)

ID number	Compound name	M ⁺ ion	Formula	Retention time (min)
15	Unknown formula	407	?	66.043
16	Natural compound *	370	C ₂₇ H ₄₆	66.598
17	Tm	368	C ₂₇ H ₄₄	68.131
18	Natural compound	396	C ₂₉ H ₄₈	69.082
19	Natural compound	400	C ₂₉ H ₅₂	69.160
20	Taraxera-14-diene	408	C ₃₀ H ₄₈	69.726
21	24-nor-taraxerane	398	C ₂₉ H ₅₀	70.333
22	17 α (H),21 β (H)-30-Norhopane	398	C ₂₉ H ₅₀	70.964
23	Natural compound	408	C ₃₈ H ₄₈	71.169
24	Hop-17(21)-ene (diploptene)	410	C ₃₀ H ₅₀	71.733
25	17 α (H),21 β (H)-Hopane	412	C ₃₀ H ₅₂	72.939
26	Glutin-18-ene	410	C ₃₀ H ₅₀	74.006
27	C ₃₁ R extended hopane	426	C ₃₁ H ₅₄	75.957
28	Oleanane	412	C ₃₀ H ₅₂	77.820
29	C ₃₂ S extended hopane	440	C ₃₂ H ₅₆	78.056
30	C ₃₁ $\beta\beta$ hopane	426	C ₃₁ H ₅₄	81.313

* Surrogate coeluted (5 α -cholestane-d4)

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264 FIGURE 3.4 – CONCENTRATION OF BIOGENIC CYCLIC HYDROCARBONS (TERPANES
 265 AND HOPANES) IN ng g⁻¹ IN THE MANGROVE SEDIMENTS OF PARANAGUÁ ESTUARINE
 266 SYSTEM
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268 The biogenic compounds were distributed in all the sampled mangrove forests with
269 higher concentrations in E-W axis of the estuarine system (Antonina and Paranaguá Bay) and
270 in one specific sample of the mixed zone (# 18, Figure 3.4). Lower concentrations were
271 observed in the N-S axis of the bay, with some sampling points presenting higher concentrations
272 (# 23 in Guaraqueçaba Bay, # 29, # 30 and #31 in Pinheiros Bay, and # 14, # 15, # 22 and # 25
273 in Laranjeiras Bay). The hydrocarbon concentration according to spatial distribution seems to
274 be an apparently random distribution in the PES.

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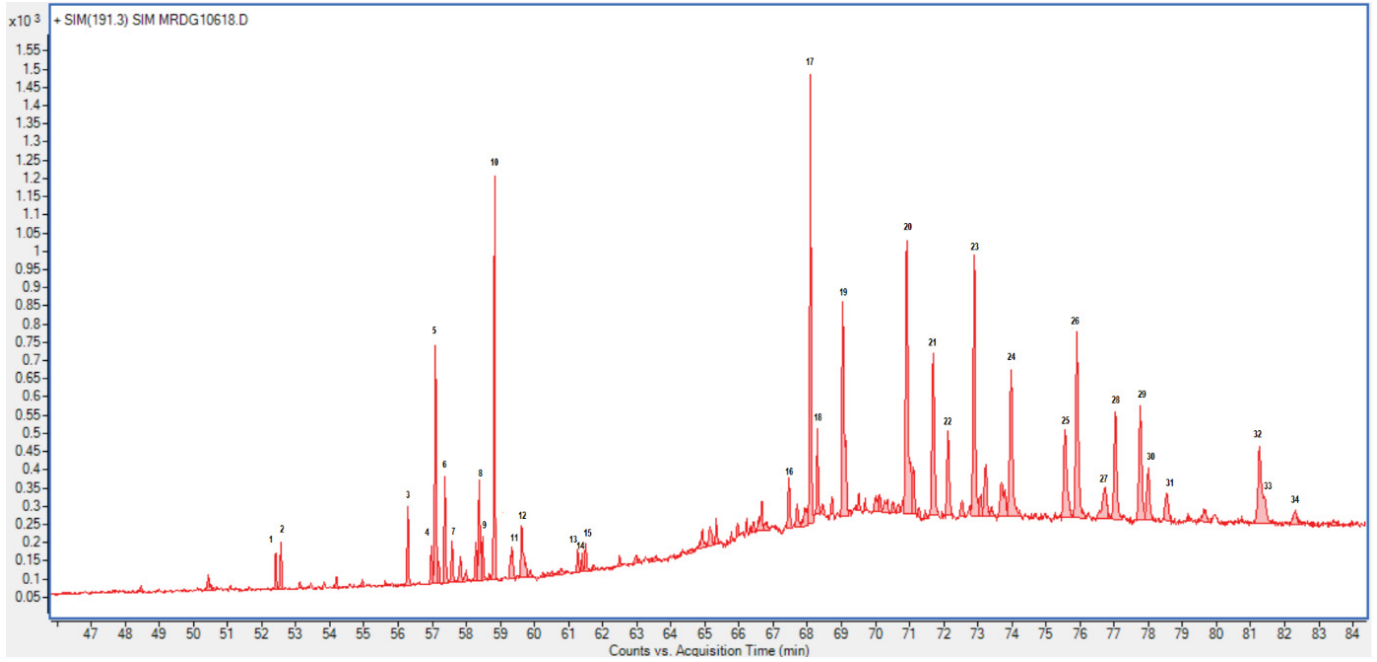
276 *3.3.3. Distribution of the catagenic terpanes and hopanes as molecular markers of anthropic*
277 *inputs*

278 Some catagenic compounds could be identified exclusively in the SIM mode, using
279 the m/z 191 chromatogram, such as C₂₄ tetracyclic and C₂₆ tricyclic terpanes (Fig. 3.5; Table
280 3.4). On the full-scan mode, some natural compounds with prominent peaks (mainly in the
281 terpanes range) may help in the identification of the mass spectra of petroleum biomarkers since
282 they occurred in a specific retention time and are presented in the samples of the study area.
283 Full scan and SIM chromatograms may have different retention times, due to normal
284 fluctuations in the GC-MS equipment so an exact correspondence of the retention times in the
285 tables are not expected. These are shown as a general indication. Retention times were evaluated
286 and corrected while the identification of the peaks was performed.

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FIGURE 3.5: M/Z 191 FRAGMENTOGRAM (# 01)



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TABLE 3.4: IDENTIFIED COMPOUNDS IN M/Z 191 (# 01). IN GREEN: BIOLOGIC CONFIGURATION; IN GRAY: CATAGENIC CONFIGURATION.

ID	Name	Retention time (min)
1	Peak unidentified	-
2	C ₂₀ tricyclic terpane	52.585
3	C ₂₁ tricyclic terpane	56.309
4	Des-A-oleana-9,18-diene	57.017
5	Des-A-oleana-9,13(18)-diene	57.157
6	C ₂₂ tricyclic terpane	57.403
7	Des-A-lupana-5(10),22(29)-diene	57.860
8	Des-A-taraxera-5(10),14-diene	58.414
9	Des-A-oleana-5(10),13(18)-diene	58.525
10	10 β (H)-Des-A-lupane	58.861
11	Des-A-26,27-bisnoroleana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene	59.410
12	Des-A-26,27-bisnorursana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene	59.661
13	C ₂₄ tetracyclic hopane	59.917
15	C ₂₅ tetracyclic hopane	61.528
16	T _s	67.491
17	1,2,3-Trisnortaraxera-5(10),14-diene	68.129
18	T _m	68.334
19	Monounsaturated triterpene (?)	69.079
20	17 α (H), 21 β (H)-30-Norhopane	70.964
21	Hop-17(21)-ene (diploptene)	71.728
22	Moretane C ₂₉ (?)	72.175
23	17 α (H), 21b(H)-Hopane	72.947
24	C ₂₉ $\beta\beta$ hopane or Moretane C ₃₀ (?)	74.023
25	C ₃₁ S extend hopane	75.610
26	C ₃₁ R extend hopane	75.950
27	C ₃₀ $\beta\beta$ hopane (immature OM) (?)	76.769
28	C ₃₀ $\beta\beta$ hopane (immature OM)	77.095
29	Oleanane	77.831
30	C ₃₂ S extend hopane	78.050
31	C ₃₂ R extend hopane	78.599
32	C ₃₁ methyl hopanoid (or C ₃₁ $\beta\beta$ hopane)	81.308
33	C ₃₃ S extend hopane	81.485
34	C ₃₃ R extend hopane	82.370

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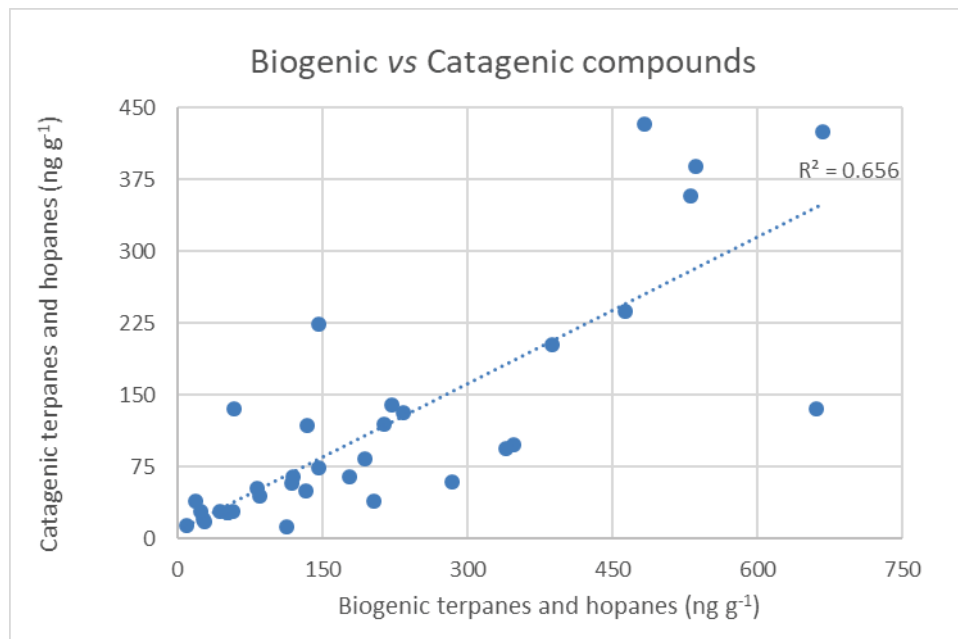
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Catagenic compounds were identified in all samples (Supplementary Material, ‘Anexo 2’). The higher concentrations of individual compounds were C₂₉ $\alpha\beta$ hopane or C₃₀ $\alpha\beta$ hopane. The extended C₃₁ R $\alpha\beta$ hopane were also a prominent compound and it corresponded to the more abundant in 30% of samples analyzed. However, despite the $\alpha\beta$ configuration compounds,

298 as cited previously, this compound must be a result of both catagenic (anthropogenic) and
 299 diagenetic (natural) inputs resulting in a higher concentration provided the sum of both sources.

300 An interesting pattern was observed in # 26 where a catagenic terpane (C₂₁ tricyclic
 301 terpane) had the higher concentration, followed by C₂₂ tricyclic terpanes - compounds
 302 characteristic from diesel (SIMONEIT, 2005; GARCIA *et al.*, 2019). A hydrodynamically
 303 protected mangrove with low supply of fine sediments and an intense boat traffic from tourism
 304 provided the favorable conditions to the accumulation of diesel exhaust products and/or chronic
 305 small oil spills. This site also presented pyrolytic PAHs and an abrupt UCM hump in the diesel
 306 range (unpublished data) that corroborates the identification of hydrocarbon contamination in
 307 this mangrove.

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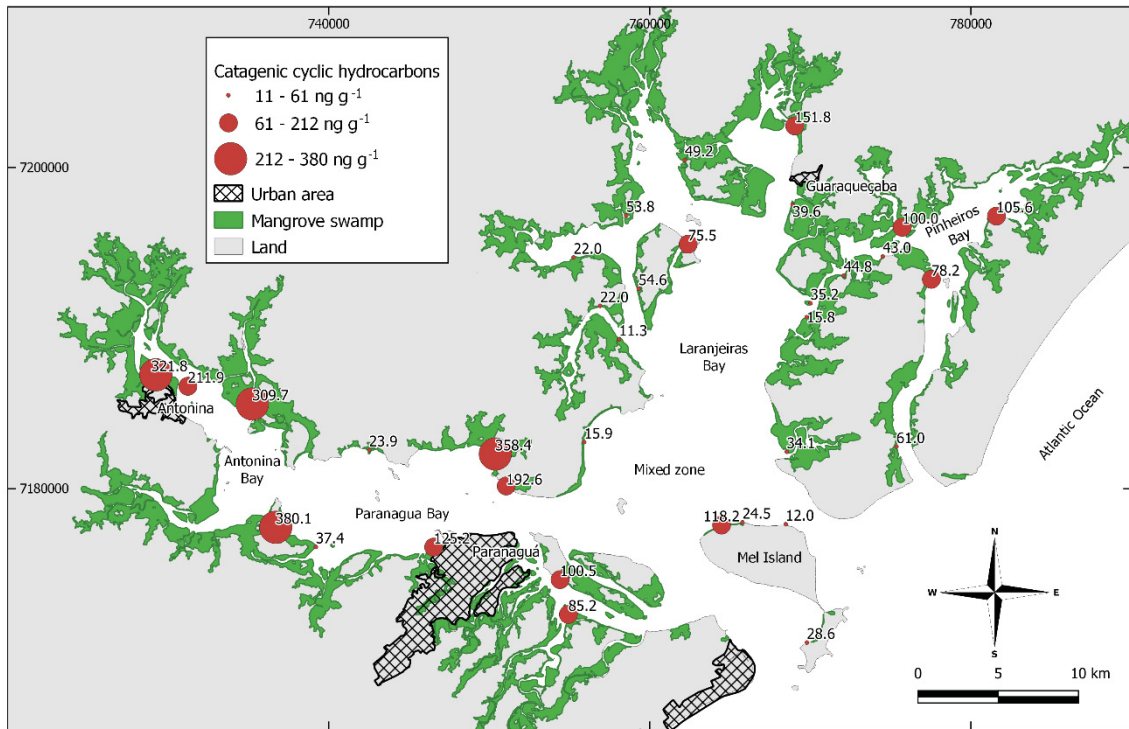
FIGURE 3.6 – CORRELATION BETWEEN BIOGENIC VS CATAGENIC TERPANES
 311 AND HOPANES

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314 Catagenic and biogenic terpanes and hopanes were correlated to each other ($R^2 = 0.66$,
 315 Fig. 3.6) and to TOC ($R^2 = 0.50$ for both groups). Assuming that both groups have different
 316 sources, this can be interpreted as an indication of similar ‘depositional behavior’ (e.g. affinity
 for TOC, fine sediments and lower energy sites).

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318 FIGURE 3.7 – CONCENTRATION OF CATAGENIC CYCLIC HYDROCARBONS (TERPANES
 319 AND HOPANES) IN ng g⁻¹ IN MANGROVE SEDIMENTS OF PARANAGUÁ ESTUARINE
 320 SYSTEM

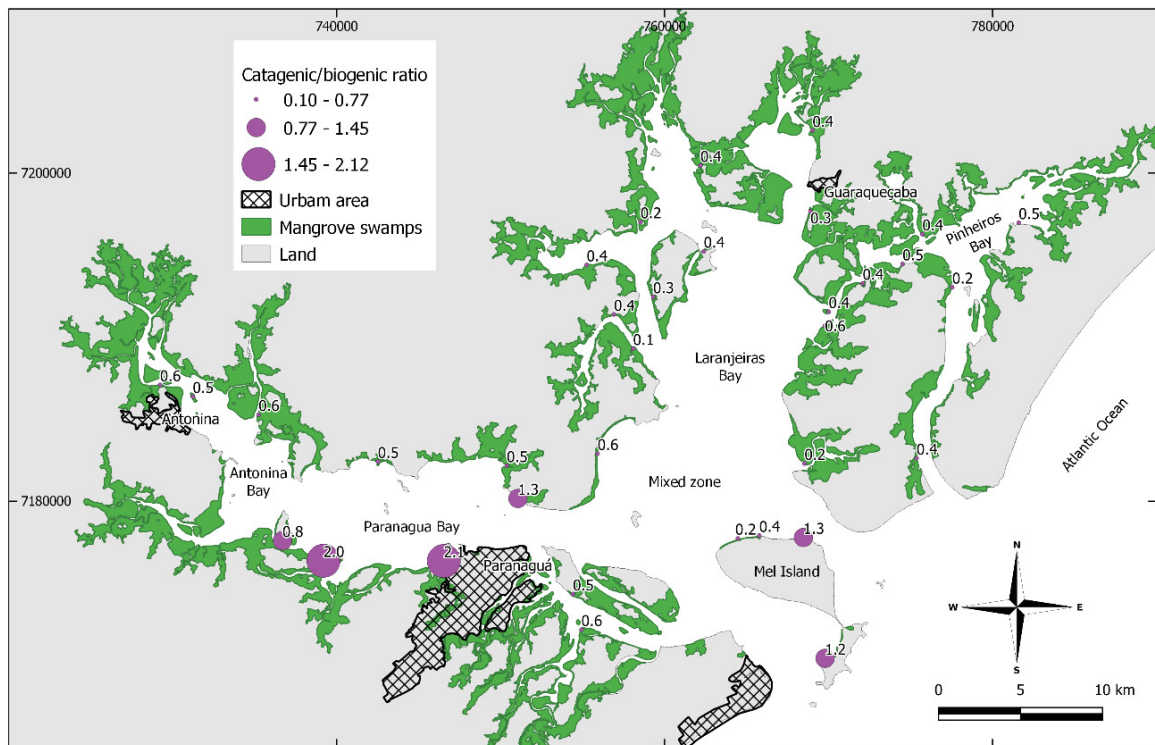
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322 Catagenic compounds were distributed throughout the estuarine system (Fig. 3.7).

323 Higher concentrations were observed in the E-W axis of the system (Antonina and Paranaguá
 324 Bay) and in one specific sample of the mixed zone (# 18), similar than the distribution of
 325 biogenic compounds. Lower concentrations were observed in the N-S axis of the system, with
 326 some sites presenting relatively high concentrations in the same sites verified to the biogenic
 327 cyclic terpanes and hopanes. This result may represent the preferential depositional sites since
 328 there is no evident sources nearby.

329 As presented above, the total concentrations of catagenic compounds seems to be
 330 mostly dependent from local depositional conditions, varying according to the TOC and having
 331 a similar distribution to the biogenic compounds. Therefore, the ratio of catagenic/biogenic
 332 terpanes and hopanes is proposed in this study as a useful proxy to distinguish the contribution

333 of organic matter to the mangrove sediments, to better assign the anthropogenic sources of the
 334 chronic contamination of petrogenic hydrocarbons. Additionally, areas with high TOC in the
 335 sediments are favorable to the accumulation of ‘blue carbon’ (HOWARD *et al.*, 2014) so it
 336 must be assessed and preserved.



337 FIGURE 3.8 –CATAGENIC/BIOGENIC HOPANES AND TERPANES RATIO CALCULATED TO
 338 THE MANGROVE SEDIMENTS OF PARANAGUÁ ESTUARINE SYSTEM.

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340 Catagenic/biogenic terpanes and hopanes ratios presented values higher than 1.0 in
 341 five samples (Fig. 3.8; Supplementary Material ‘Anexo 2’). The highest values were observed
 342 near Paranaguá Port (# 07) and nearby in Paranaguá Bay area (# 06 and # 09). The other two
 343 places were in Mel Island: the first one in Encantadas pier (# 26) and the other one in a site far
 344 from any human settlement (# 16). This should be a result of the influence from the chronic
 345 small oil spills from Paranaguá Port, the runoff from Paranaguá City and/or from chronic inputs
 346 from the local boat traffic.

347 In particular, the Mel Island site has an urban occupation of around 1,000 inhabitants
 348 (IBGE, 2010) and is the main touristic destination in PES. In Encantadas beach, there is a
 349 touristic pier and in the North of the Island with an intense route of boats to the Guaraqueçaba
 350 bay, where a small city is established (approximately 7,800 inhabitants; IBGE, 2010). Also,
 351 tidal currents in Paranaguá Bay have a net transport towards the open sea and northward
 352 (NOERNBERG *et al.*, 2007); so, considering Paranaguá Port/City as a main source for local
 353 inputs of anthropogenic hydrocarbons, there may be an influence from Paranaguá as well.

354 The assumption of Paranaguá Port/City as the main source of anthropogenic
 355 hydrocarbons is also evidenced by the average ratios in each of the sub-areas of the estuary.
 356 The average catagenic/biogenic terpanes and hopanes ratios for Paranaguá Bay suggest that this
 357 area is the main contributor of catagenic hydrocarbons to the PES (Table 3.4). Laranjeiras,
 358 Guaraqueçaba and Pinheiros Bay can be considered on average as the less contaminated sites
 359 in this estuarine system, based on low values of this ratio.

360 TABLE 3.4 – CATAGENIC AND BIOGENIC TERPANES AND HOPANES IN SUB-AREAS OF
 361 THE PES (AVERAGE AND MIN – MAX)

	PES Zones					
	Inner zone		Intermediate zone			Outer zone
	Antonina	Guaraqueçaba	Paranaguá	Laranjeiras	Pinheiros	Mixed zone
N	5	2	5	7	9	8
CAT/BIO	0.6 (0.3 – 0.9)	0.4 (0.4 – 0.5)	1.4 (0.6 – 2.3)	0.4 (0.1 -0.5)	0.5 (0.3 – 0.7)	0.7 (0.2 – 1.4)
Total BIO (ng g⁻¹)	472.2 (347.5 – 536.1)	259.8 (132.7 – 387.0)	187.1 (18.9 – 667.0)	142.0 (52.3 – 283.4)	156.9 (27.2 – 339.1)	166.4 (9.5 – 660.0)
Total CAT (ng g⁻¹)	302.7 (97.3 – 432.3)	125.8 (49.5 – 202.2)	170.1 (28.3 – 423.9)	47.9 (12.7 – 82.7)	76.5 (19.7 – 139.4)	62.3 (13.5 – 134.8)

CAT= catagenic terpanes and hopanes /BIO = biogenic terpanes and hopanes

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364 3.4 CONCLUSIONS

365 Mangroves of PES presented cyclic hydrocarbons from natural sources in the terpanes
366 range (mostly from higher plants) and in the hopanes range (mostly from bacteria). Catagenic
367 compounds were widespread through the study area, superimposed in the natural 'profile'.
368 Catagenic terpanes and hopanes concentrations varied according to the depositional conditions
369 (TOC and fine sediments). Catagenic compounds varied coherently with the distribution of
370 natural compounds.

371 The inner portion of the estuary, including hydrodynamically protected areas of PES
372 (Paranaguá and Guaraqueçaba), presented in average higher levels of biogenic compounds,
373 decreasing towards open areas. Higher levels of biogenic cyclic hydrocarbons can be
374 interpreted as an indication of higher sensibility of the environment to inputs of hydrophobic
375 contaminants, since the deposition processes are expected to be very similar. This approach can
376 be applied to predict the sensibility/vulnerability of specific areas of coastal ecosystems to
377 pollution by organic contaminants such as POPs and emerging hydrophobic contaminants.
378 Also, areas with high TOC content in the sediments would emit more CO₂ to the atmosphere
379 in case of being degraded.

380 The proposed ratio of catagenic/biogenic compounds could accurately assess the low-
381 level chronic inputs of anthropic hydrocarbons in the study area. It is another innovative
382 approach and can be applied to areas with high natural inputs of organic matter, where chronic
383 low-level hydrocarbon inputs are not evident through regular hydrocarbon analyses (such as *n*-
384 alkanes and PAHs).

385 Coastal ecosystems including mangroves provide several services and benefits that are
386 vital to mitigate the impacts of climate change and human occupation, including the storage of
387 significant amounts carbon, known as coastal blue carbon, from the atmosphere and oceans
388 (HOWARD *et al.*, 2014). In contrast, these ecosystems are severely threatened by

389 anthropogenic activities and mangroves are historically the most devastated (MURRAY *et al.*
390 2011). Therefore, it is essential to provide and apply tools to assess human impacts on
391 mangroves in order to provide data to management, preservation and restoration of these
392 important components of the biosphere.

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2 **4 SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION AND MAIN SOURCES OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC**
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19 **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

20 Estuaries are a coastal ecosystem formed in the transitional areas from continental to
21 marine environments. Among the estuarine ecosystems, mangrove swamps have a remarkable
22 importance for coastal protection, food supplies, carbon storage, among other features (FAO,
23 2007; SPALDING *et al.*, 2010; PRIMAVERA *et al.*, 2019). This biome typically occurs in
24 tropical and subtropical coasts that are subjected to the action of tides and human activities
25 (SCHAEFFER-NOVELLI, 1999).

26 Mangrove sediments can be formed by particles from both marine and continental
27 sources (COOPER, 2001; TREMBLAY *et al.*, 2007) with proper conditions for the deposition
28 of fine sediments and a slow degradation of the organic matter. The mangrove ecosystems are

29 considered vulnerable to the contamination by organic hydrophobic compounds such as
30 petroleum hydrocarbons (BOUILLON *et al.*, 2008; NOERNBERG and LANA, 2002; DUKE,
31 2016), since they present low rates of recovery from accidental oil spills and the degradation of
32 aromatic compounds are especially slow in these environments (BURNS *et al.*, 1993). Due to
33 the high rates of organic matter preservation and anoxic conditions, the recovery of a mangrove
34 ecosystem after an oil spill may last from 2 to more than 20 years (BOLLMANN *et al.*, 2010).

35 Some characteristics of the mangrove ecosystem provide favorable conditions for the
36 accumulation of hydrophobic compounds from chronic inputs, such as a high biological
37 productivity, the abundance of detritus and a high content of organic carbon. As a result,
38 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) associated to multiple sources from human activities
39 has been one of the most frequent group of pollutants accumulated in worldwide mangrove
40 sediments (LI *et al.*, 2014; LEWIS *et al.*, 2011; DUKE, 2016). Many mangrove swamps have
41 been reported as being heavily contaminated by PAHs, with concentrations higher than 10 μg
42 g^{-1} (dry weight) (KLEKOWSKI *et al.*, 1994; TAM *et al.*, 2001; CELINO and QUEIROZ, 2006;
43 FARIAS *et al.*; 2008; FONTANA *et al.* 2012).

44 PAHs contamination is a reason of special concern due to their toxicity, mutagenic and
45 carcinogenic effects to living organisms. They are relatively persistent in the environment and
46 may accumulate in biological tissues with possible implications for human consumption of
47 seafood (BAUMARD *et al.*, 1998a; ALMEIDA *et al.*, 2018).

48 In Brazil there are extensive areas of mangrove forests, especially in North Brazil with
49 one of the biggest mangrove areas worldwide (SPALDING *et al.*, 2010). In contrast, remaining
50 mangrove forests linked to the one of the better-preserved Atlantic Rainforests of South
51 America are located on Paraná State, South Brazil, that encompasses a shoreline with 1,675 km
52 and high environmental sensibility (SOUSA, 2008).

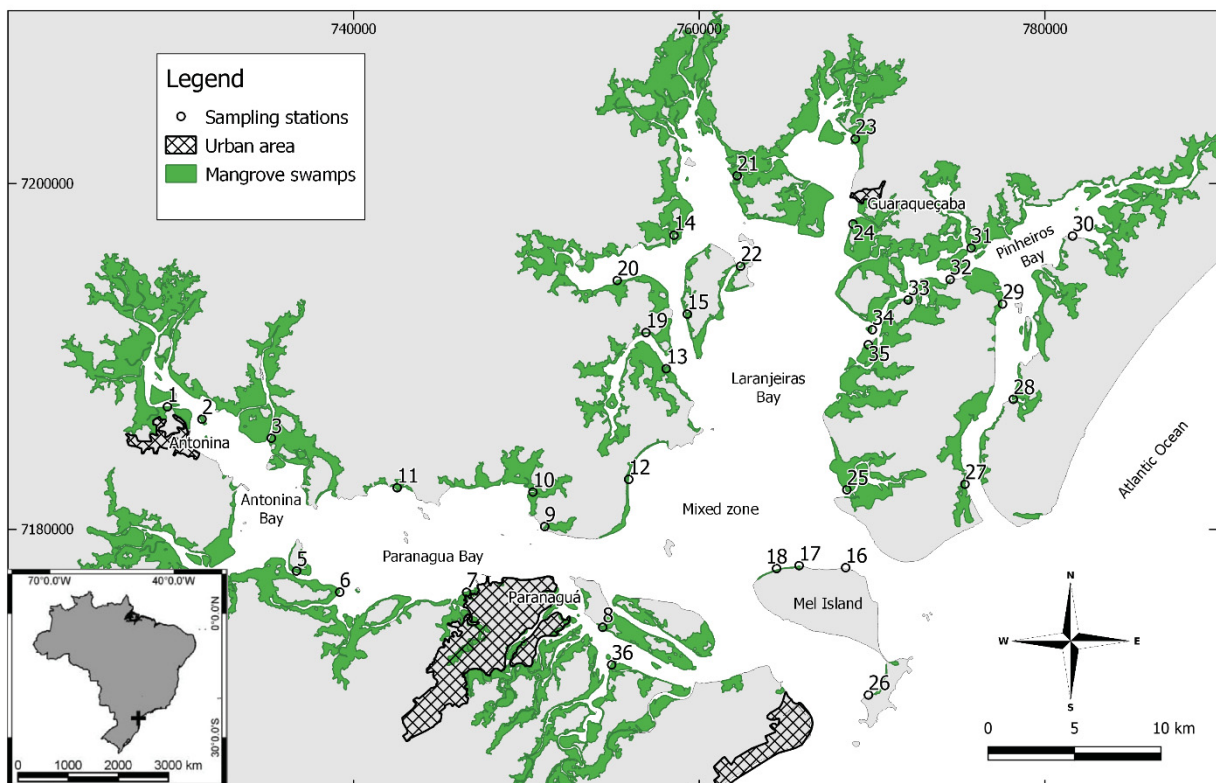
53 The main geomorphologic feature of Paraná State coast is Paranaguá Estuarine System
54 (PES) (25°30'S; 48°25'W) (Fig. 4.1). This is the larger bay of South Brazil with 552 km² of
55 open water area (LANA *et al.*, 2001). The main human settlements are located in the South area
56 of this system, including Paranaguá city, the largest urban center established in the bay margins
57 with more than 140,000 inhabitants (IBGE, 2010). Antonina is the second most important
58 urban/port area in PEC, with approximately 19,000 inhabitants (IBGE, 2010).

59 PES has extensive mangrove areas as part of a biosphere reserve established by the
60 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) since 1993, that
61 are considered to be under threat despite of having economic and nutritional relevance mainly
62 due to crab fishing (*Ucides cordatus*) (BORGES *et al.*, 2006; FARACO *et al.*, 2010) and oyster
63 harvesting (*Crassostrea sp.*) (MONTANHINI and MONTANHINI NETO, 2015). The main
64 expected source of anthropogenic hydrocarbons for the study area are navigation activities (port
65 and local boats) and urban occupation (MARTINS *et al.*, 2015). PAHs levels of bottom
66 sediments in the study area have been considered low (ABREU-MOTA *et al.*, 2014; BET *et*
67 *al.*, 2015). However, a large spatial evaluation of PAHs in mangrove sediments from PES have
68 not been previously established despite of imminent risk of incidental oil spills during harbor
69 operations and chronic input from direct discharge of sewage and petroleum by-products and
70 also residues from combustion of biomass and fossil fuels.

71 The present study aims to assess the recent deposition of PAHs in the mangrove
72 swamps of PES and (i) verify the spatial distribution of PAHs throughout the mangroves
73 widespread in this subtropical estuarine system; (ii) elucidate the main sources of PAHs to the
74 mangrove swamps based on diagnostic ratios of individual compounds and the previously
75 studies in sediments and suspended particulate material, and; (iii) determine preferential
76 depositional sites of PAHs accumulation in order to find potential sensitivity areas of past and
77 future hydrocarbon contamination.

78 4.2 MATERIAL AND METHODS

79 PES is a subtropical estuary (25°30'S; 48°25'W) affected by intensive tourism and high
 80 contamination risk (e.g. COMBI et al., 2013; SOUZA et al., 2016) due to extensive urban
 81 development and harbors activities (e.g. MARTINS et al., 2015). The estuarine system is the
 82 larger bay of South Brazil with 552 km² of open water area (LANA et al., 2018). The E-W axis
 83 comprise the main human settlements, including Paranaguá city, the largest urban center
 84 established in the Bay margins with more than 140,000 inhabitants (IBGE, 2010). PES is
 85 comprehended in the geological barrier system of Paranaguá coastal plain with Pleistocene and
 86 Holocene sedimentary deposits. It is surrounded by prominent mountain ranges, consisting of
 87 granitic massifs, intruded into the Paleoproterozoic basement (LESSA et al., 2000;
 88 NASCIMENTO et al., 2016).



89 FIGURE 4.1 – SAMPLING SITES IN PARANAGUÁ ESTUARINE SYSTEM (PES)

90 Sampling was performed in December, 2017 in well-developed mangrove forests

91 (NOERNBERG *et al.*, 2008) covering different structural types and sub-areas (NAIZOT, 1993;
92 LANA *et al.*, 2001; MANTOVANELLI *et al.*, 2004). As shown in Figure 4.1, thirty-six
93 sediment samples were collected preferentially in *Rizophora sp.* forests, corresponding to recent
94 areas of swamp, being favorable to retain sedimentary organic material (CUNHA-LIGNON *et*
95 *al.*, 2009). In case *Rizophora* forests could not be found in the target location, sampling was
96 performed in *Avicennia sp.* or mixed forests (*Rizophora* and *Avicennia*).

97 Each sample was composed from equal parts of sediments taken from three different
98 quadrats (1 m² each) in order to minimize short-scale spatial variation (GARCIA *et al.*, 2019).
99 Collected sediments were frozen (-20 °C), freeze-dried and stored in cleaned glass jars until
100 analysis.

101 Fine sediments content was determined in the dried total sediment by sieving method
102 (<0,062 mm particle size). Bulk organic matter (total organic carbon; TOC, total nitrogen; TN,
103 and carbon isotope ratio; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) was determined using an EA-Costech elemental analyzer
104 coupled to an isotope ratio mass spectrometry Thermo Scientific Delta V Advantage MS (EA-
105 IRMS). Approximately 6-8 mg of dry sediment was decarbonated with HCl solution (1 mol L⁻¹)
106 and total nitrogen was determined in the same amount of bulk sediment. Standards were
107 determined before each group of 40 samples to verify the analytical accuracy (USGS-
108 40/glutamic acid, United States Geological Survey, and IAEA-600/caffeine, International
109 Atomic Energy Agency). The standard deviation for the calibration of isotopic ratios was equal
110 to 0.01% for both ratios (USGS-40 standard) and 0.03% for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (IAEA-600 standard). The
111 standard used for determination of carbon and nitrogen contents was Soil LECO (LECO
112 Corporation USA) (estimated levels of 13.55% and 0.81%, respectively).

113 Analytical procedure of PAHs analysis in the marine sediments was based on the United
114 Nations Environment Program method (UNEP, 1992) with adaptations described in
115 WISNIESKI *et al.* (2016). Approximately 20 g of sediment were extracted over 8 h using 80

116 mL of a mixture of dichloromethane and *n*-hexane (1:1). Activated copper was added in order
117 to remove elemental sulfur. A surrogate standard mixture of deuterated compounds
118 (naphthalene-d₈, acenaphthene-d₁₀, phenanthrene-d₁₀, chrysene-d₁₂, perylene-d₁₂) was added
119 before each blank and sample extraction. The DCM/*n*-hexane extract was purified by column
120 chromatography using 5% deactivated alumina (1.8 g) and silica (3.2 g). Elution was performed
121 with 10 mL of *n*-hexane (fraction 1: aliphatic hydrocarbons and petroleum biomarkers, with
122 results not presented in this study) and 15 mL of a mixture of dichloromethane and *n*-hexane
123 (3:7) (fraction 2: PAHs). The resulting extract (500 µL) was stored in glass vials. Internal
124 standard (benzo[*b*]fluoranthene-d₁₂) was added prior to the gas chromatographic analysis.

125 Hydrocarbon determination was performed with a gas chromatograph (Agilent Model
126 7890A) coupled to a mass spectrometer (Agilent 5973N inert MSD with Triple-Axis Detector)
127 using a fused silica capillary column coated with 5% diphenyl/dimethyl siloxane (30 m, 0.25
128 mm internal diameter, 0.25 µm film thickness). A 2 µL aliquot of each extract (fraction 1 and
129 2) was injected in splitless mode with the injector temperature at 280°C. Oven temperature
130 ramp was programmed from 40 to 60°C at 20 °C min⁻¹, then to 290 °C at 5 °C min⁻¹, and finally
131 to 300 °C at 6 °C min⁻¹, with a final hold for 20 min. The interface with the detector was
132 conditioned at 300 °C and the ion source at 230 °C. Data acquisition was performed in selected
133 ion monitoring (SIM) mode (Tab. 4.1).

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TABLE 4.1 – MONITORED IONS FOR PAHs ANALYSIS

Monitored Ions (m/z)	Compounds
128/127	Naphthalene
142/141	C ₁ - naphthalene
156/141	C ₂ - naphthalene
152/153	Acenaphthylene
153/154	Acenaphthene
170/155	C ₃ - naphthalene
166/165	Fluorene
178/179	Phenanthrene and anthracene
192/191	C ₁ -phenanthrene
202/200	Fluoranthene and pyrene
228/226	Benzo(a)anthracene and chrysene
252/253	Benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(j+k)fluoranthene, benzo(e)pyrene, benzo(a)pyrene, perylene
276/138	Indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene, benzo(g,h,i)perylene
279/139	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene

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Individual PAHs were identified by matching their retention times and ion mass fragments (m/z) with those from standard mixtures (Z-014G-FL, AccuStandard). The calibration range used in the quantification was 0.10 to 2.00 ng μL^{-1} . Quality assurance procedures included analyses of procedural blanks, matrix spikes, precision tests and certified reference material (WADE and CANTILLO, 1994). Blanks were performed for each extraction batch of 11 samples and did not show interference with the analyses of the target compounds. Mean standard recoveries for the spiked sediments were $60 \pm 8\%$ for 1-hexadecene, $83 \pm 10\%$ for 1-eicosene, $40 \pm 9\%$ for naphthalene-d₈, $60 \pm 10\%$ for acenaphtene-d₁₀, $83 \pm 15\%$ for phenantrene-d₁₀, $86 \pm 11\%$ for chysene-d₁₂, $84 \pm 13\%$ for perylene-d₁₂ and $80 \pm 13\%$ for 5 α -cholestane-d₄.

148 4.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

149 4.3.1 Bulk results

150 Sampling stations can be divided into sub areas according to the geographic
 151 configuration of the PES (NAIZOT, 1993; LANA *et al.*, 2001; MANTOVANELLI *et al.*, 2004;
 152 Tab. 4.2). There is an expected gradient from continental to marine influences varying
 153 according to the geographic location. Inner bay areas (Antonina and Guaraqueçaba) present
 154 average bulk results that suggests a stronger influence of continental apportions in a lower
 155 energy depositional environment, such as relatively high fine sediment content and TOC and
 156 TN. Paranaguá, Laranjeiras and Pinheiros Bay present intermediate results to these parameters.
 157 Among all areas of the estuarine complex, the lowest average content of fine sediments and
 158 TOC was observed in the Mixed zone. These results suggest a stronger marine influence with
 159 a higher energy depositional environment.

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161 TABLE 4.2 – AVERAGE BULK RESULTS BY GEOGRAPHIC SUBZONES OF PEC

	PEC Subareas					
	Inner zone		Intermediate zone			Outer zone
	Antonina	Guaraqueçaba	Paranaguá	Laranjeiras	Pinheiros	Mixed zone
N	5	2	5	7	9	8
pH	6.1 (5.50 – 6.64)	5.8 (5.78 – 5.89)	6.8 (6.26 – 7.33)	6.1 (5.70 – 6.40)	6.2 (5.66 – 6.80)	6.5 (6.22 – 6.98)
Eh	+62 (-24 – +145)	+99 (+58 – +140)	+25 (-192 – +141)	+22 (-178 – +124)	+42 (-127 – +150)	+11 (-296 – +194)
% fine sed	76.5 (14.9 – 96.0)	54.6 (24.3 – 85.0)	30.9 (2.1 – 87.3)	21.2 (4.7 – 48.6)	33.0 (3.3 – 72.5)	14.1 (1.1 – 45.7)
% TOC	5.9 (3.32 – 9.14)	3.5 (1.74 – 5.30)	2.5 (0.27 – 5.35)	1.5 (0.51 – 3.67)	2.2 (0.60 – 4.03)	1.1 (0.13 – 3.08)
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	-26.9 (-27.43 – -26.36)	-26.6 (-27.16 – -26.09)	-25.5 (-26.62 – -24.86)	-26.8 (-28.36 – -25.77)	-25.8 (-26.78 – -24.96)	-25.7 (-27.29 – -23.10)
% TN	0.37 (0.12 – 0.45)	0.30 (0.12 – 0.48)	0.21 (0.04 – 0.43)	0.13 (0.05 – 0.34)	0.21 (0.06 – 0.49)	0.14 (0.05 – 0.22)

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163 4.3.2 PAHs levels and distribution

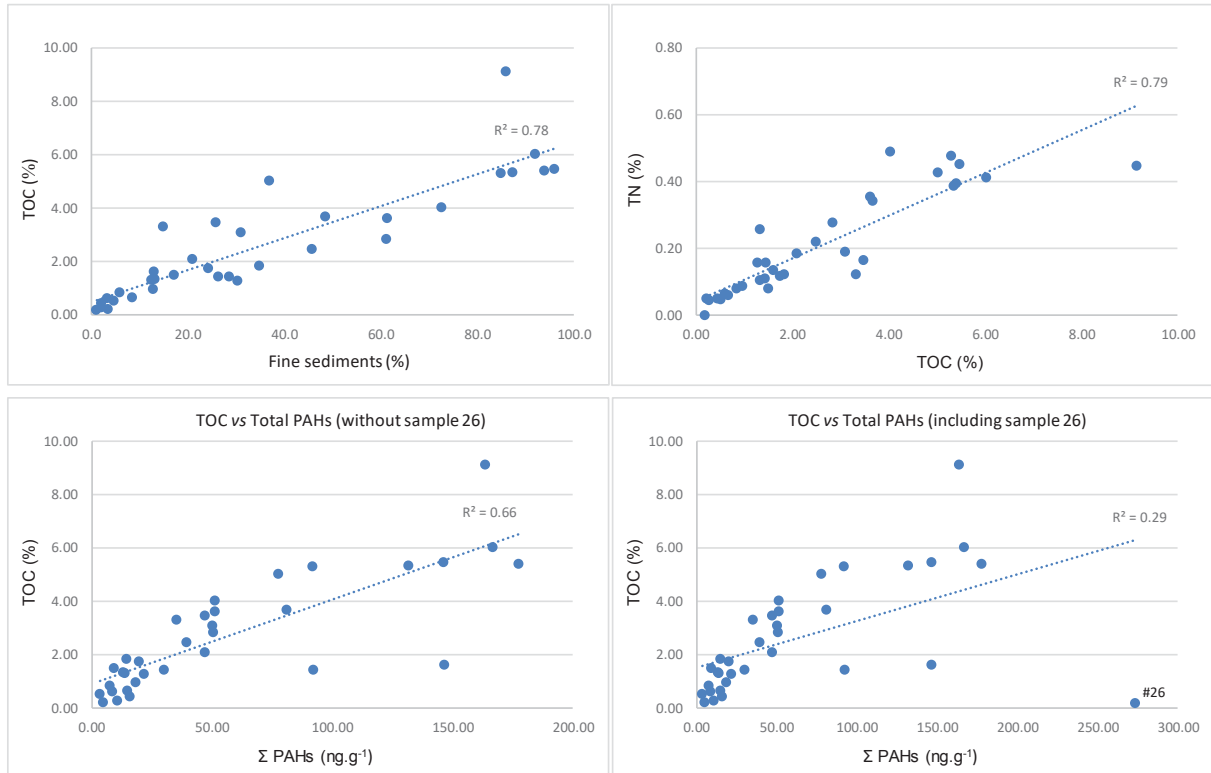
164 The complete set of results is presented in the Supplementary Material ('Anexo 3').
 165 Concentrations of the 16 priority PAHs according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 166 (EPA) ($\sum 16$ PAHs EPA: <DL – 234.3 ng g⁻¹) observed in mangrove sediments of PES are
 167 higher than those observed in previous studies for bottom sediments: 0.6 – 63.8 ng g⁻¹

168 (CARDOSO *et al.*, 2016); <DL – 57.2 ng g⁻¹ (ABREU-MOTA *et al.*, 2014); 3.85 – 89.2 ng g⁻¹
169 (MARTINS *et al.*, 2012). However, in places near Paranaguá Port, the Σ 16 PAHs in bottom
170 sediments reached higher levels (max. 812 ng g⁻¹, MARTINS *et al.*, 2015) than mangroves
171 swamps studied.

172 Mangrove sediments in other locations considered as being human impacted presented
173 levels of Σ 16 PAHs in the same order of magnitude, as reported for Sundarban Mangrove
174 Wetland, India (3.3 – 630 ng g⁻¹, MITRA *et al.*, 2019); Florianópolis, Brazil (25.9 – 434.2 ng
175 g⁻¹, ASSUNÇÃO *et al.*, 2017) and Shantou wetlands, China (57 – 238 ng g⁻¹, CAO *et al.*, 2009).
176 On the other hand, concentrations observed in the study area are low if compared to heavily
177 impacted mangroves such as Guanabara Bay, Brazil (10 – 240,394 ng g⁻¹, FARIAS *et al.*, 2008;
178 4,400 – 1,387,000 ng g⁻¹, FONTANA *et al.*, 2012); Fortaleza, Brazil (3,040 – 2,234,760 ng g⁻¹,
179 CAVALCANTE *et al.*, 2009) and Guadeloupe Island, the Caribbean Sea (103 – 1,657 ng g⁻¹,
180 BERNARD *et al.*, 1996).

181 There is a high correlation between TOC vs TN and also between TOC vs fine sediments
182 ($R^2 \approx 0.8$, $n = 36$, $p < 0.01$). These parameters present similar trends of distribution, with similar
183 sources and preferential depositional sites (Fig. 4.2). Also, the correlation of TOC vs Total
184 PAHs ($R^2 = 0.66$, $n = 35$, $p < 0.01$) indicates that PAHs concentrations in the study area are
185 dependent to TOC content, as long as # 26 is not considered in the cross plot. This site presented
186 the highest concentration of Total PAHs found in this study (273.4 ng g⁻¹) despite of having
187 low contents of TOC (0.18%) and fine sediments (1%). It suggests that there is local anomalous
188 input of PAHs as well as proper hydrodynamic conditions that permit the deposition of PAHs
189 in this specific mangrove forest placed in the more important touristic place (Mel Island) located
190 in the PES.

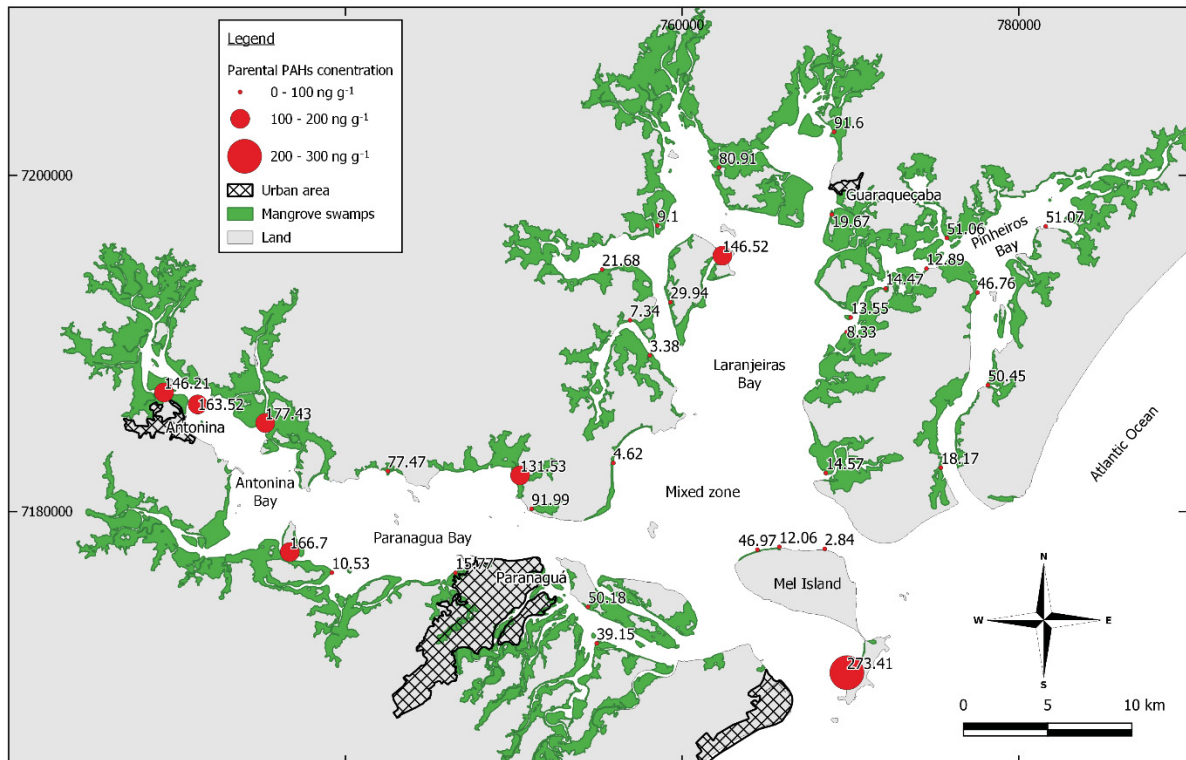
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192 FIGURE 4.2 – LINEAR CORRELATIONS OF BULK PARAMETERS AND TOTAL PAHs IN
 193 MANGROVE SEDIMENTS OF PES

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195 In general, total PAHs followed a trend of higher concentrations in the inner zone,
 196 medium average levels in the intermediate zone and lower values for the outer zone (Tab. 4.2).
 197 Due to the intensive anthropogenic activities in Antonina and Paranaguá bays, higher average
 198 levels were observed in specific locations, being different than general pattern observed in each
 199 zone. Also, there are punctual influences in the mixed zone (# 26, 273.4 ng g⁻¹) and in
 200 Laranjeiras Bay (# 22, 146.5 ng g⁻¹) (Fig. 4.3). Excluding the results of these sites, the average
 201 values are sensibly reduced (mixed zone= 24.3 ng g⁻¹, n = 7 and Laranjeiras Bay = 25.4 ng g⁻¹,
 202 n = 6).



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FIGURE 4.3 – SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL PAHs CONCENTRATIONS (IN ng g⁻¹) IN PES MANGROVE SEDIMENTS.

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Therefore, marine hydrodynamics and/or dilution processes seems to drive a major influence in the transport and deposition of PAHs in the mangrove swamps of PES. Inner areas of the estuarine system, sheltered from the effects of the energy of the open sea are a preferential site for the deposition and accumulation of chronic inputs of PAHs making these areas particularly vulnerable to long term contamination.

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The predominant individual compounds can also be an indication of measurable anthropogenic impacts by PAHs. In samples with high levels of total PAHs (# 22 and # 26) pyrene and benzo(*a*)pyrene were the most prominent abundant compounds. In site # 07, near Paranaguá Port/City low levels of total PAHs were observed but the main compound was pyrene, as a result of human impact to this mangrove forest.

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According to BAUMARD *et al.* (1998a), the level of sediment pollution can be assigned by the sum of parental PAHs as being low (0 – 100 ng g⁻¹), moderate (100 – 1,100 ng g⁻¹), high

219 (1,000 – 5,000 ng g⁻¹) and very high (> 5,000 ng g⁻¹). According to this classification, most of
220 the studied sites presented a low level of contamination n = 28). However, some of the
221 mangrove sediments presented a moderate level of contamination, located in Antonina Bay (#
222 01, # 02, # 03 and # 05), in Paranaguá Bay (# 10), in Laranjeiras bay (# 22) and in the mixed
223 area (# 26). Sites # 10, # 22 and # 26 are located in sheltered bays and near human settlements
224 that have possible sources of PAHs such as navigation (e.g. touristic terminal of Encantadas, #
225 26) and sewage (Gamela village, # 22).

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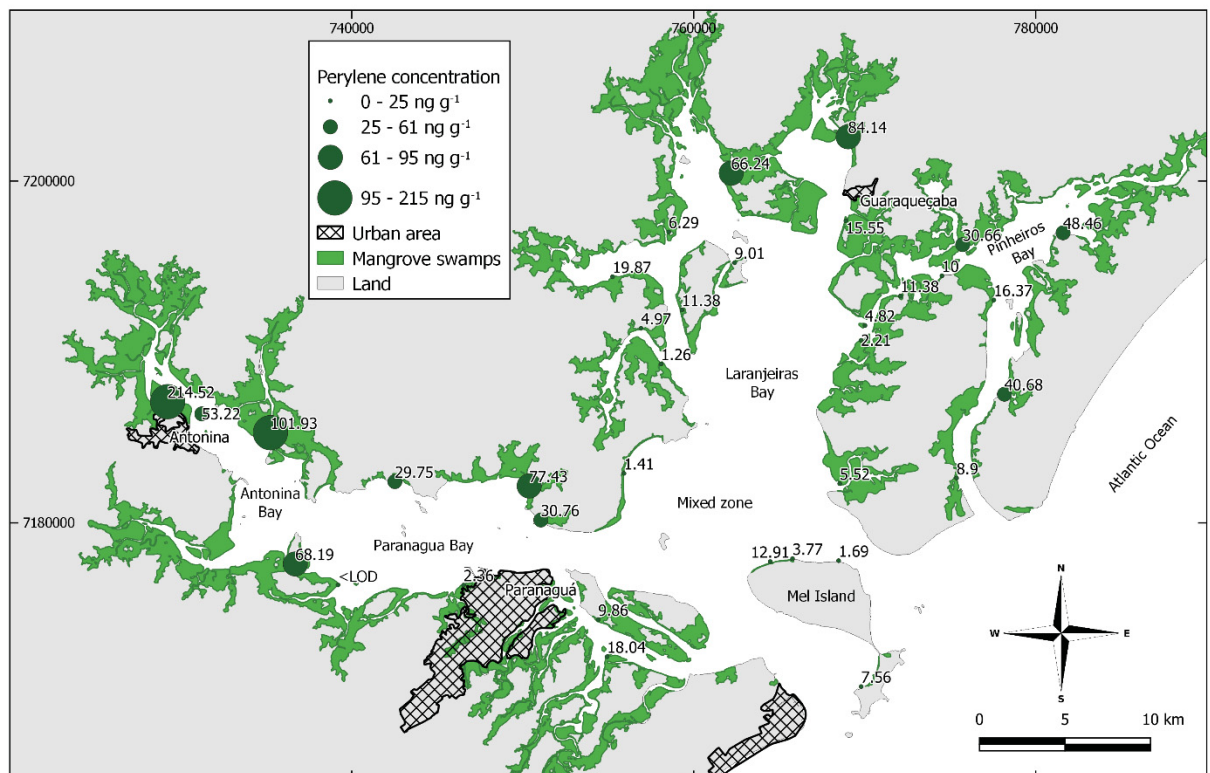
227 4.3.3 Perylene distribution

228 Perylene is a diagenetic-related PAH frequently found in marine and freshwater
229 sediments and is frequently interpreted as being naturally formed in situ (VENKATESAN,
230 1988; BAUMARD et al., 1998b; ISHIWATARI et al., 2004; MARTINS et al., 2015;
231 CARDOSO et al., 2016). The formation of this compound was proposed to be controlled by in
232 situ microbial processing of non-specific OM (SILLIMAN et al., 1998, SILLIMAN et al., 2000,
233 SILLIMANN et al., 2001), however its origin therefore remains unsolved. This compound may
234 present a distribution pattern different from other combustion-derived PAHs (ISHIWATARI et
235 al., 2004).

236 The effect of anthropogenic inputs is reflected in the proportion of perylene relative to
237 total 5-rings PAHs (Tab. 4.2). Perylene represented ~70% or more of the 5-rings PAHs in less
238 human-impacted areas (Guaraqueçaba, Pinheiros and Laranjeiras Bay); whereas in Paranaguá
239 Bay, the most human impacted sub-area in the PES, perylene roughly represented 50% of the
240 total 5-rings PAHs.

241 Regarding individual compounds, perylene was the most abundant compound in 86%
242 of the samples. Concentrations ranged from <DL to 214.5 ng g⁻¹ corresponding from 4.7 to
243 100% of the Total 5 ring PAHs. The highest concentrations of this compound were found in

244 Antonina and Guaraqueçaba bays (Fig. 4.4). These also presented higher TOC in low energy
 245 environments and near to river's discharge, that may be an important source of natural
 246 terrigenous organic matter and precursors of this compound. Therefore, perylene in the study
 247 area can be attributed mostly to natural sources (VENKATESAN, 1988; BAUMARD et al.,
 248 1998b; ISHIWATARI *et al.*, 2004; MARTINS *et al.*, 2015).
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250 FIGURE 4.4 – SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF PERYLENE CONCENTRATIONS (IN ng g^{-1})
 251 ¹) IN MANGROVE SEDIMENTS OF PES

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 253 Perylene correlation to TOC does not present the same pattern in all areas of PES. If
 254 Antonina Bay is not considered in the linear regression, the correlation of TOC vs perylene is
 255 increased to significant levels ($R^2 = 0.70$; $n = 31$). Further studies are needed in order to clarify
 256 the processes involved in this distribution, since the mangrove in Antonina has specific
 257 conditions such as high TOC content (max. 9.14%), low energy environment, riverine

258 contributions and anthropic activities (city and port) that can result in a particular depositional
 259 environment.

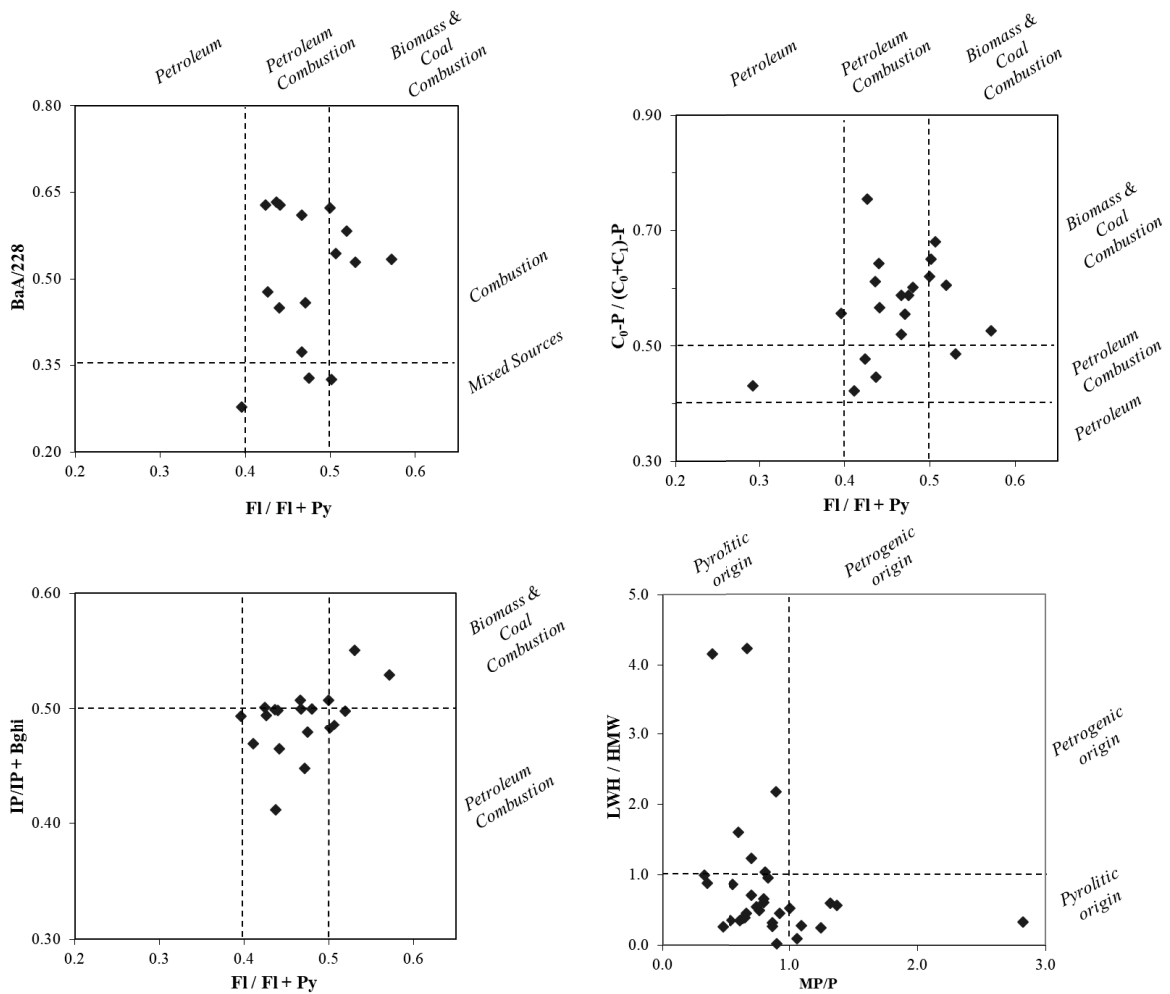
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261 *4.3.4 Sources of PAHs based on diagnostic ratios*

262 Diagnostic ratios of individual PAHs (Fig. 4.5) suggest that combustion is the main
 263 source of PAHs to PES's mangroves. Despite some ratios point to biomass and coal combustion
 264 as the main contributors, most of the calculated values remain in the range of petroleum
 265 combustion (YUNKER *et al.*, 2002). Sites with this type of source signature are widespread
 266 throughout the studied estuary.

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FIGURE 4.5 – DIAGNOSTIC RATIOS TO INDIVIDUAL PAHs CALCULATED FOR PES MANGROVE SEDIMENTS

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273 The petroleum and by-products combustion are in accordance to the main expected
274 anthropogenic source of PAHs to the studied area. Boat and cargo ship traffic can significantly
275 contribute to PAHs inputs for aquatic environments, since exhaustion and chronic leakages of
276 lubricant are rich in PAHs (SMITH *et al.*, 1985; GARCIA *et al.*, 2010; KAO *et al.*, 2015). The
277 PES margins are occupied by artisanal fisherfolk (distributed in approx. 40 villages with 2,100
278 families; FARACO *et al.*, 2010) that depend almost exclusively on boats for transportation.
279 Furthermore, Paranaguá and Antonina have intense port activities, Paranaguá being the main
280 South American grain terminal and the third most important Brazilian port in terms of loading
281 and unloading operations (MARTINS *et al.*, 2015). Biomass and coal combustion seem to be
282 another important source of PAHs to the study area.

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285 4.4 CONCLUSIONS

286 This study assessed for the first time the PAHs distribution in the superficial sediments
287 of the mangrove swamps of PEC, corresponding to the recent deposition of these compounds.
288 PAHs were distributed throughout the mangroves of the study area with the most prominent
289 compound being perylene, that was attributed to diagenetic processes and therefore is tracer for
290 natural sources of organic matter.

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292 Calculated ratios of PAHs point to combustion of petroleum and by-products as the
293 main source of PAHs to the studied area, suggesting that navigation is the main source of PAHs
294 to the study area. Biomass and coal combustion are also an important source. This study is a
295 contribution for the study of PAHs in mangrove sediments being the first attempt to map these
296 compounds in the study area. Despite of being one of the most a well-preserved estuary in
297 Brazil and comprised on a World Heritage Listed area (POSSATO *et al.*, 2014; SA *et al.*, 2006),
the results obtained in this study showed evidences of anthropogenic inputs. Mangrove

298 sediments are therefore extremely vulnerable to chronic impacts that can pose cumulative
299 amounts of carcinogenic compounds, such as benzo(a)pyrene.

300 Since mangroves are an important food source for the population and sustain
301 fundamental economic activity (crabs and oyster extraction) the results deserve special
302 attention, focusing on environmental quality to assure the security for food consuming of the
303 traditional communities in PES and its customers. Future entrepreneurships in the area have the
304 potential to increase the chronic loads of PAHs as well as the probability of accidents with
305 hydrocarbons in the area, what should be a matter of concern to decision-makers, regulation
306 agencies and the affected population.

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5 CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

O presente trabalho buscou realizar a caracterização e quantificação e verificar a distribuição dos hidrocarbonetos (*n*-alcanos, HPAs e biomarcadores de petróleo) nos ambientes de manguezal do Complexo Estuarino de Paranaguá (CEP). O estudo foi dividido em três itens, com as principais conclusões de cada capítulo sendo resumidas a seguir.

Foi verificada a distribuição dos hidrocarbonetos ao longo do gradiente de zonação: planície entre marés – marisma – manguezal em dois locais com distintos graus de contaminação. Os marismas e manguezais se mostraram os locais mais propícios para acumulação dos hidrocarbonetos. Os *n*-alcanos revelaram a predominância de aportes naturais, em ambos locais. Já os HPAs apresentaram níveis até três vezes mais altos no local impactado e os biomarcadores de petróleo (hopanos e esteranos) apresentaram níveis até seis vezes maiores. Assim, foi evidenciada a aplicação dos biomarcadores de petróleo para a avaliação de aportes crônicos de petróleo e derivados em áreas com alto aporte natural de hidrocarbonetos.

Em uma segunda etapa do trabalho, foi realizado o mapeamento dos manguezais do CEP para hidrocarbonetos. Foi realizada a identificação dos principais hidrocarbonetos cíclicos naturais (terpanos e hopanos), a fim de obter uma caracterização inicial dos principais compostos aportados ao CEP. Este foi o primeiro trabalho desta natureza realizado para o local e permitiu diferenciar os compostos naturais dos compostos catagênicos com origem no petróleo (considerados como sendo de origem antrópica na área de estudo).

Foram identificadas áreas preferenciais de acumulação dos terpanos e hopanos naturais (Baías de Antonina e Guaraqueçaba), o que pode ser interpretado como uma indicação de áreas com tendência a acumular hidrocarbonetos e outros contaminantes hidrofóbicos. Esses sub-estuários, apesar de não serem atualmente considerados como contaminados por hidrocarbonetos, possuem evidências de grande sensibilidade a aportes dessa natureza e portanto demandam especial atenção sob o ponto de vista de prevenção à poluição e planejamento de ocupação e uso dessas áreas.

Diante dos resultados obtidos, é possível concluir que os manguezais do CEP possuem níveis de hidrocarbonetos naturais (*n*-alcanos) similares a outros bosques de mangues subtropicais. Tais níveis podem ser considerados baixos quando comparados a ambientes similares que se desenvolvem em menores latitudes (áreas

tropicais). O grau de desenvolvimento dos bosques provavelmente exerce influência sobre os níveis de hidrocarbonetos verificados nos sedimentos.

Em geral, o grau de impacto antrópico por hidrocarbonetos observado para os manguezais do CEP pode ser considerado baixo. Os locais mais impactados foram localizados na Baía de Paranaguá, evidenciados pelos níveis de HPAs e presença de biomarcadores de petróleo de origem petrogênica. A Baía de Antonina também mostrou evidências de impactos, confirmando que o eixo Leste-Oeste do Complexo Estuarino recebe maiores cargas de contaminação crônica por hidrocarbonetos, sendo onde se encontram as maiores ocupações urbanas e atividades portuárias.

O eixo Norte-Sul apresentou evidências de baixos aportes crônicos de hidrocarbonetos, sendo que foi identificado impacto localizado (pela concentração de HPAs) próximo a um local com ocupação humana (Vila da Gamela). Apesar de ser um caso isolado, é válido ressaltar que os locais de despejo dos efluentes dessas vilas ainda não foram avaliados, e que o CEP possui diversas ocupações urbanas de pequeno porte em suas margens, com ausência de saneamento básico.

Na Zona de Mistura, próximo da desembocadura do estuário, foi evidenciado aporte significativo por HPAs na Baía das Encantadas (Ilha do Mel) próximo ao porto de turismo. No lado Norte da Ilha, próximo à Ponta do Hospital, apesar de não haver ocupação urbana ou outra fonte evidente, existem indícios de contaminação crônica por hidrocarbonetos.

Portanto, é possível afirmar que a principal fonte de hidrocarbonetos antrópicos para a área de estudos são as atividades de navegação. Os processos hidrodinâmicos e de deposição sedimentar no CEP ainda são pouco conhecidos, mas é possível inferir através dos estudos realizados com os hidrocarbonetos que os manguezais das margens do CEP são a área mais provável para o acúmulo de contaminantes orgânicos hidrofóbicos porventura lançados em suas águas. Os compostos podem ser dispersados para áreas mais distantes das fontes - principalmente onde existe hidrodinâmica mais intensa (Zona de Mistura).

De modo geral, o ambiente estudado pode ser considerado como tendo alto potencial de acumulação de compostos hidrofóbicos, tanto de natureza natural como antrópica. As áreas mais protegidas do CEP (Baías de Antonina e Guaraqueçaba) podem ser apontadas como locais de alta vulnerabilidade para contaminação e baixo potencial de remobilização/recuperação. Tais condições devem ser levadas em conta no planejamento de novos empreendimentos na região.

5.1 RECOMENDAÇÕES PARA TRABALHOS FUTUROS

- Ampliar a caracterização dos hidrocarbonetos naturais, incluindo um mapeamento do CEP para esses compostos e também compostos aromáticos (por exemplo, triterpenos mono, di e triaromáticos) e HPAs naturais (reteno, coroneno). O ambiente estudado possui fontes abundantes de matéria orgânica e condições de sedimentação propícias para o aprisionamento desses materiais. Tais estudos podem elucidar novas vias de diagênese precoce de compostos, fornecer novos proxies para o estudo de alterações antropicas e climaticas, entre outras aplicações;

- Estudar o impacto local das ocupações urbanas (vilas) e o respectivo lançamento de efluentes. Tendo em vista o alto potencial de acumulação de contaminantes do manguezal, esses lançamentos crônicos podem ocasionar degradação ambiental e potencial risco para a população tendo em vista o consumo de pescado;

- Avaliar os processos de deposição e diagênese da matéria orgânica na Baía de Antonina. As condições deposicionais da Baía e o aporte direto de rios parece propiciar um ambiente estuarino diferenciado do restante do CEP, com alto potencial de acúmulo de materia orgânica;

- Realizar estudos com testemunhos para avaliar a evolução histórica dos aportes de hidrocarbonetos naturais e antrópicos para o CEP, com foco na identificação de acidentes que ocorreram no passado recente nas Baías de Antonina e de Paranaguá;

- Avaliar, nos sedimentos de manguezal, outros tipos de biomarcadores de petróleo resistentes a degradação (esteranos mono e triaromáticos - MAS, TAS) assim como outros tipos de contaminantes (metais, POPs e contaminantes emergentes);

- Estudar a dispersão de contaminantes na Baía de Paranaguá, incluindo a Ilha do Mel (Comunidade do Amparo, Ponta do Hospital e Baía das Encantadas). Tais estudos são imprescindíveis para a avaliação de impacto diante da ampliação de atividades antrópicas nas suas margens (tais como ocupações urbanas e portos) que possuem evidente potencial de aumento da carga de contaminação crônica para o ambiente, além da probabilidade de ocorrência de derrames acidentais.

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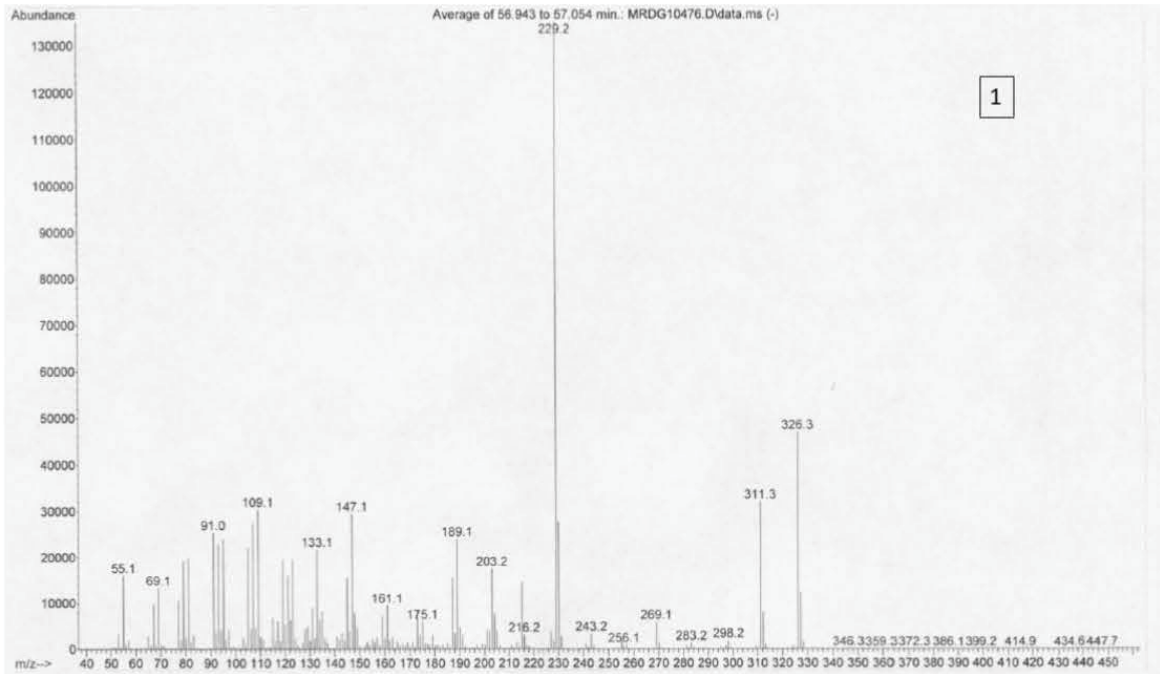
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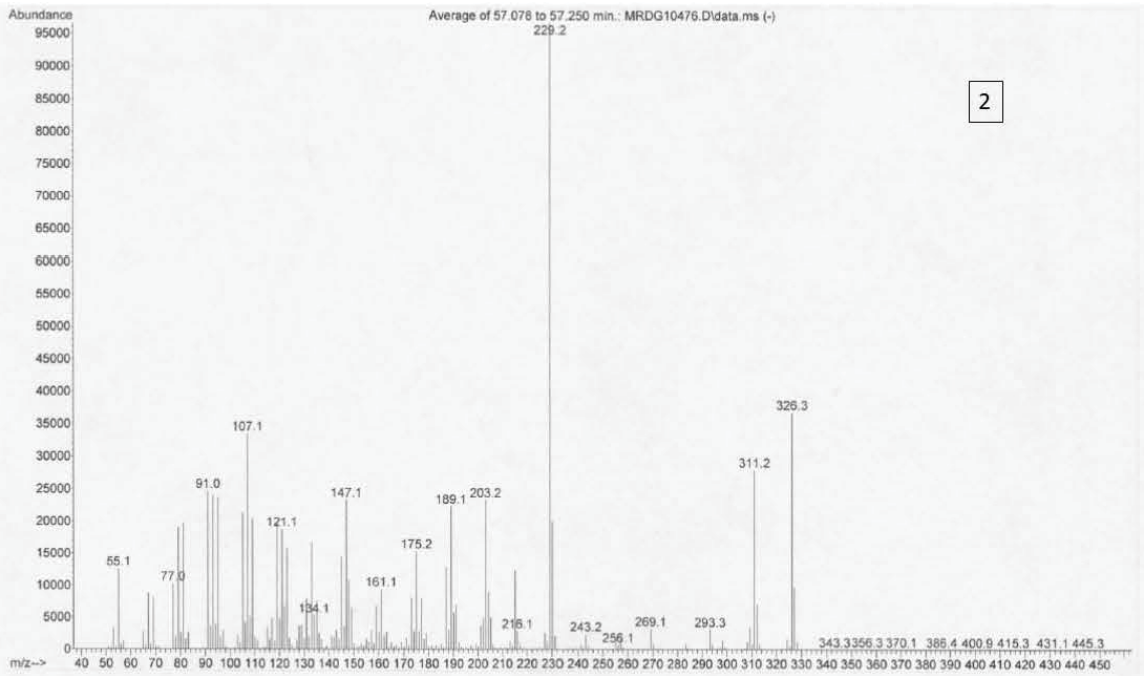
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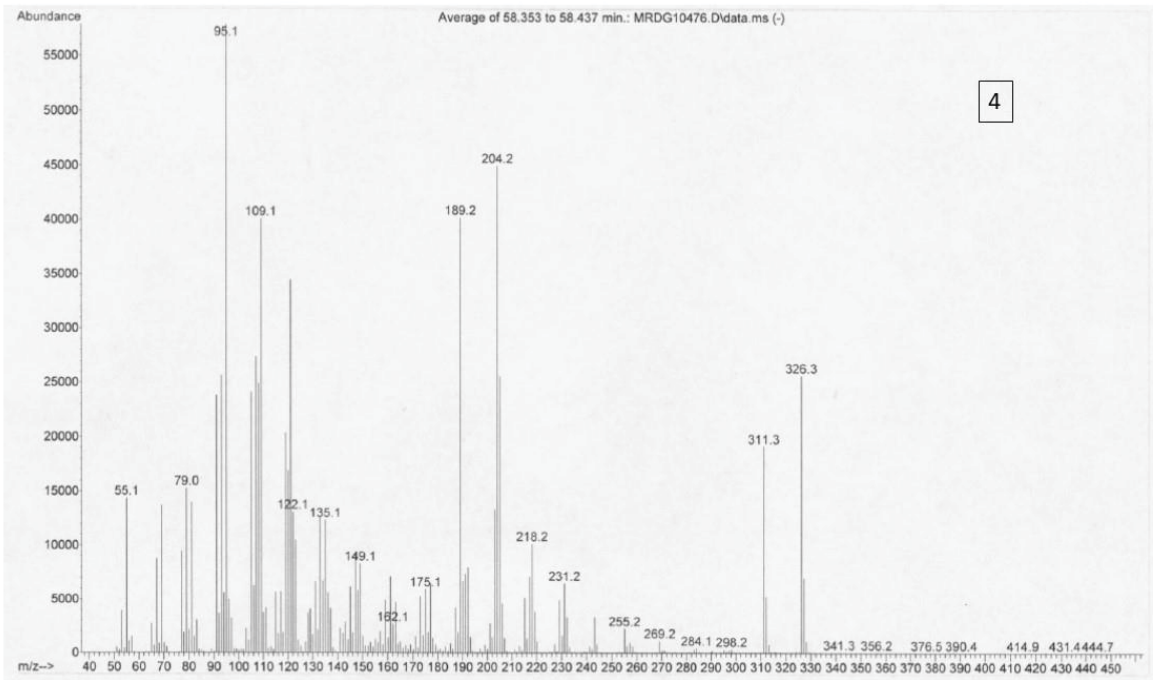
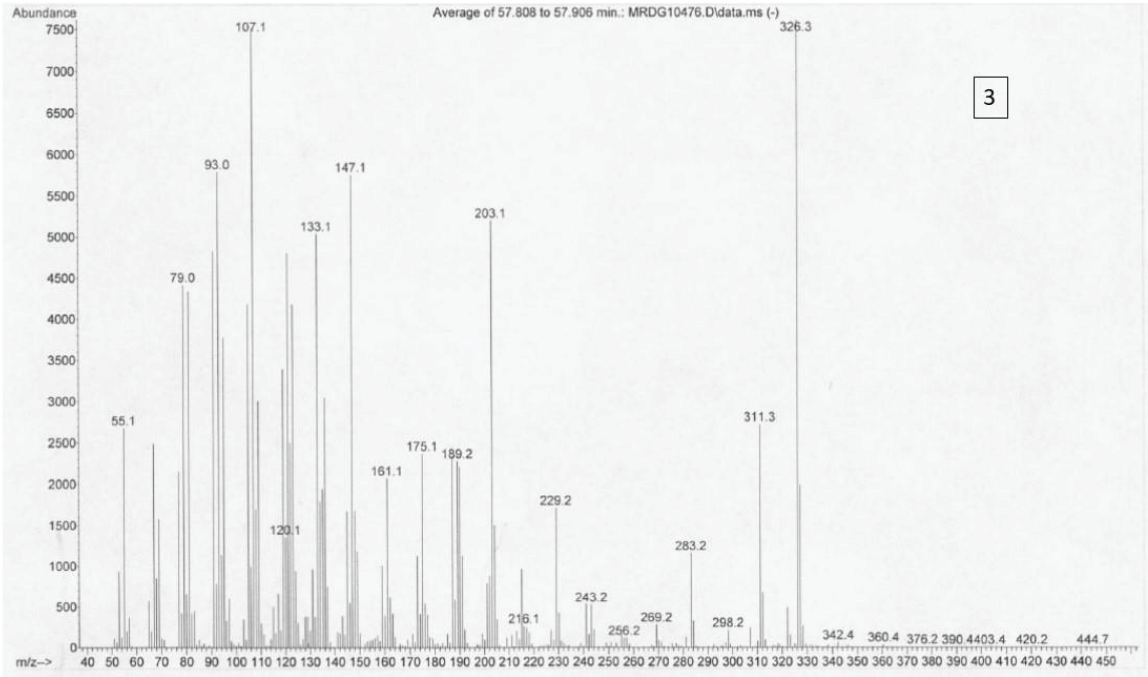
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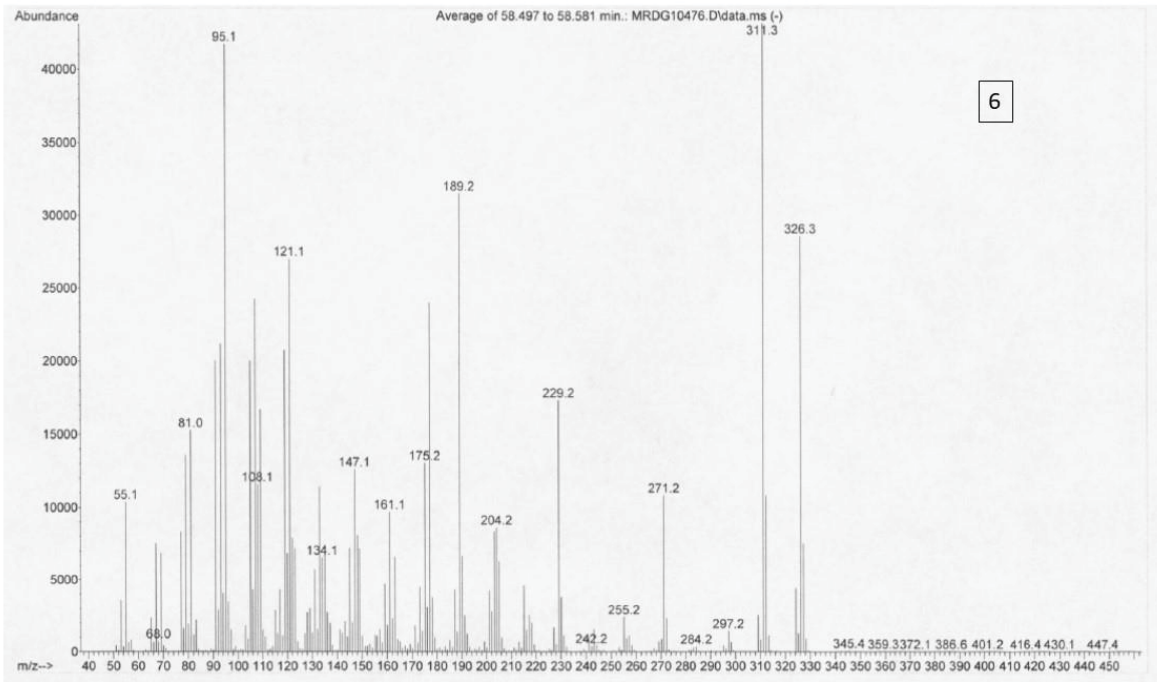
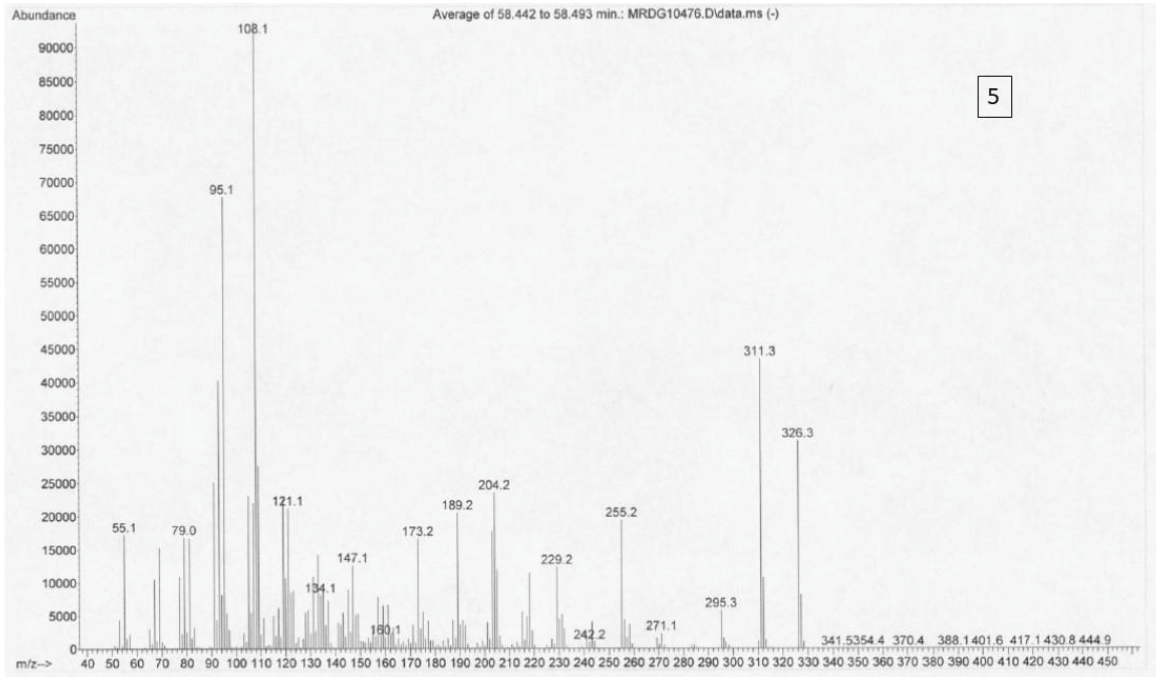


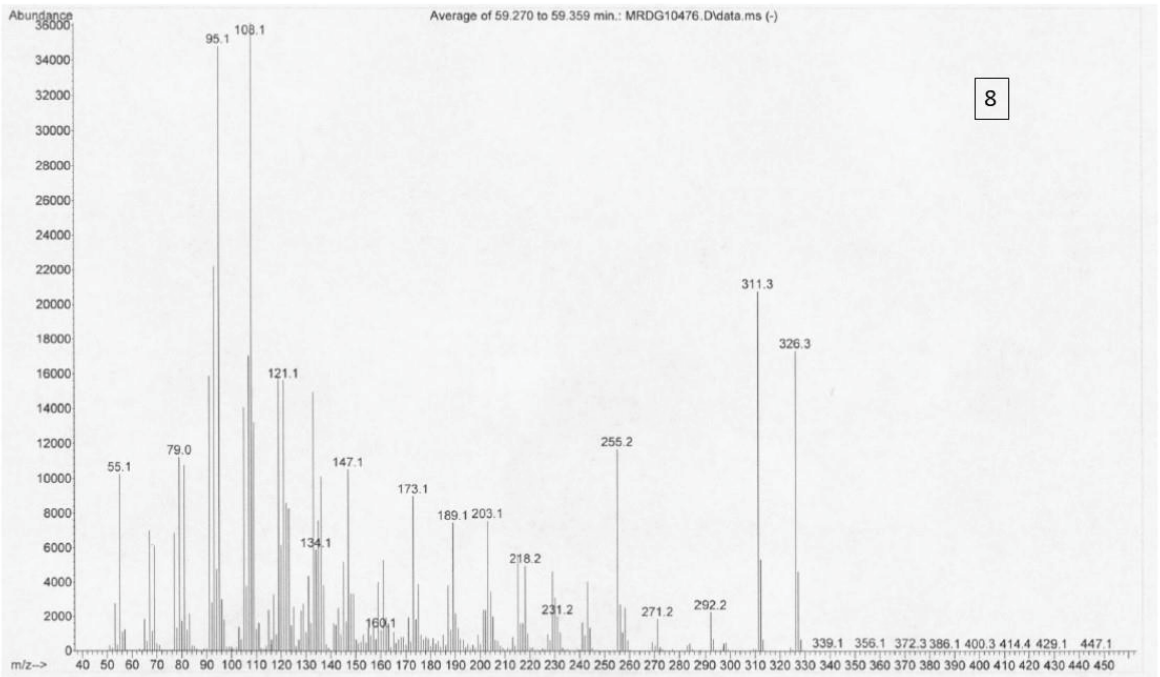
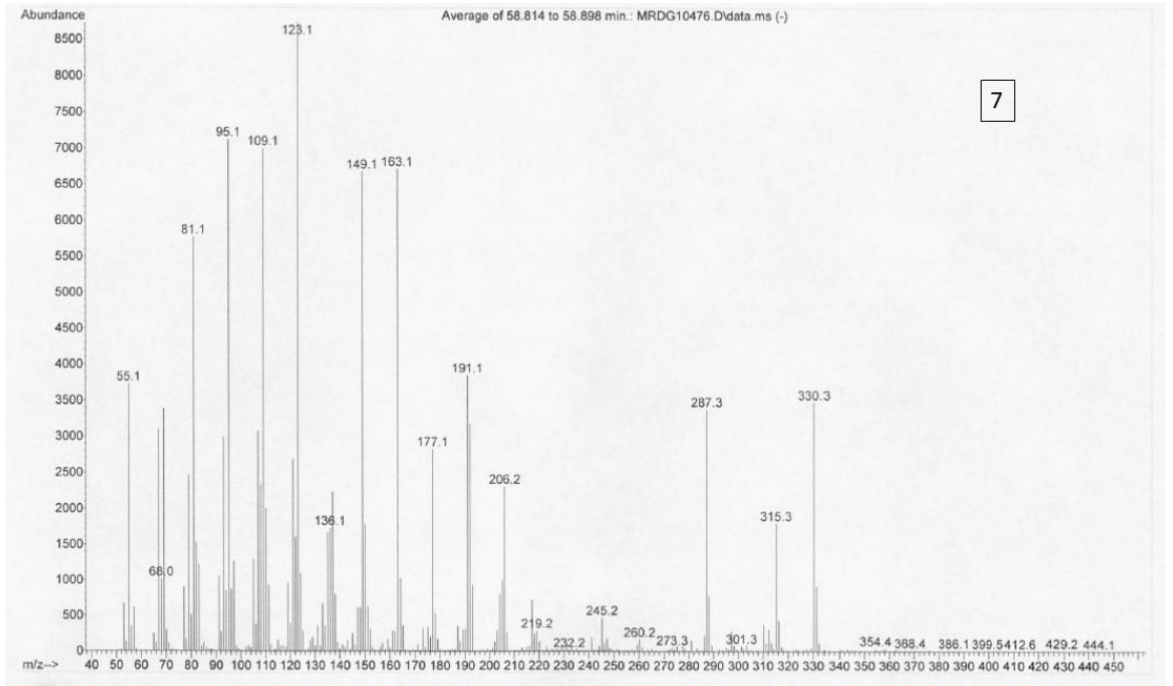
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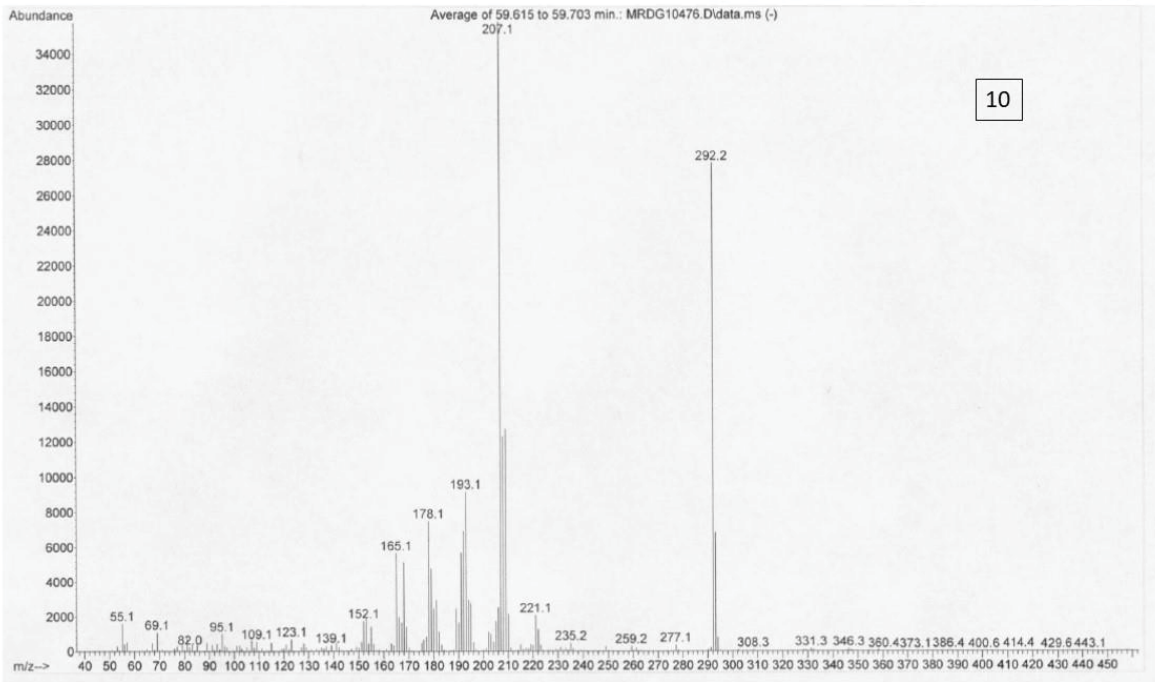
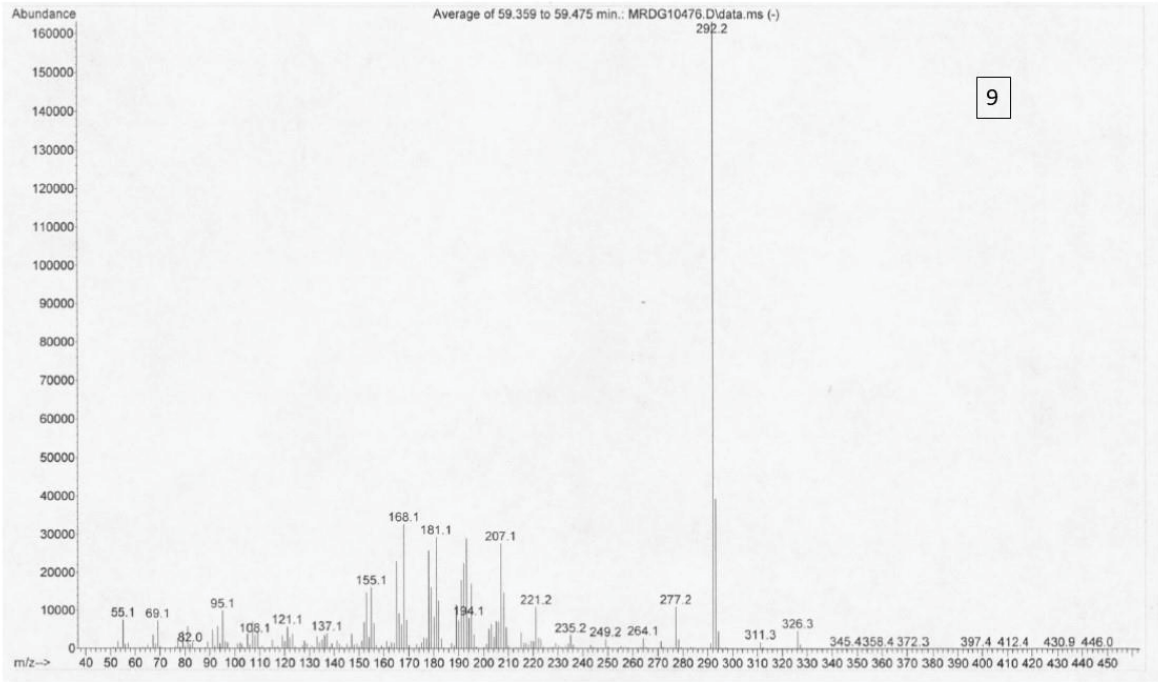


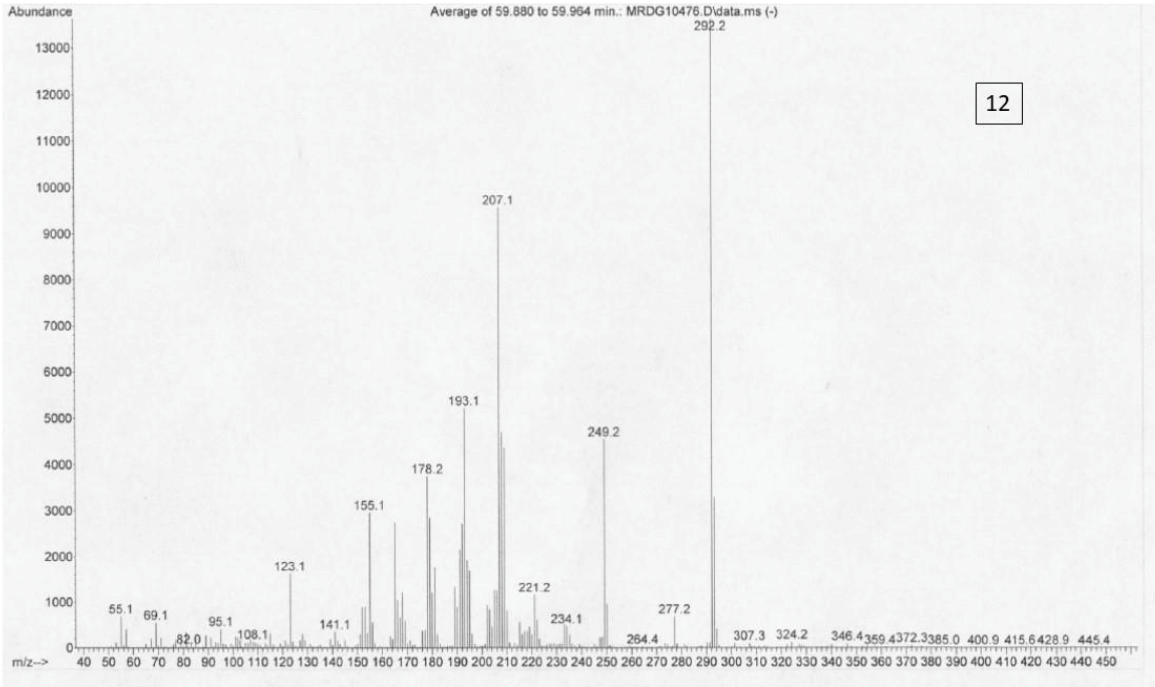
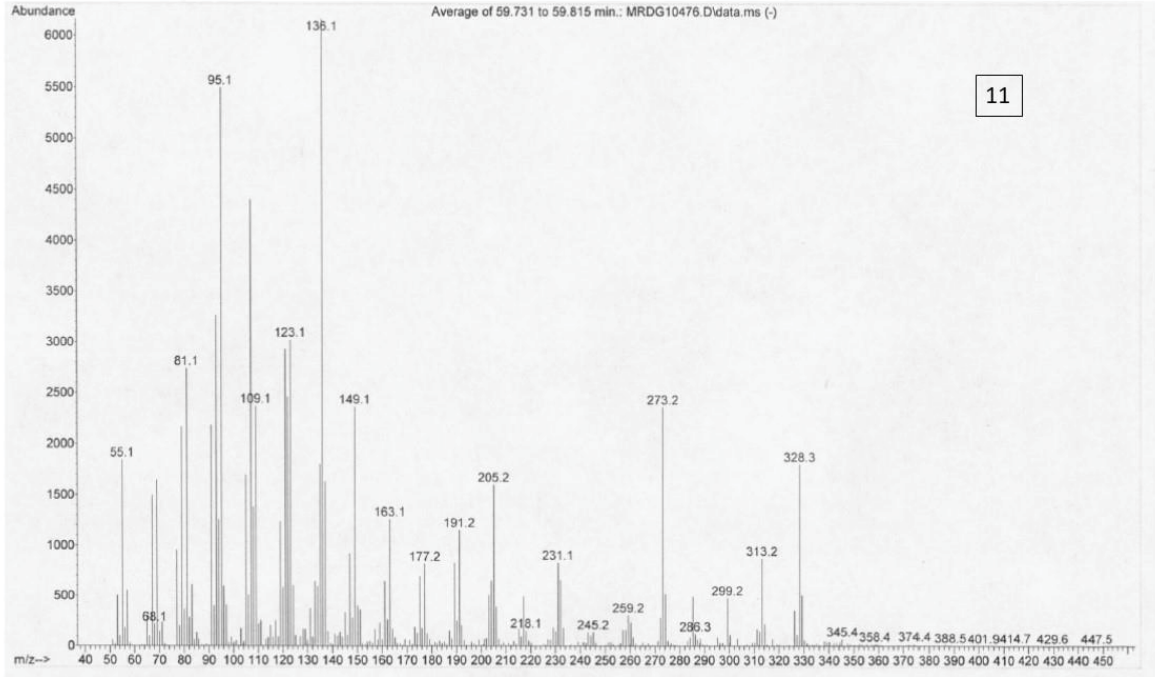
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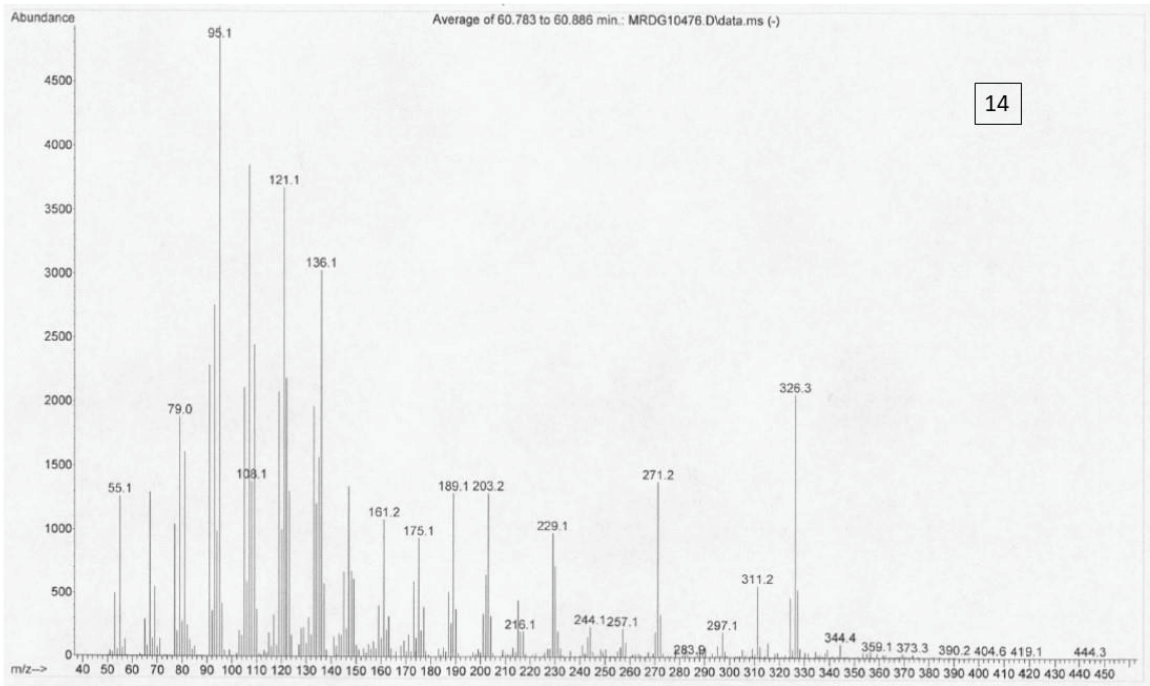
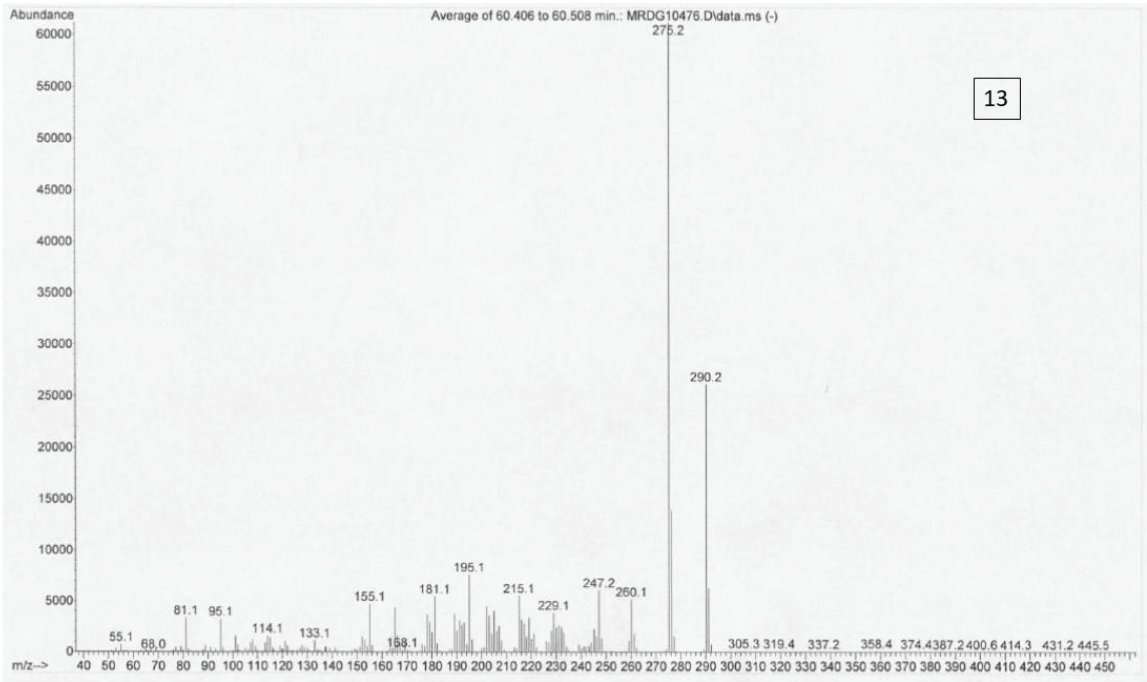


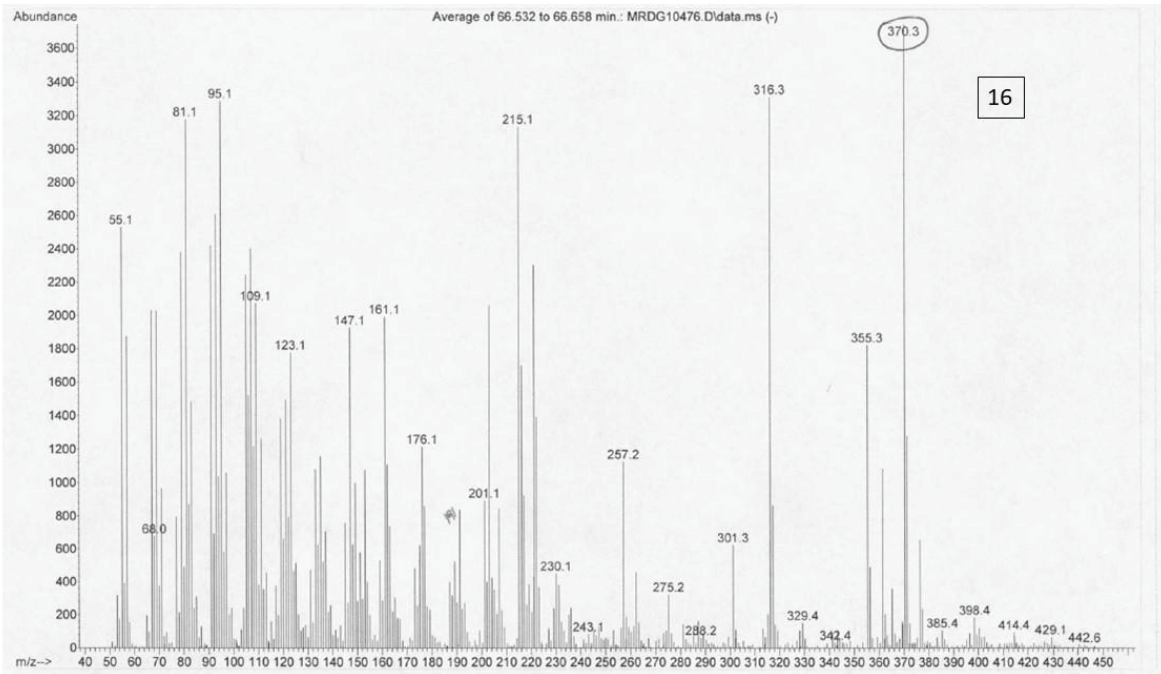
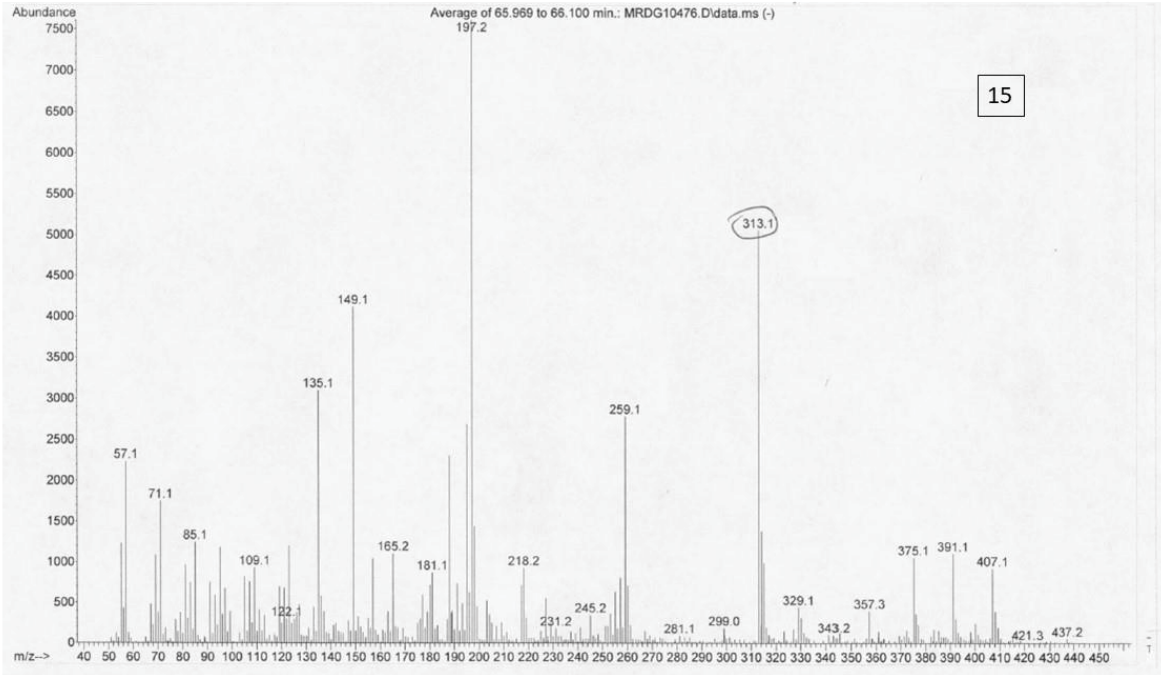


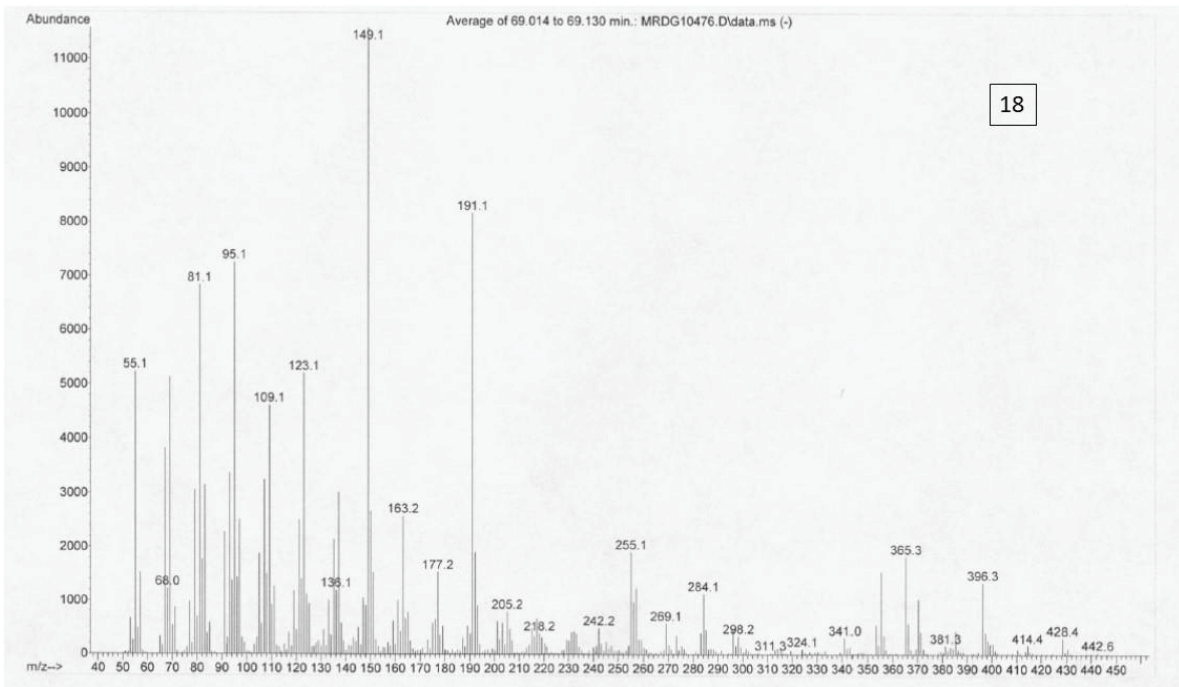
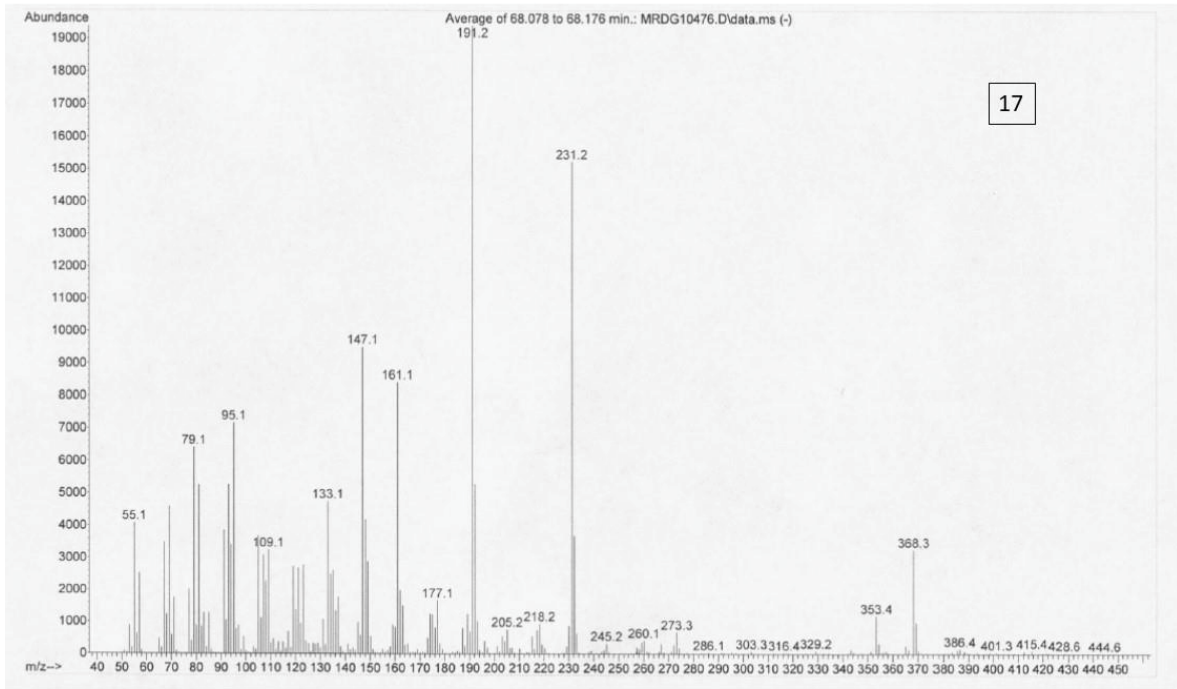


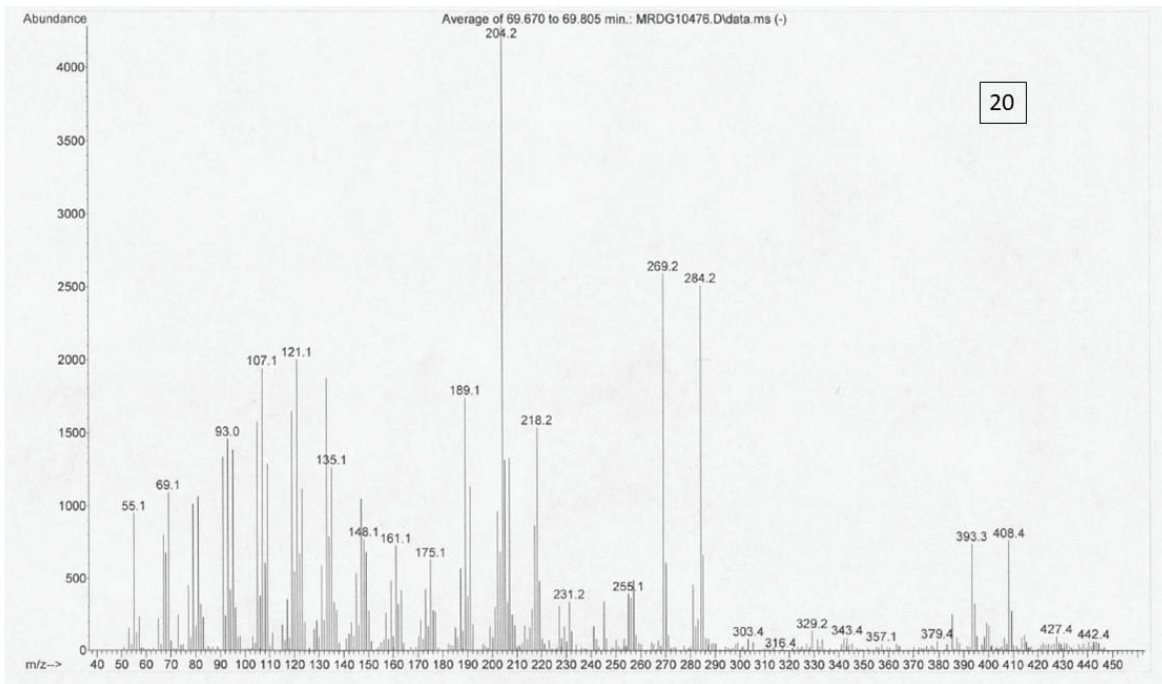
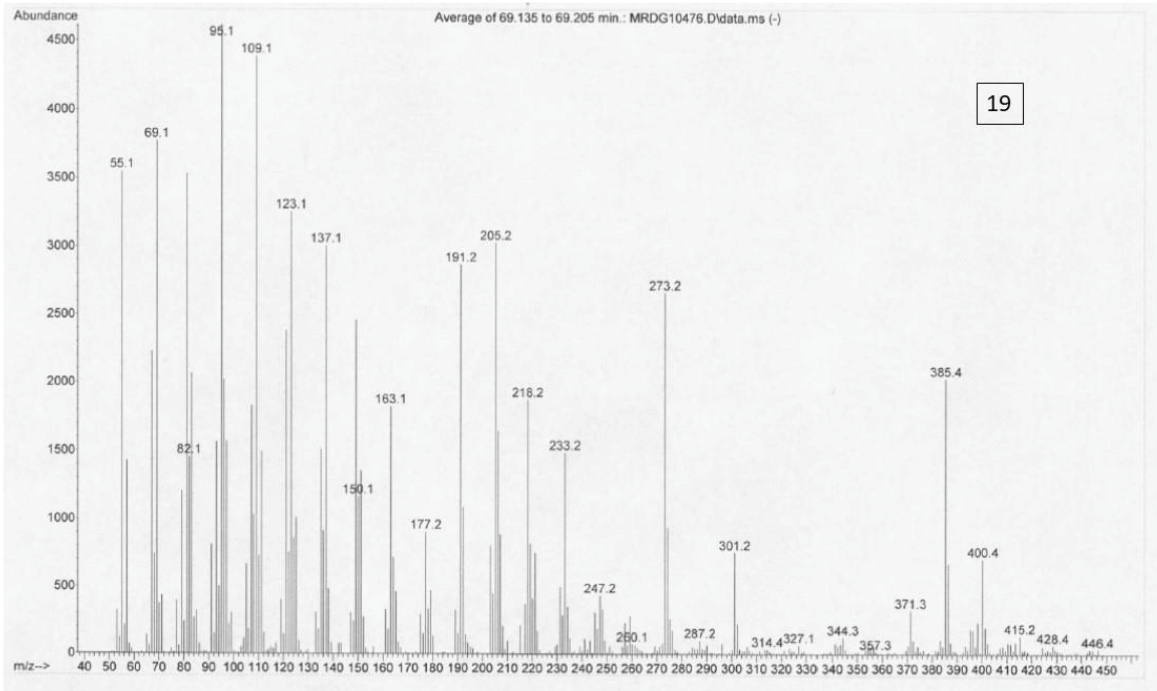


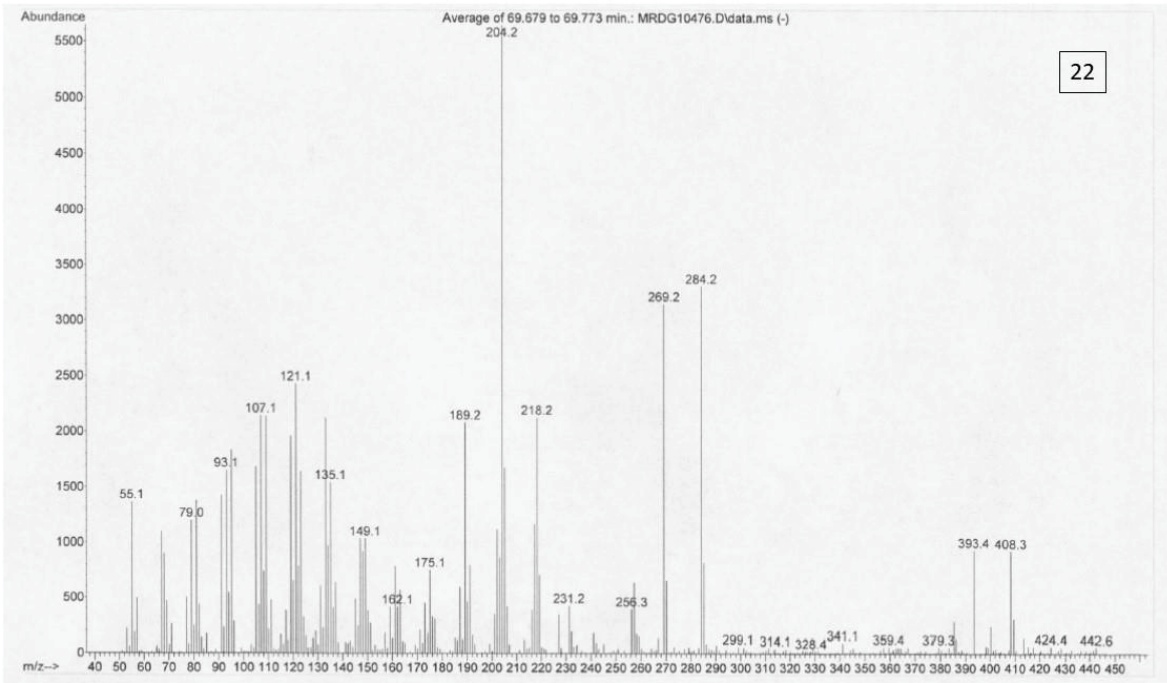
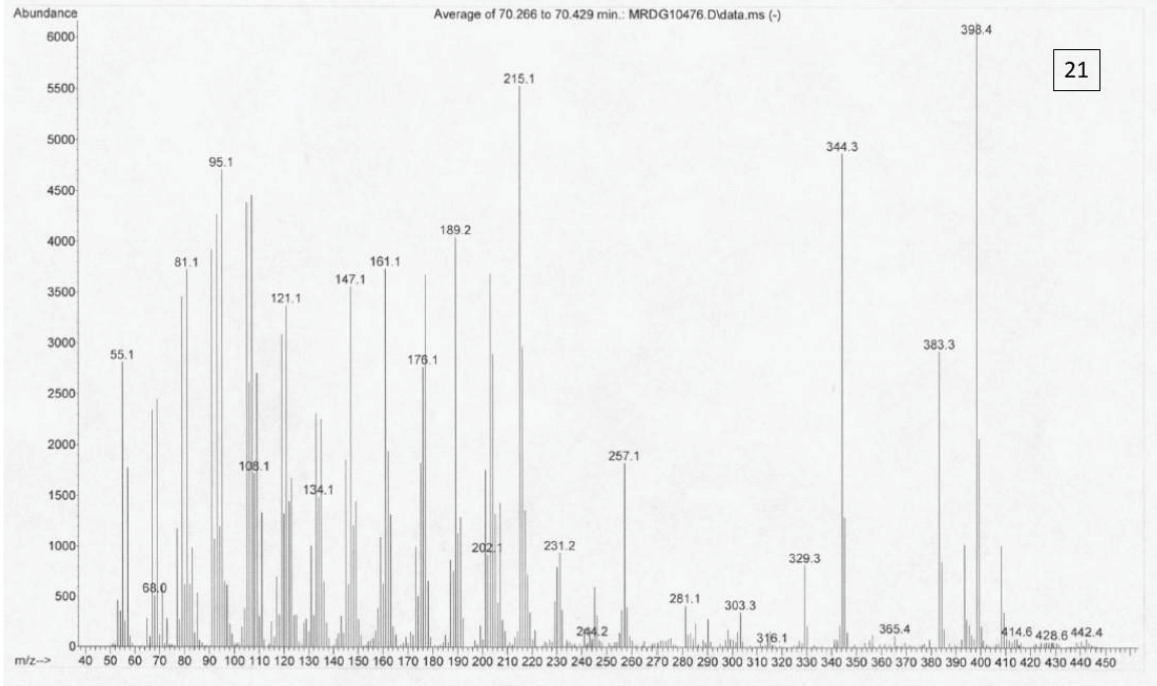


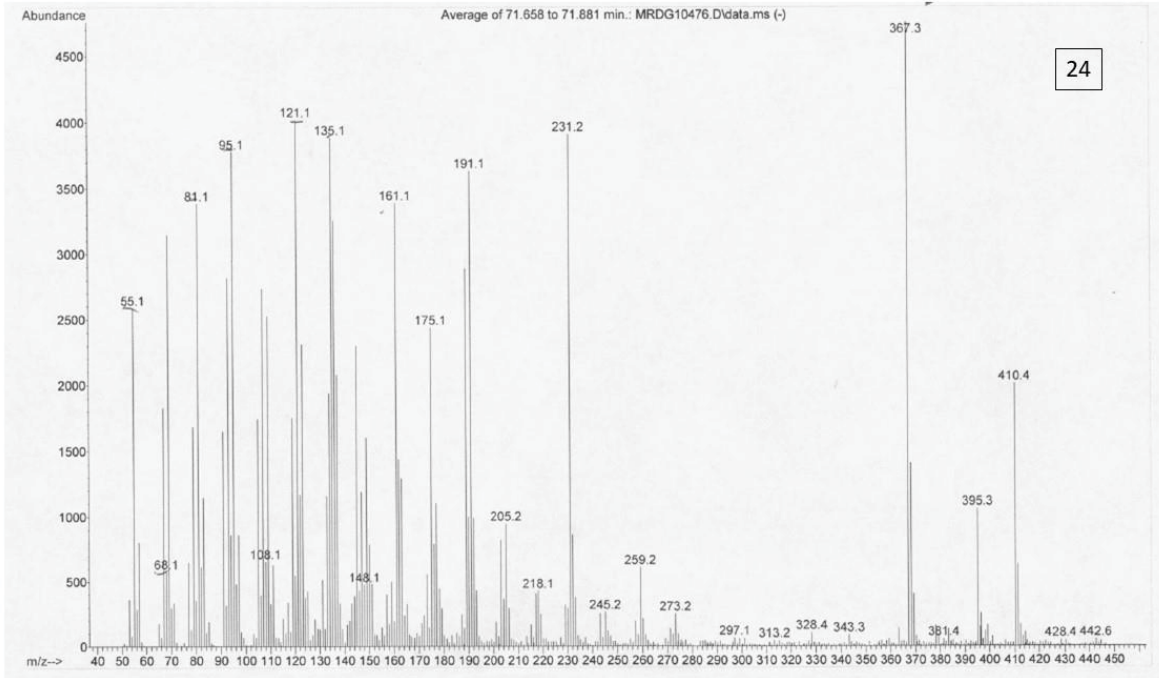
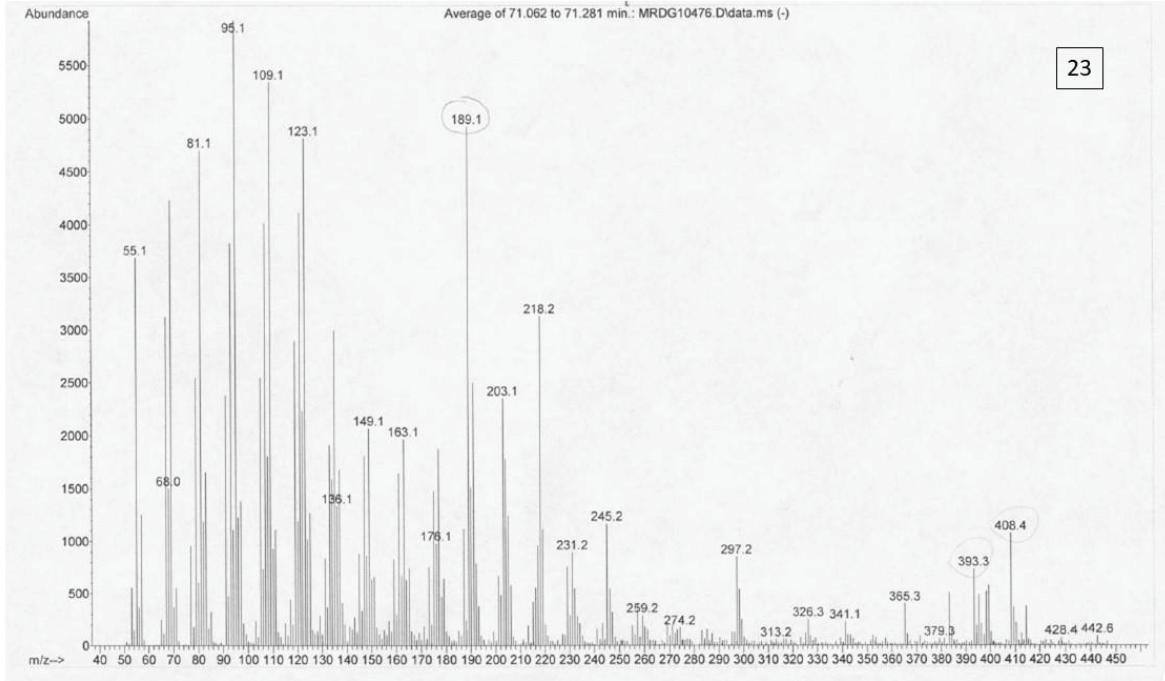


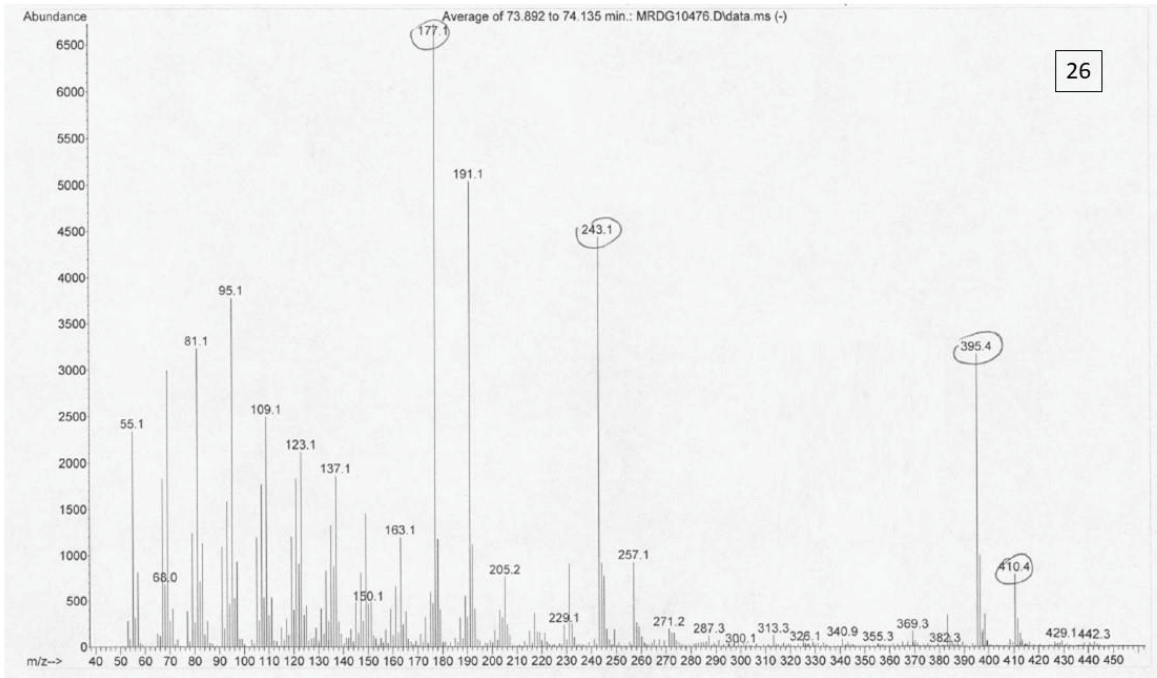
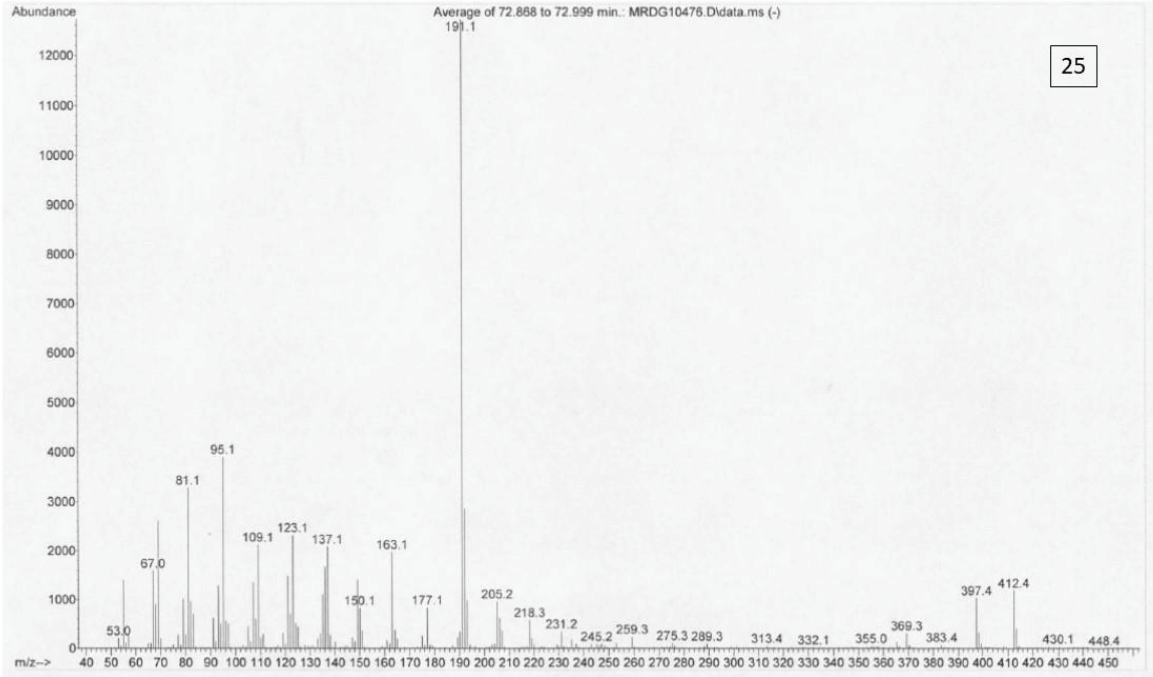


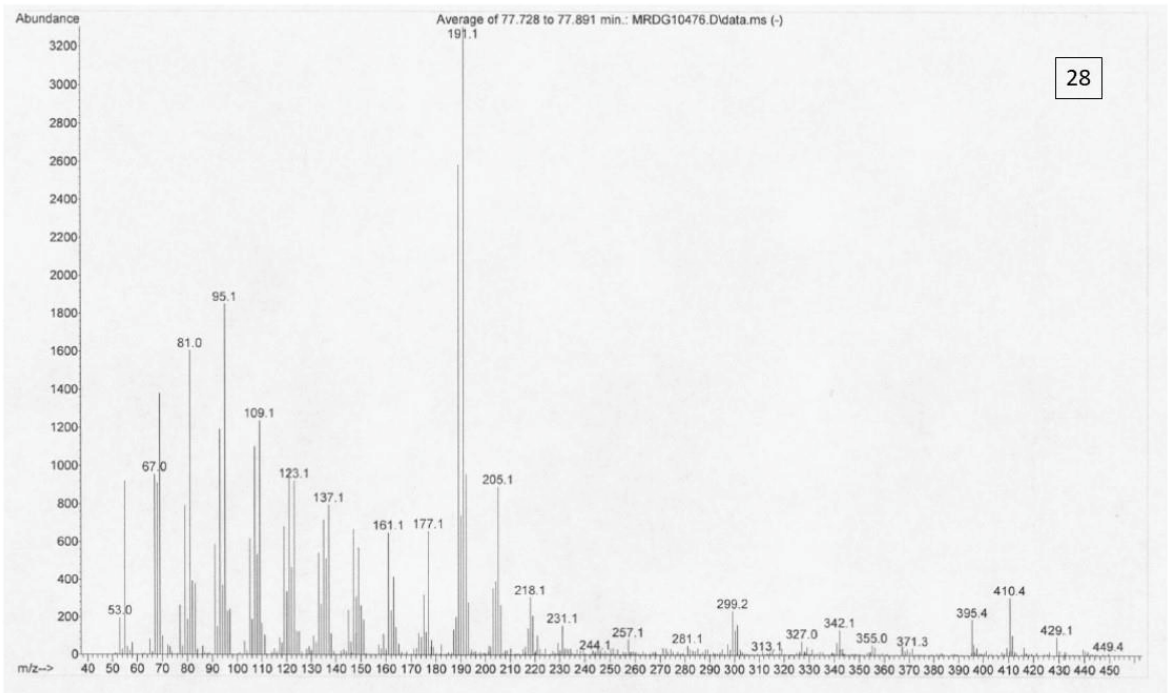
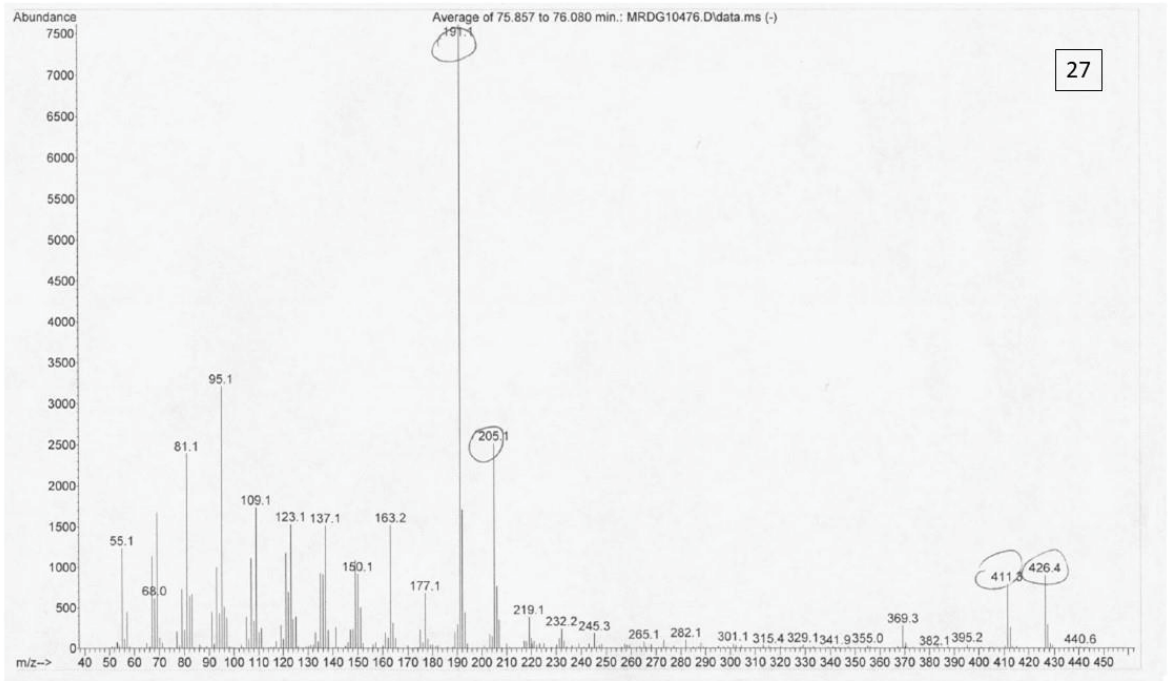


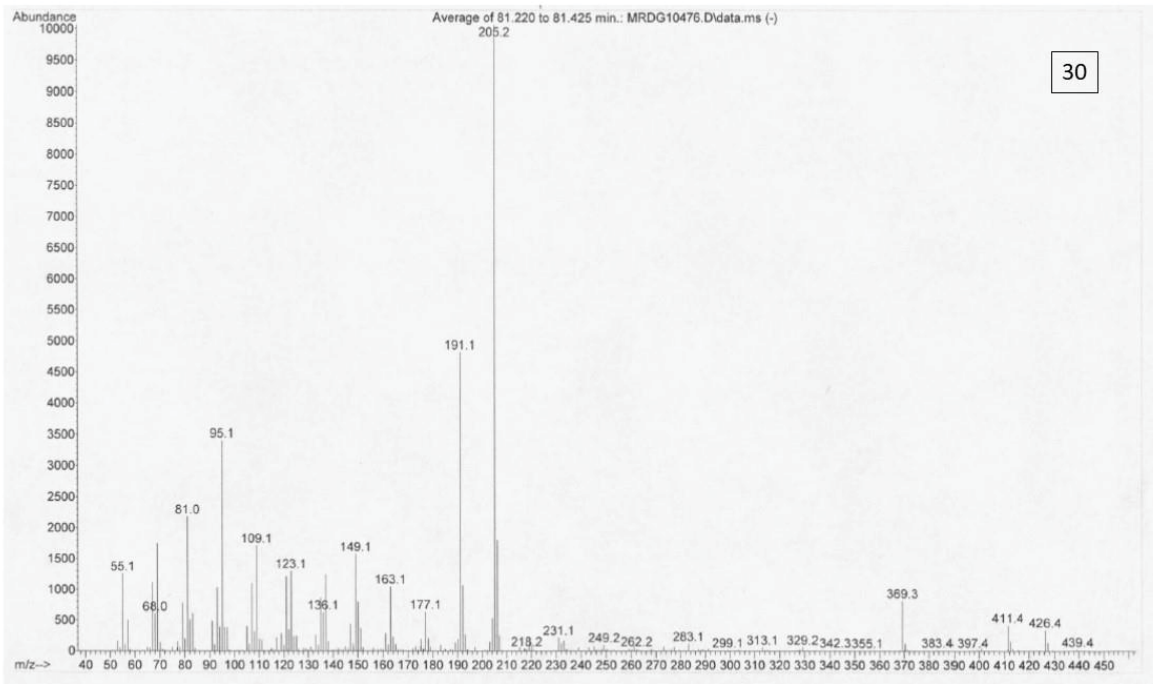
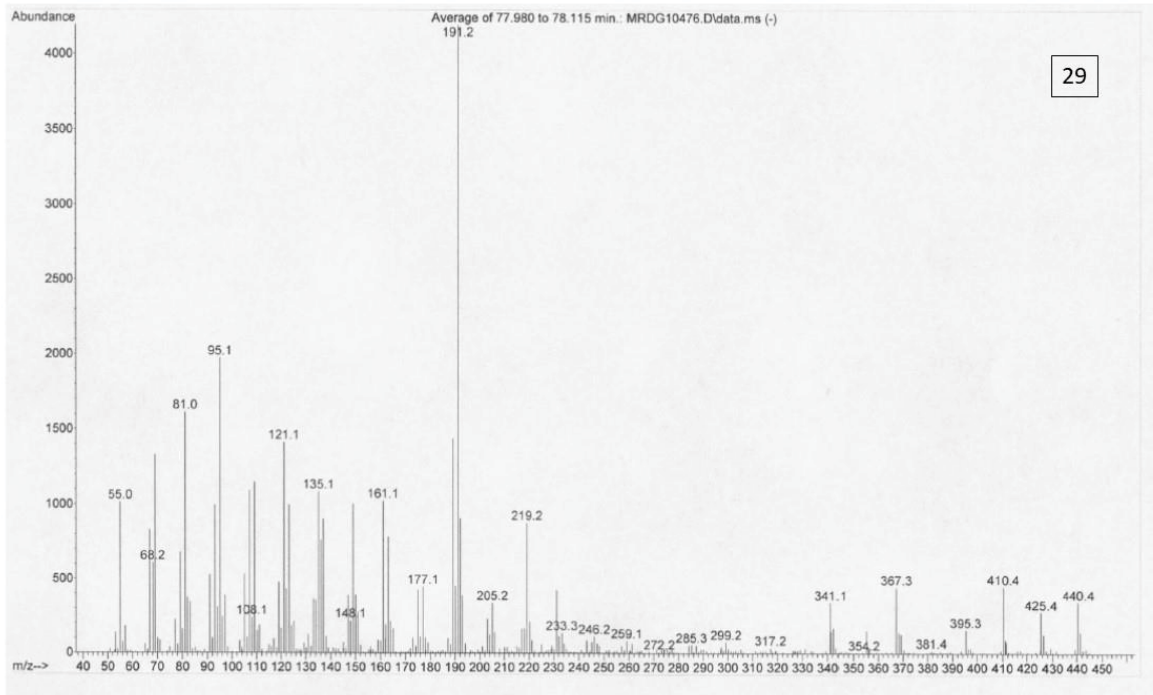












**ANEXO 2 – RESULTADOS DAS ANÁLISES DO ITEM 3: TERPANOS E
HOPANOS NOS SEDIMENTOS DE MANGUEZAL DO COMPLEXO ESTUARINO
DA BAIA DE PARANAGUA**

Compounds	Bio/Cat*	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Terpenes																
C20 tricyclic terpene	Cat	2.7	2.4	9.5	3.1	2.4	0.4	2.4	6.2	9.4	12.5	4.5	5.5	2.6	0.9	3.4
C21 tricyclic terpene	Cat	3.9	8.0	10.0	5.3	9.4	15.2	4.7	12.8	10.1	6.3	6.2	3.7	1.5	1.7	5.2
Des-A-oleana-9,18-diene	Bio	2.1	2.4	10.1	5.5	5.7	1.4	18.2	10.1	2.8	3.1	1.4	2.0	2.8	0.6	2.1
Des-A-oleana-9,13(18)-diene	Bio	10.3	19.2	59.5	22.8	26.4	2.3	22.5	52.5	20.2	13.8	9.3	15.6	13.5	0.1	5.4
C22 tricyclic terpene	Cat	2.6	6.1	7.7	4.3	5.9	8.2	3.2	9.9	6.7	4.4	2.7	2.7	1.0	0.9	3.8
Des-A-lupana-5(10),22(29)-diene	Bio	1.4	0.0	5.8	2.4	2.7	0.7	2.3	6.1	3.1	1.7	1.5	2.2	0.9	0.2	1.2
Des-A-oleana-5(10),14-diene	Bio	9.8	14.0	30.0	14.2	16.2	1.5	21.1	56.2	14.3	19.3	7.4	11.3	10.7	1.9	11.7
Des-A-oleana-5(10),13(18)-diene	Bio	<DL	4.0	8.7	4.0	4.1	<DL	2.4	<DL	4.7	5.0	2.1	3.7	2.9	0.5	<DL
10b(H)-Des-A-lupane	Bio	5.3	0.0	16.0	7.7	2.2	3.0	0.0	5.2	7.8	7.9	3.9	4.6	1.4	0.6	4.5
Des-A-26,27-bisnoroleana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene	Bio	12.1	93.6	298	11.8	107.3	1.8	16.8	83.1	5.7	19.9	5.2	5.2	10.6	5.0	2.1
Des-A-26,27-bisnorursana-5,7,9,11,13-pentaene	Bio	4.5	14.7	16.2	7.5	12.1	9.9	5.9	22.4	8.4	7.4	4.4	4.4	3.0	3.2	3.7
C24 tetracyclic hopane	Cat	0.9	2.7	4.9	1.3	2.5	<DL	1.4	4.6	<DL	1.9	0.4	2.4	0.9	0.3	<DL
C25 tetracyclic hopane	Cat	1.1	2.3	2.4	1.2	1.6	2.2	1.3	3.1	2.5	1.8	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.3	1.6
Hopanes																
Ts	Cat	1.7	2.6	5.1	1.3	<DL	0.3	2.7	2.2	1.7	2.9	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.4	2.0
1,2,3-Trisnorstaraxera-5(10),14-diene	Bio	25.7	8.9	63.7	13.9	9.4	1.0	18.6	33.6	45.6	46.9	14.9	24.0	9.6	3.0	27.0
Tm	Cat	3.7	4.3	9.0	2.2	1.8	0.4	3.9	3.8	6.4	6.0	3.0	2.8	1.7	0.7	4.5
Monounsaturated triterpene (?)	Bio	17.2	5.0	50.9	12.0	6.1	1.1	10.3	24.1	31.5	34.2	13.7	15.4	7.9	3.0	17.6
17a(H), 21b(H)-30-Norhopane	Cat	9.4	17.6	27.0	6.3	<DL	1.3	13.1	12.5	18.3	15.9	7.2	7.1	7.0	2.8	19.2
Hop-17(21)-ene (diploptene)	Bio	3.4	4.5	13.4	3.7	1.7	0.4	2.5	6.3	7.7	7.2	2.4	4.2	3.2	0.5	3.0
Moretane C29?	Cat	6.1	2.7	19.6	3.8	2.1	<DL	3.7	6.6	12.4	13.5	4.3	5.6	3.2	1.3	6.4
17a(H), 21b(H)-Hopane	Cat	7.9	12.7	23.0	5.0	4.2	<DL	10.6	7.5	17.0	14.3	5.2	5.1	7.0	2.5	16.0
C29bb (or Moretane C30?)	Bio	11.3	5.6	2.1	8.2	3.3	<DL	7.0	12.5	22.9	23.2	6.4	9.6	0.5	0.2	12.6
C31 S extend hop	Cat	4.8	6.3	15.6	1.8	2.9	<DL	6.6	3.2	10.6	11.8	2.8	5.0	4.5	1.6	11.7
C31 R extend hop	Cat+Bio	14.5	7.3	50.4	9.8	5.2	<DL	13.0	15.0	33.8	31.9	9.0	12.6	9.1	3.9	32.1
C30 bb hopane (immature OM) (?)	Bio	1.6	1.9	4.8	0.7	<DL	0.3	2.2	1.8	3.2	2.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.6	4.1
C30 bb hopane (immature OM)	Bio	7.6	3.0	29.2	5.8	2.5	0.4	5.2	9.0	15.7	15.7	4.2	6.9	5.3	2.3	12.6
Oleanane	Bio	7.2	12.8	24.9	7.4	2.3	0.7	7.2	9.7	17.3	15.5	2.0	5.1	11.5	5.5	25.5
C32 S extend hop	Cat	2.8	4.3	7.1	2.0	1.3	0.4	3.2	3.3	6.0	4.9	1.3	1.7	2.7	1.1	5.6
C32 R extend hop	Cat	1.0	1.7	3.3	0.7	<DL	<DL	1.7	1.2	2.3	1.9	0.6	0.6	1.4	0.4	3.4
C31 methyl hopanoid (or C31 bb hopane)	Bio	0.7	3.0	21.9	4.9	1.2	<DL	4.4	6.3	11.4	10.7	2.7	5.1	<DL	2.0	1.8
C33 S extend hop	Cat	0.2	1.7	5.5	1.3	<DL	<DL	1.7	1.2	2.3	1.0	0.7	0.7	<DL	0.5	0.5
C33 R extend hop	Cat	0.6	2.1	2.1	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.7	<DL	<DL	0.9	0.0	0.3	<DL	0.2	1.9
Σ Catagenic terpenes and hopanes**		49.21	75.47	151.82	39.63	34.11	28.57	61.02	78.18	105.64	100.04	42.99	44.81	35.22	15.82	85.21
Σ Biogenic terpenes and hopanes**		120.16	194.11	387.03	132.66	203.17	24.58	146.67	339.09	222.25	233.43	82.61	118.91	85.03	27.16	134.84
Catagenic/Biogenic compounds		0.41	0.39	0.39	0.30	0.17	1.16	0.42	0.23	0.48	0.43	0.52	0.38	0.41	0.58	0.63

**without C31 R extended hopane

* Catagenic or Biogenic

**ANEXO 3 – RESULTADOS DAS ANÁLISES DO ITEM 4: HIDROCARBONETOS
POLICICLICOS AROMATICOS NOS SEDIMENTOS DE MANGUEZAL DO
COMPLEXO ESTUARINO DA BAIA DE PARANAGUA**

Compostos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36		
HPAs (2-3 anéis)																																						
naftaleno	18.4	12.0	64.9	5.1	31.8	<DL	1.8	8.0	8.0	12.3	9.5	0.8	0.9	2.1	4.3	<DL	1.5	3.6	2.0	4.0	9.1	4.0	11.3	4.4	5.2	<DL	1.5	3.2	7.5	4.5	5.8	<DL	2.1	3.6	2.6	4.3		
acenaftileno	<DL	<DL	8.4	<DL	2.7	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	4.9	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.0	2.1	2.6	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL		
acenafteno	1.3	1.2	1.6	0.6	1.7	<DL	<DL	0.6	0.7	1.9	1.1	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.5	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.2	0.8	1.3	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.6	<DL	0.6	0.5	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL		
fluoreno	14.2	21.3	13.7	5.1	24.6	1.2	2.3	4.4	6.6	8.4	12.8	0.6	0.8	1.3	5.8	0.5	1.0	2.4	2.7	1.9	18.7	4.1	5.2	2.9	3.0	4.8	1.5	4.1	5.6	5.3	5.1	1.8	1.3	2.4	<DL	3.9		
fenantreno	1.7	1.6	2.2	<DL	1.6	<DL	<DL	0.9	0.9	2.1	1.0	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.9	1.0	1.2	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.0	<DL	0.7	0.9	0.9	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL		
HPAs (4-6 anéis)																																						
fluoranteno	7.7	13.8	9.0	3.3	9.6	<DL	1.5	5.4	5.7	10.5	4.3	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.8	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.6	<DL	1.4	3.8	15.3	4.9	<DL	<DL	46.2	<DL	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.9	<DL	<DL	<DL	3.3		
pireno	9.8	13.9	10.3	3.7	12.2	<DL	3.7	3.6	7.8	5.6	9.8	4.8	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	3.4	<DL	5.1	13.6	5.6	2.1	<DL	<DL	34.6	<DL	5.3	4.3	4.2	3.1	<DL	<DL	<DL	3.2		
benzo(a)antraceno	5.8	8.6	1.6	0.6	3.8	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.6	4.2	0.8	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.6	<DL	1.4	2.4	<DL	0.5	1.4	8.9	3.0	<DL	<DL	21.0	<DL	1.5	1.9	1.3	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.3	<DL	0.6		
criseno	3.4	5.2	2.7	0.7	4.7	<DL	0.7	0.9	2.1	3.0	1.7	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.6	<DL	0.6	1.4	<DL	0.7	1.5	8.0	1.9	0.5	<DL	18.3	1.2	1.1	3.3	1.3	1.1	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.2	<DL	0.6	
benzo(b)fluoranteno	8.0	13.0	7.4	1.8	8.1	<DL	<DL	2.7	9.2	9.3	4.4	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.0	<DL	1.5	3.2	0.6	2.1	4.5	13.2	6.7	1.3	<DL	24.4	1.8	3.7	2.5	4.7	4.2	1.1	1.5	1.1	<DL	3.1	<DL	0.6
benzo(k)fluoranteno	3.0	4.9	3.5	<DL	3.3	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.1	3.0	1.7	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.6	<DL	1.6	<DL	1.6	8.1	3.0	<DL	<DL	16.7	<DL	1.5	0.0	1.6	1.6	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.4		
benzofluoranteno	10.0	13.6	9.3	2.3	9.4	<DL	1.0	2.6	10.7	11.3	5.1	<DL	<DL	1.0	2.4	<DL	2.1	<DL	1.8	4.3	18.3	6.0	1.3	<DL	34.1	3.0	3.9	3.0	2.6	4.6	4.5	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	3.5	<DL	0.6
benzofluoranteno	5.6	11.8	5.8	1.6	6.6	<DL	<DL	1.8	7.9	7.3	3.5	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.7	<DL	1.3	3.5	<DL	1.1	2.9	21.0	4.2	<DL	<DL	39.1	1.7	2.3	1.7	2.8	2.8	<DL	<DL	<DL	2.5	<DL	0.6	
indeno (1,2,3-c)pireno	8.4	7.0	6.9	0.9	6.5	<DL	<DL	1.6	7.0	7.8	3.4	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.5	<DL	<DL	2.3	<DL	1.5	3.5	8.5	5.8	1.1	0.6	11.6	1.0	3.5	2.0	3.4	3.4	0.9	1.1	0.8	<DL	2.4		
dibenzofluoranteno	1.0	2.1	1.8	<DL	1.0	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.5	1.9	0.9	<DL	<DL	0.0	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.0	<DL	<DL	3.8	0.8	<DL	<DL	5.1	<DL	5.1	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL		
benzo(g,h)perileno	9.7	6.8	6.9	1.2	6.6	<DL	<DL	1.8	7.4	7.8	3.7	<DL	<DL	0.5	1.6	<DL	0.7	3.2	0.5	1.6	3.6	7.0	5.7	1.3	0.6	10.3	1.1	3.5	2.0	3.4	3.4	0.9	1.1	0.7	<DL	2.5		
Aqui HPAs																																						
C ₇ -naftaleno	8.1	4.1	7.7	0.9	5.1	<DL	<DL	1.8	3.6	6.1	2.7	0.6	<DL	0.6	1.6	0.5	<DL	1.8	<DL	1.0	2.8	1.6	4.1	0.7	0.7	<DL	0.6	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6		
C ₇ -naftaleno	13.9	7.2	10.5	2.3	10.0	1.1	1.0	2.5	5.4	11.2	5.5	1.3	0.9	1.7	2.6	1.3	1.3	3.9	<DL	1.8	6.2	1.8	10.9	0.8	0.9	<DL	1.2	3.6	3.2	4.3	5.3	1.6	2.2	1.7	1.7	2.7		
C ₇ -naftaleno	5.4	2.6	3.7	1.2	4.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	2.0	3.2	1.8	0.5	<DL	0.6	1.0	<DL	<DL	1.5	0.6	1.0	2.0	1.2	2.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.6	0.6	<DL	0.6	0.9		
C ₇ -fenantreno	10.9	13.0	9.6	4.0	13.7	3.5	3.0	6.0	3.1	5.5	9.0	0.9	0.7	1.2	2.0	0.5	0.9	3.0	1.0	1.4	6.1	4.3	4.8	2.4	2.0	4.3	1.3	4.5	4.5	3.3	3.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.1		
Naturais																																						
pireno	214.5	53.2	101.9	11.2	68.2	<DL	2.4	9.9	30.8	77.4	29.8	1.4	1.3	6.3	11.4	1.7	3.8	12.9	5.0	19.9	66.2	9.0	84.1	15.6	5.5	7.6	8.9	40.7	16.4	48.5	30.7	10.0	11.4	4.8	2.2	18.0		

Compostos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
ΣHPAs*	146.21	163.52	177.43	35.25	166.70	10.53	15.77	50.18	91.99	131.53	77.47	4.62	3.38	9.10	29.84	2.84	12.06	46.97	7.34	21.68	80.91	146.52	91.60	19.67	14.57	273.41	18.17	50.45	46.76	51.07	51.06	12.89	14.47	13.55	8.33	39.15
ΣHPAs 16PEPA	97.90	123.05	136.71	24.57	124.41	4.94	9.95	35.86	67.14	94.25	53.43	1.33	1.73	3.95	20.33	0.50	7.80	31.76	5.72	14.79	59.56	119.35	62.98	13.58	9.42	234.26	11.47	35.25	33.68	35.75	34.84	7.36	8.42	8.57	2.63	28.37
Aqui HPAs	38.31	26.89	31.45	8.40	32.93	5.59	4.86	11.68	14.11	25.95	18.97	3.29	1.65	4.13	7.21	2.34	2.12	10.11	1.62	5.14	17.06	8.91	22.67	4.77	4.37	5.08	3.75	11.29	10.47	10.77	11.72	4.33	4.70	3.85	4.85	7.29
HPAs (2-3 anéis)**	35.65	35.84	80.83	10.71	62.36	1.23	4.10	13.92	16.17	29.60	24.39	1.33	1.73	3.41	10.62	0.50	2.44	7.29	4.61	5.85	31.78	12.03	21.49	7.29	8.25	6.82	3.06	8.53	13.78	11.17	12.36	4.37	3.39	5.88	2.63	8.24
HPAs (4-6 anéis)*	72.25	100.69	65.15	16.14	71.41	3.71	6.81	24.58	61.71	75.98	34.11	<DL	<DL	1.56	12.11	<DL	7.50	29.57	1.11	10.69	32.07	125.58	47.44	7.61	1.95	261.51	11.36	30.63	22.51	29.13	26.98	4.19	6.38	3.72	0.85	23.62
%per/Σ(HPAs 5 anéis)	86	48	77	62	66	66	58	55	47	67	63	100	100	86	61	100	36	43	89	76	80	10	77	83	88	5	49	74	59	76	68	81	73	68	72	60
Σ(2-3)/(4-6)	0.49	0.36	1.24	0.66	0.87	0.33	0.60	0.57	0.26	0.39	0.72	nc ^c	nc ^c	2.19	0.88	nc ^c	0.33	0.25	4.15	0.55	0.99	0.10	0.45	0.96	4.23	0.03	0.27	0.28	0.61	0.38	0.46	1.04	0.53	1.61	3.09	0.35
Ant/178	0.11	0.07	0.14	nc ²	0.06	nc ²	nc ²	nc ²	0.16	0.12	0.20	0.07	nc ²	nc ²	nc ²	nc ²	nc ²	0.24	nc ²	nc ²	nc ²	0.20	0.18	nc ²	nc ²	0.30	nc ²	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.15	nc ²	nc ²	nc ^{1,2}	nc ²	
F1/F1+Py	0.44	0.50	0.47	0.47	0.44	nc ³	0.29	0.41	0.51	0.52	0.44	nc ^{3,4}	nc ^{3,4}	0.43	0.53	nc ^{3,4}	nc ^{3,4}	0.63	nc ^{3,4}	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.47	0.57	nc ^{3,4}	0.40	0.40	0.44	0.48						

**ANEXO 4 – LOCAIS DE AMOSTRAGEM DOS SEDIMENTOS DE MANGUEZAL
DO COMPLEXO ESTUARINO DA BAIÁ DE PARANAGUA**

Data	Pontos	Referência	Lat Long	Temp. (°C)	pH	Eh (mV)	% finos
11/12/2017	1	Rio Cachoeira	25° 24'55,8"S - 48° 43' 16,0"O	27,6	5,80	119	96
11/12/2017	2	Ilha das Rosas	25° 25'19,3"S - 48° 42' 05,8" O	32,1	6,64	-24	86
11/12/2017	3	Rio Faisquera	25° 25'52,8" S - 48° 39' 41,5"O	28,9	5,50	145	94
11/12/2017	4	Rio Nhudiaquara	25° 30'02,4"S - 48° 40' 24,9"O	28,3	6,15	37	15
11/12/2017	5	Ilha do Teixeira	25° 30'01,4"S - 48° 38' 44,6" O	27,3	6,36	35	92
11/12/2017	6	Ilha do Curral	25° 30'39,7"S - 48° 37' 14,3"O	24,4	7,13	52	2
11/12/2017	7	Porto de Paranaguá	25° 30'35,8"S - 48° 32' 51,5"O	26,6	7,33	141	2
11/12/2017	8	Ilha da Cotinga	25° 31'36,7" S - 48° 28' 08,3"O	26,8	6,45	-242	31
12/12/2017	9	Amparo (Rio das Ostras)	25° 28'29,4" S - 48° 30' 12,3"O	21,6	6,67	73	26
12/12/2017	10	Amparo (Rio Riozinho)	25° 27'25,1" S - 48° 30' 38,0"O	22,3	6,26	52	87
12/12/2017	11	Eufrazina	25° 27'21,6" S - 48° 35' 19,3"O	22,3	6,37	-192	37
12/12/2017	12	Saco do Tambarutaca	25° 26'57,8" S - 48° 27' 20,2"O	23,7	6,47	94	3
12/12/2017	13	Rio Retiro	25° 23'28,6" S - 48° 26' 07,1"O	23,7	6,32	-85	5
12/12/2017	14	Ilha Almeida	25° 19'17,5" S - 48° 25' 56,3"O	23,2	6,40	38	17
12/12/2017	15	Ilha Rasa	25° 21'45,2" S - 48° 25' 25,6"O	24,7	6,22	75	29
12/12/2017	16	Ponta do Hospital 1	25° 29'35,7" S - 48° 19' 47,5"O	29,3	6,92	144	1
12/12/2017	17	Ponta do Hospital 2	25° 29'33,6" S - 48° 21' 24,0"O	28,7	6,98	-296	2
12/12/2017	18	Ponta do Hospital 3	25° 29'40,0" S - 48° 22' 10,5"O	27,2	6,43	42	21
13/12/2017	19	Medeiros	25° 22'21,5" S - 48° 26' 50,4"O	27,1	6,06	100	6
13/12/2017	20	Itaqui	25° 20'44,6" S - 48° 27' 51,9"O	28,7	5,70	78	30
13/12/2017	21	Benito	25° 17'23,4"S - 48° 23' 48,0"O	25,8	5,81	124	49
13/12/2017	22	Gamela	25° 20'13,3"S - 48° 23' 37,2"O	29,1	6,25	-178	13
13/12/2017	23	Guaraquecaba (baía)	25° 16'09,9"S - 48° 19' 45,2"O	24,0	5,78	140	85
13/12/2017	24	Guaraqueçaba (cidade)	25° 18'49,8"S - 48° 19' 46,5"O	24,3	5,89	58	24
13/12/2017	25	Ilha das peças	25° 27'09,3"S - 48° 19' 48,3"O	24,3	6,05	148	8
13/12/2017	26	Encantadas	25° 33'34,0"S - 48° 18' 55,0"O	24,2	6,24	194	1
14/12/2017	27	Vila Superagui	25° 26'54,4"S - 48° 15' 44,1"O	26,5	6,30	66	13
14/12/2017	28	Rio das Pacas	25° 24'13,0"S - 48° 14' 07,7"O	26,7	6,46	-120	61
14/12/2017	29	Ilha Pinheiros	25° 21'14,5"S - 48° 14' 34,0"O	29,8	5,92	39	26
14/12/2017	30	Vila Sebuí (Canal do Varadouro)	25° 19'04,0"S - 48° 12' 12,1"O	26,3	6,32	110	61
14/12/2017	31	Barra do Poruquara	25° 19'30,5"S - 48° 15' 41,4"O	31,1	5,66	-127	73
14/12/2017	32	Vila Tibicanga	25° 20'30,4"S - 48° 16' 23,4"O	29,4	6,29	85	13
14/12/2017	33	Poço da Pescada	25° 21'10,5"S - 48° 17' 49,3"O	30,1	5,84	116	35
14/12/2017	34	Ilha em frente ao Guapicu	25° 22'07,8"S - 48° 19' 02,2"O	33,8	6,05	56	12
14/12/2017	35	Ao lado do Guapicu	25° 22'36,1"S - 48° 19' 09,9"O	28,1	6,80	150	3
14/12/2017	36	Rio Guaraguaçu	25° 32'46,8"S - 48° 27' 48,2"O	29,5	6,22	8	46