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CONTAMINATION ISSUES OF ARMENIA'S MINING SITES

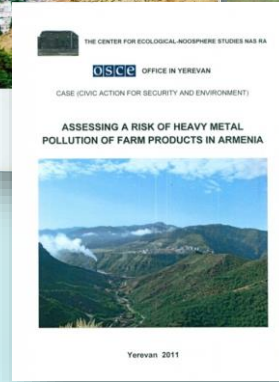
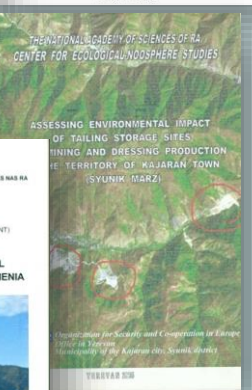
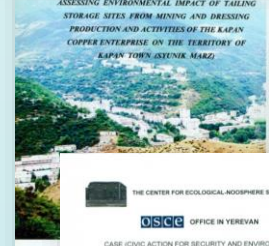
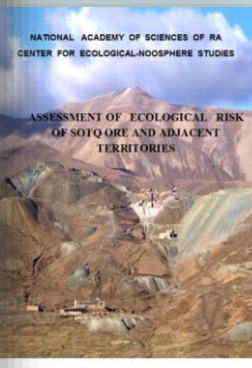
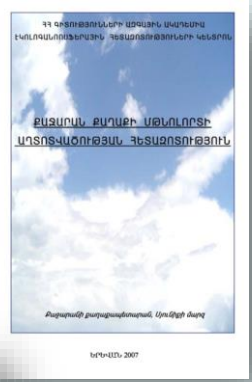
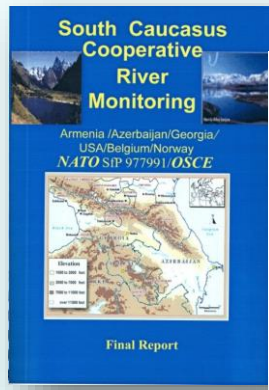
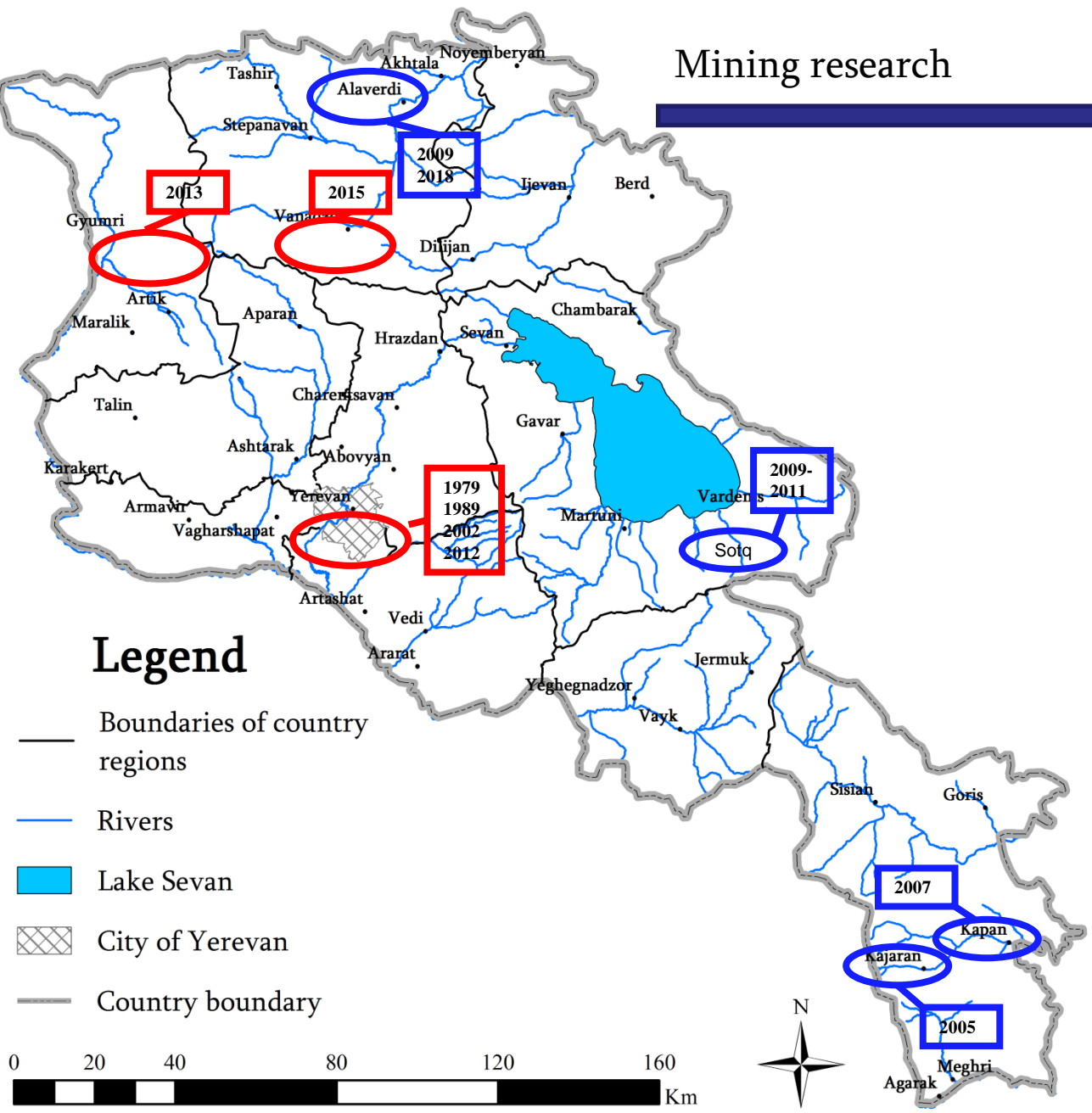
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Geochemical surveys & complex investigations

Mining research



Armenia's position on the world map



Brief information about Armenia

Area - 29.74 thous. sq.km

Maximal extension - 365 km

Population - 3.2 mln

Capital - Yerevan

Highest point - 4090 m a. s. L., Aragatz Mt.

Lowest point - 380 m a. s. L., Debet r. canyon

Climate - dry continental

Mining

670 solid mineral deposits

Including 30 metallic deposits

400 deposits are currently exploited

22 of which are metallic

Armenia is rich in

iron,

copper,

molybdenum,

lead,

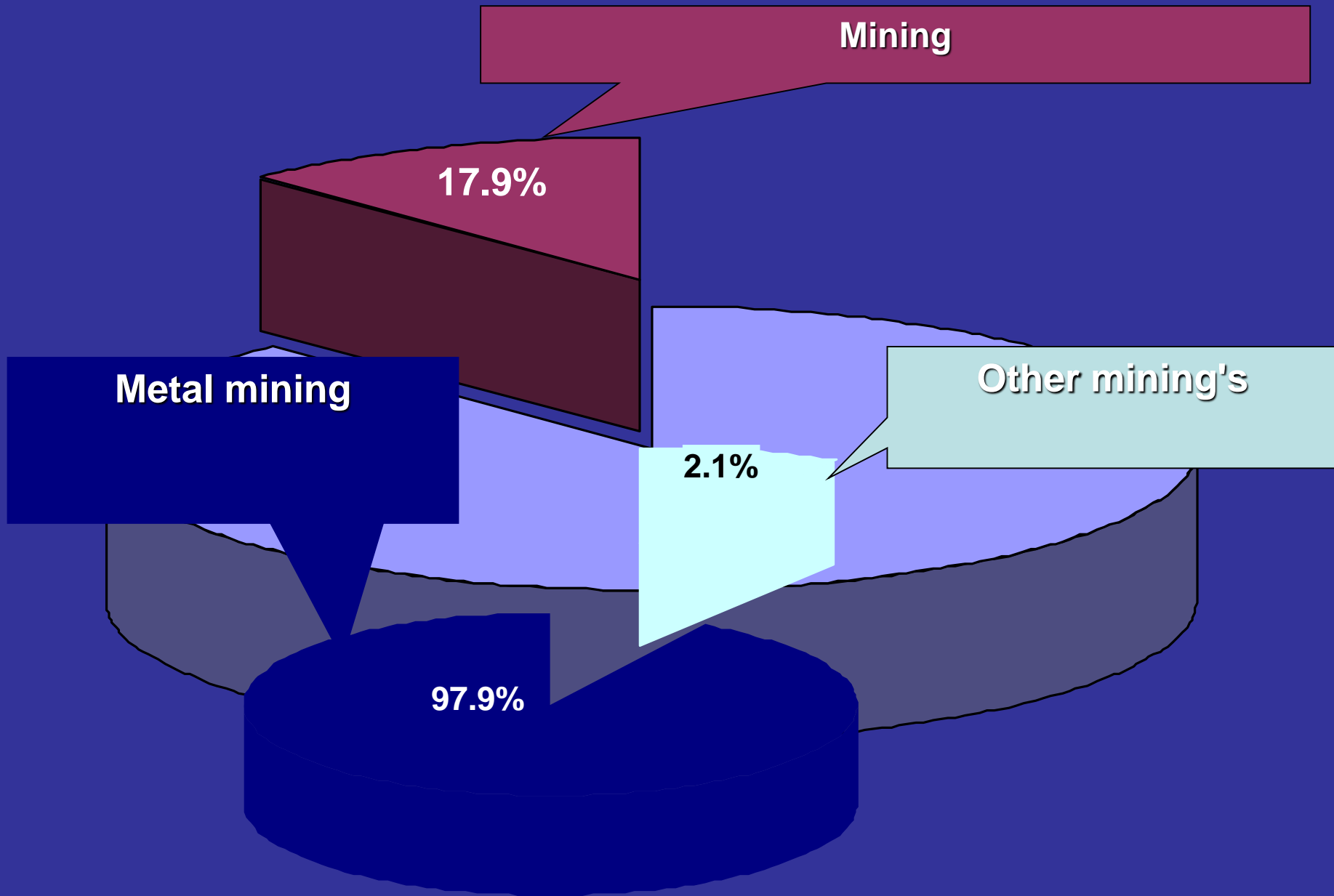
zinc,

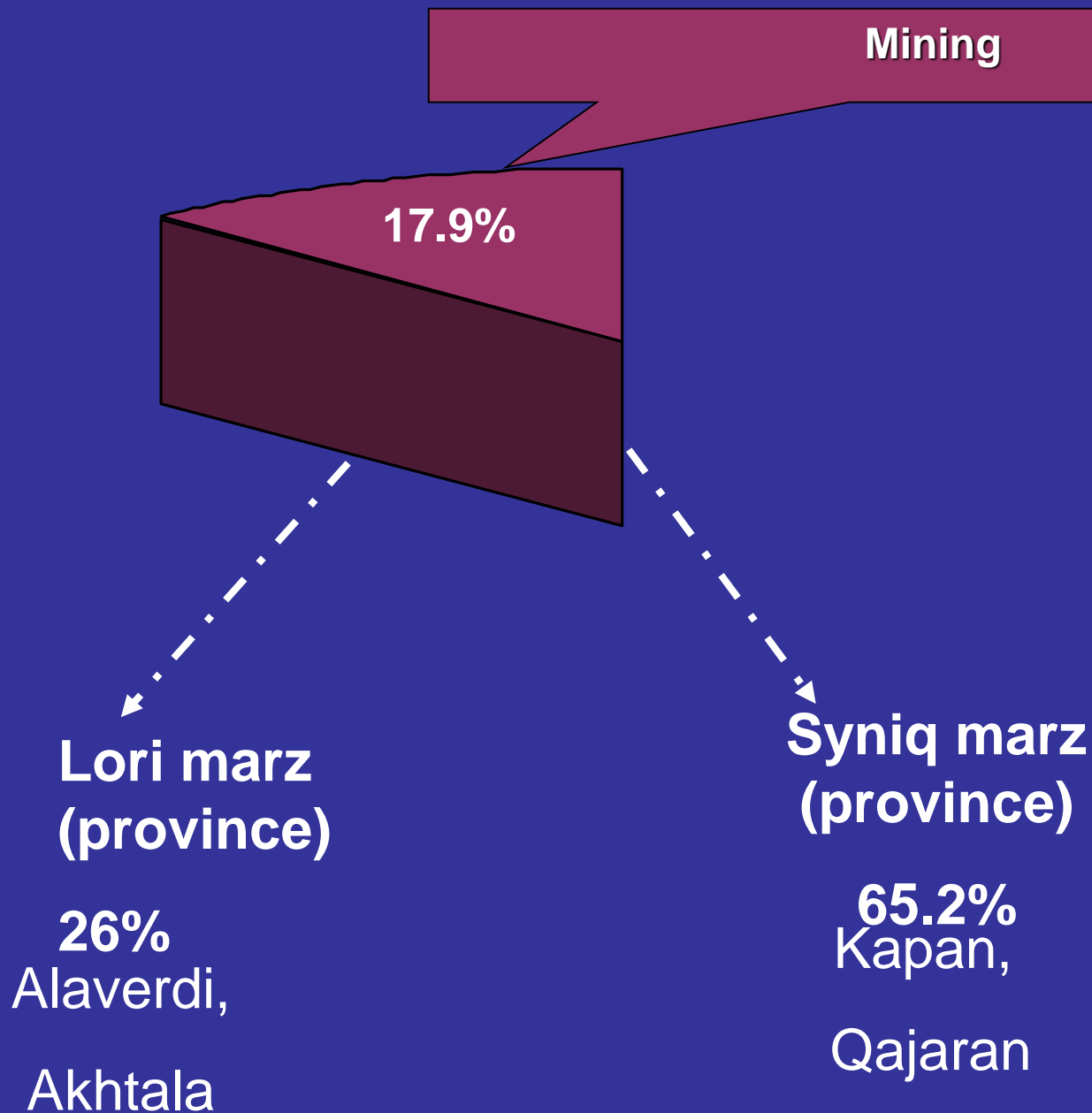
gold,

silver

and rare elements

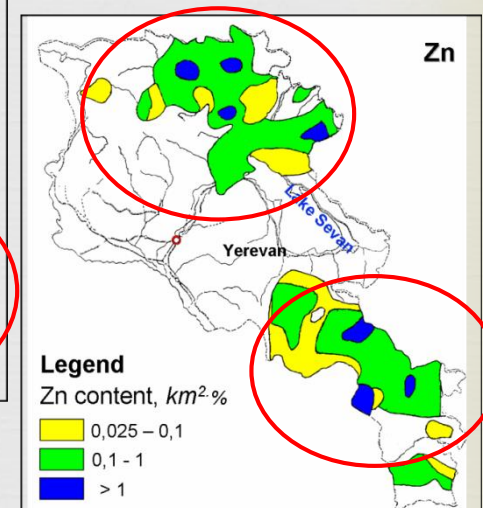
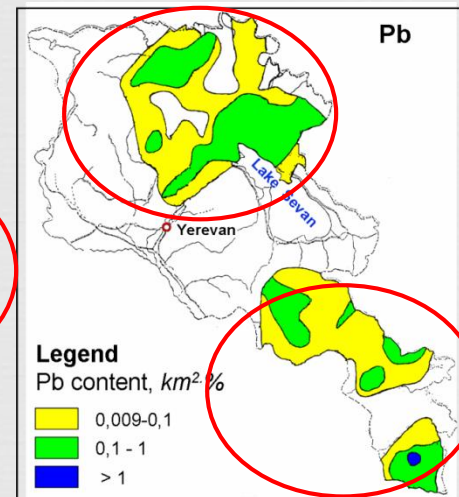
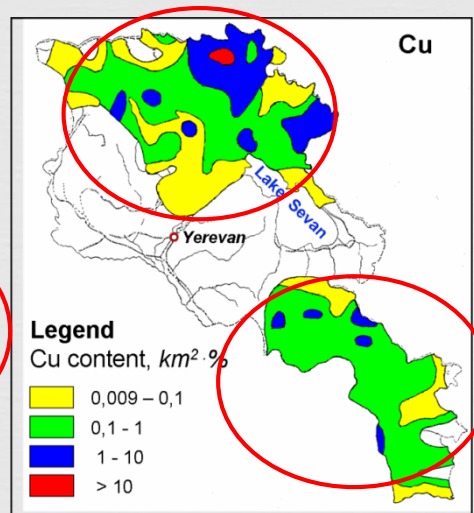
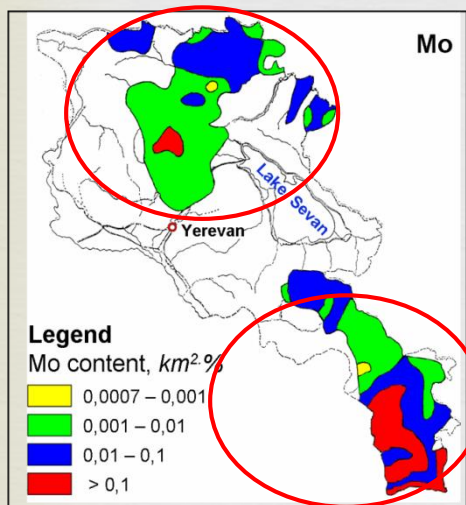
Share of mining in industry of Armenia





Environmental Geochemistry Department

Specialized geochemical schematic maps of Cu Mo, Zn and Pb contents on Armenia's territory (Saghatelyan, 2004)

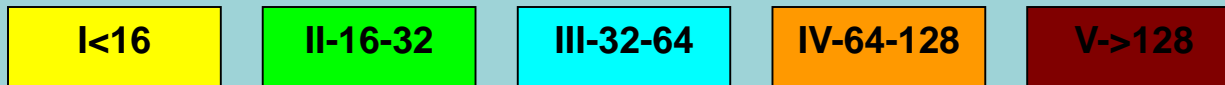


A schematic map of Summary Index of Pollution (SIP) by heavy metals of Kajaran's soil



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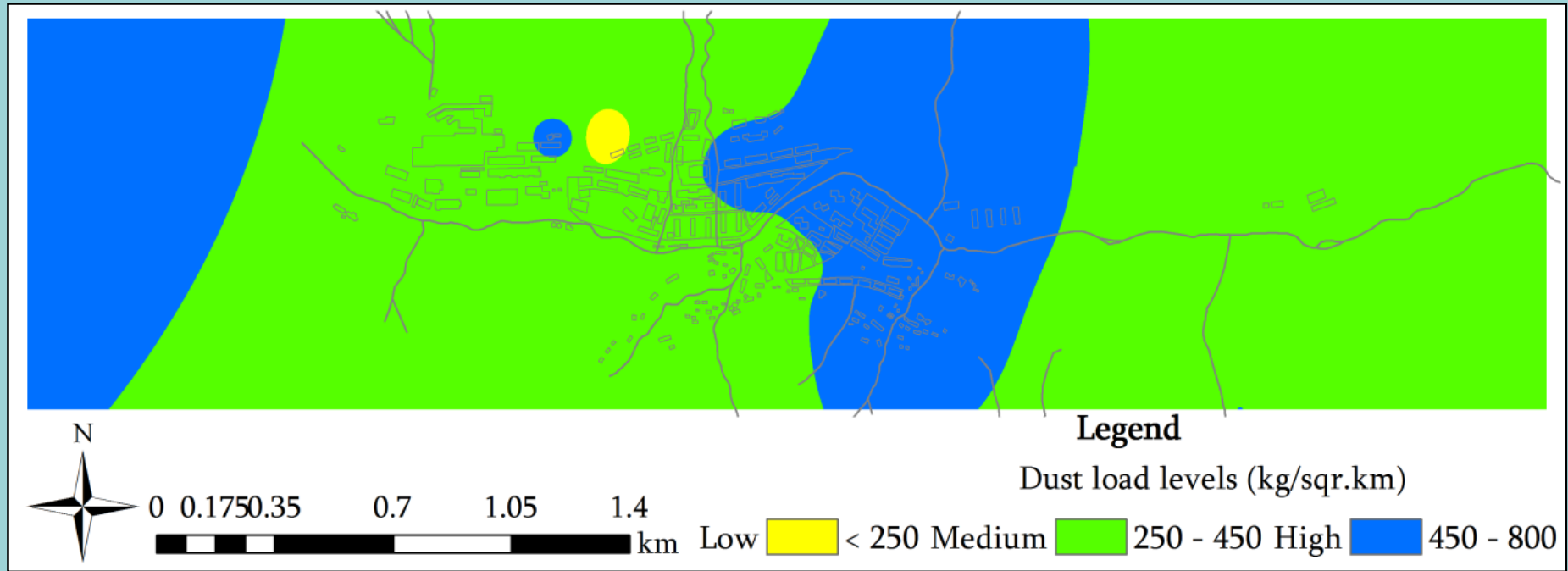
SIP values and pollution levels



Geochemical series: $\text{Mo}_{(29.8)} > \text{Cu}_{(5.1)} - \text{Pb}_{(2.2)} - \text{Co}_{(1.7)} - \text{Zn}_{(1.4)} - \text{Mn}, \text{V}_{(1.2)}$

in brackets excesses vs. background are given

LEAF DUST LOAD LEVELS OF KAJARAN

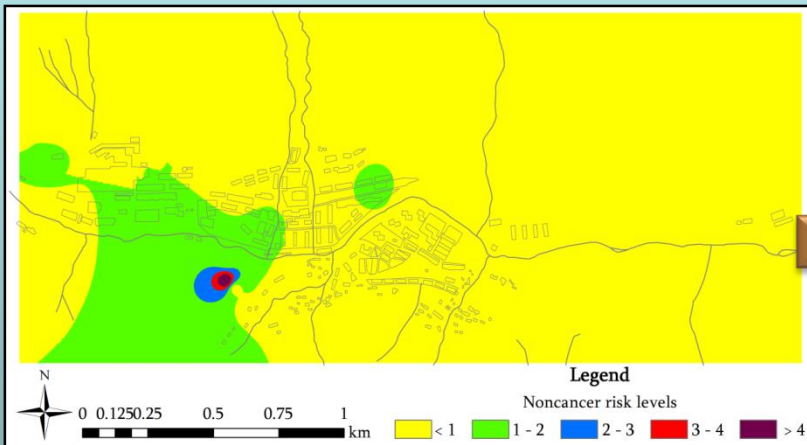


Geochemical series: Mo_(7.5)-Cu, Zn_(4.1)-Ni_(3.3)-Pb_(2.6)-Mn_(1.1)

in brackets excesses vs. background are given

RISK ASSESSMENT OF SOILS OF KAJARAN

Non-cancer risk from soils by HI (Hazard Index)



Series of HQ (Hazard Quotient) for each pathway

Mean

Ingestion - $Mo_{(0.24)}-Fe_{(0.12)}-Co_{(0.09)}-Mn_{(0.08)}-V_{(0.04)}-Pb_{(0.032)}-Cu_{(0.027)}-Cr_{(0.022)}-Zn_{(0.001)}$

Inhalation - $Mn_{(0.019)}-Co_{(0.002)}-Cr_{(0.0003)}-Mo_{(0.00004)}$

Dermal - $Mn_{(0.008)}-V_{(0.007)}-Cr_{(0.004)}-Mo_{(0.001)}-Fe_{(0.0005)}-Co_{(0.0004)}-Pb_{(0.00014)}-Cu_{(0.00011)}-Zn_{(0.000003)}$

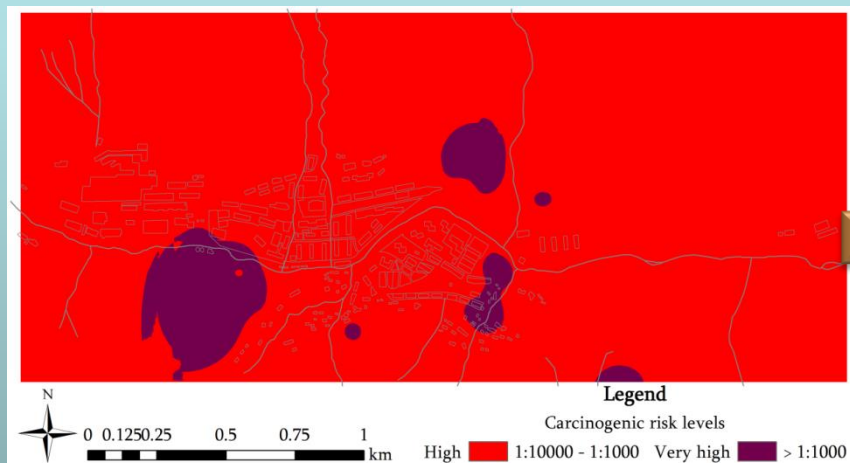
Max

Ingestion - $Mo_{(4.89)}-Pb_{(0.93)}-Fe_{(0.26)}-Co_{(0.18)}-Mn_{(0.143)}-Cu_{(0.137)}-Cr_{(0.07)}-V_{(0.05)}-Zn_{(0.003)}$

Inhalation - $Mn_{(0.035)}-Co_{(0.005)}-Cr_{(0.0011)}-Mo_{(0.0007)}$

Dermal - $Mo_{(0.021)}-Mn_{(0.015)}-Cr_{(0.013)}-V_{(0.009)}-Pb_{(0.004)}-Fe_{(0.0011)}-Co_{(0.0008)}-Cu_{(0.0006)}-Zn_{(0.000014)}$

Carcinogenic risk from soils



Heavy metals used for carcinogenic risk

assessment via each pathway

Ingestion - Cr

Inhalation - Cr and Co

Dermal - Cr

RISK ASSESSMENT OF DUST OF KAJARAN

Noncancer risk from dust

Impute of heavy metals to the mean HI of noncancer risk for each pathway (%)

Ingestion - $\text{Mo}_{(0.11)}\text{-Pb}_{(0.045)}\text{-Cr}_{(0.036)}\text{-Mn}_{(0.033)}\text{-Cu}_{(0.02)}\text{-V}_{(0.009)}\text{-Ni}_{(0.008)}\text{-Zn}_{(0.001)}$

Inhalation - $\text{Mn}_{(0.008)}\text{-Ni}_{(0.0008)}\text{-Cr}_{(0.0005)}\text{-Pb}_{(0.0002)}\text{-Mo}_{(0.000016)}$

Dermal - $\text{Cr}_{(0.006)}\text{-Mn}_{(0.003)}\text{-V}_{(0.001)}\text{-Ni}_{(0.0008)}\text{-Mo}_{(0.0004)}\text{-Pb}_{(0.0002)}\text{-Cu}_{(0.0001)}$

HI>1 was not observed

Carcinogenic risk from dust

Heavy metals used for carcinogenic risk assessment via each pathway

Ingestion - Cr

Inhalation - Cr and Ni

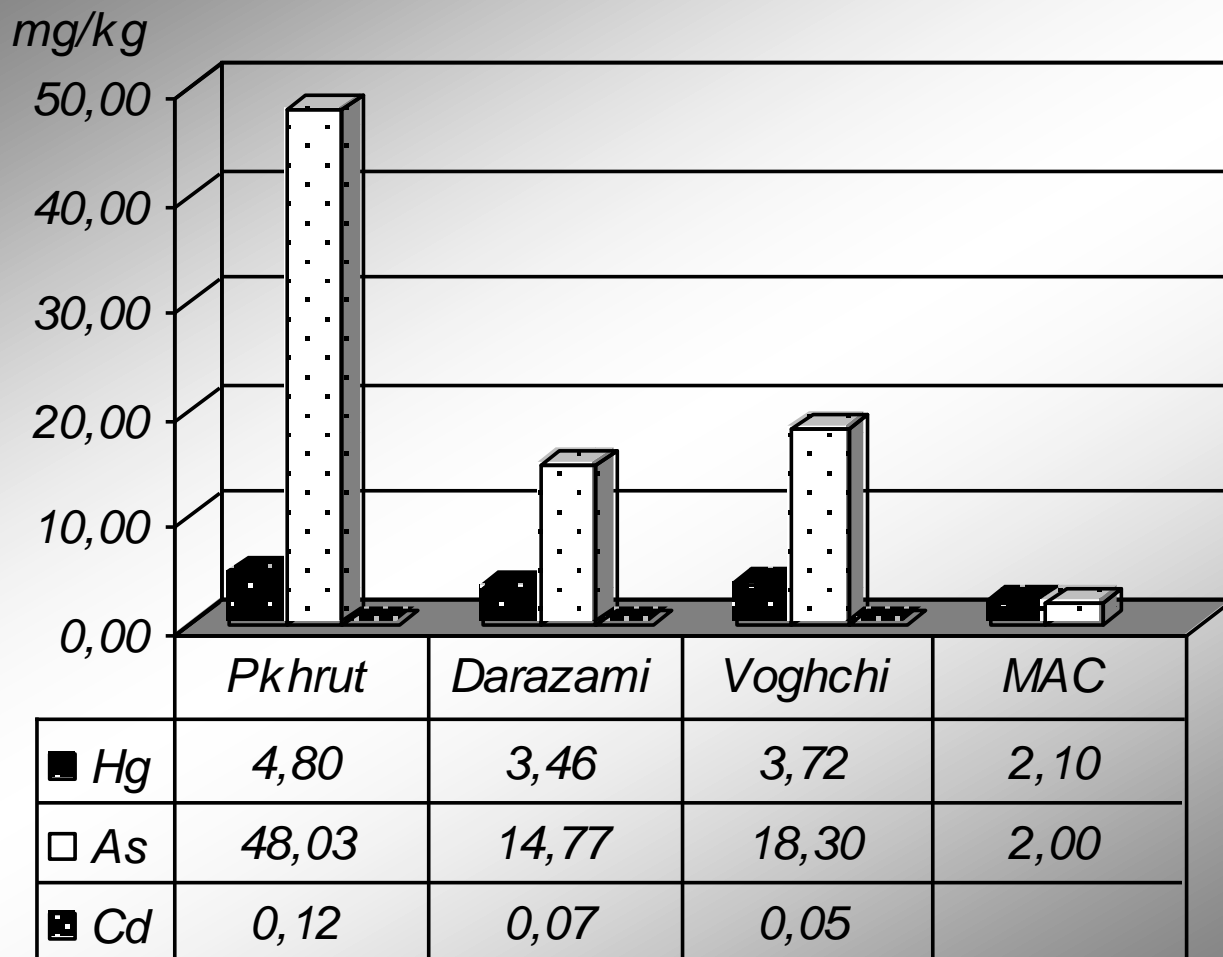
Dermal - Cr

Very high level of carcinogenic risk was observed in all for all samples studied

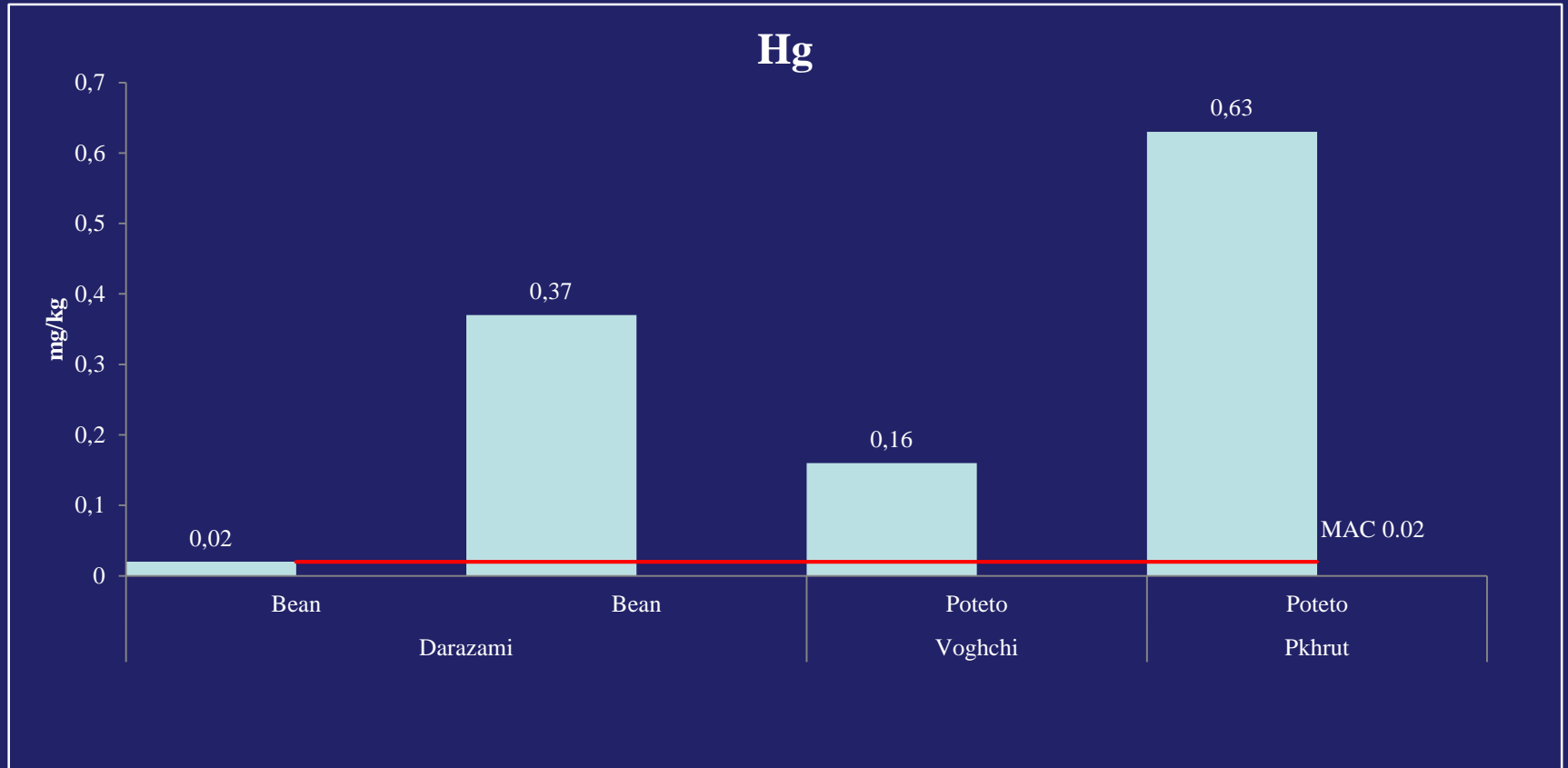
Tailing repositories in Kajaran



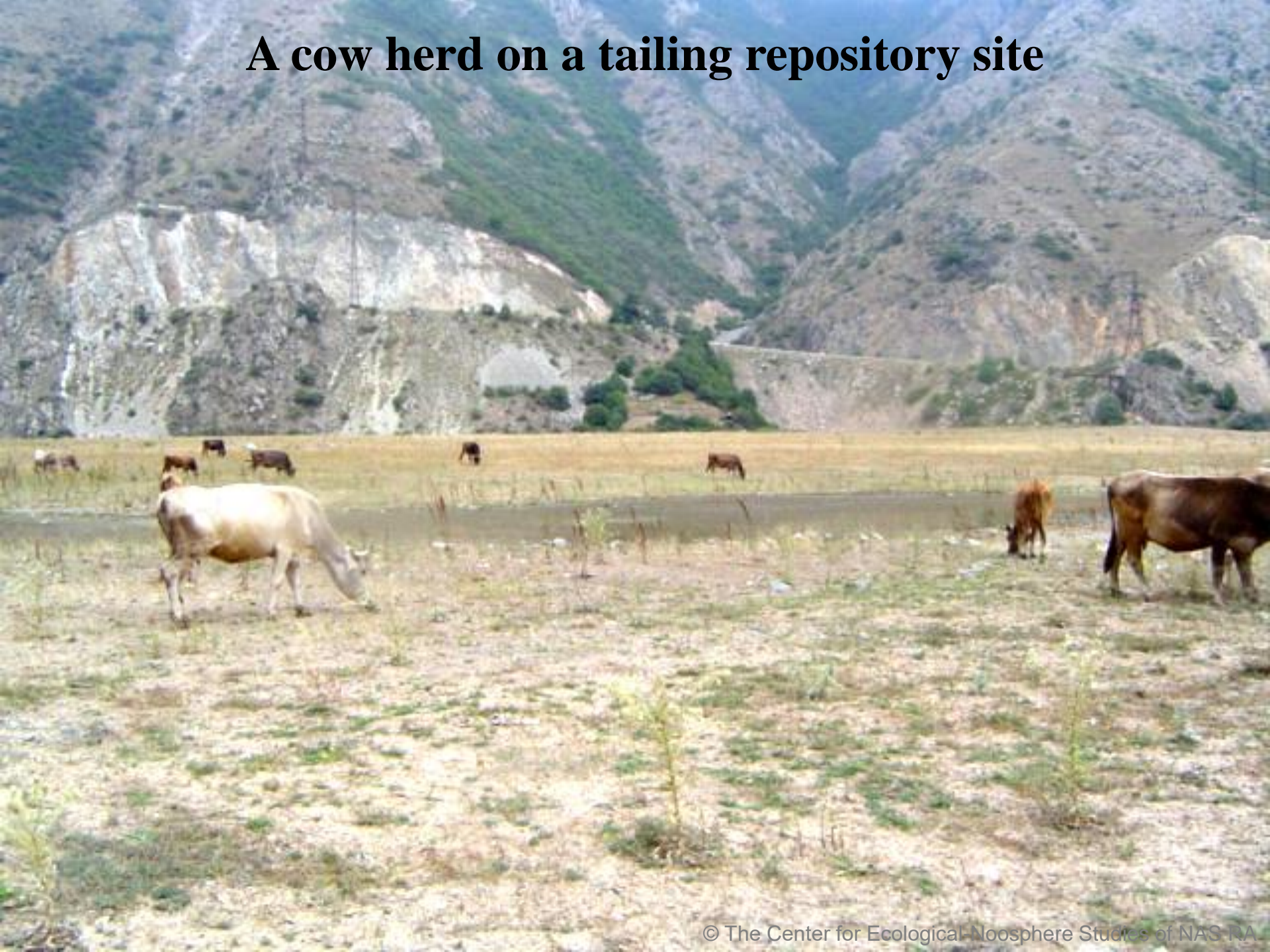
Contents of elements-admixtures in soils and grounds of tailing repositories



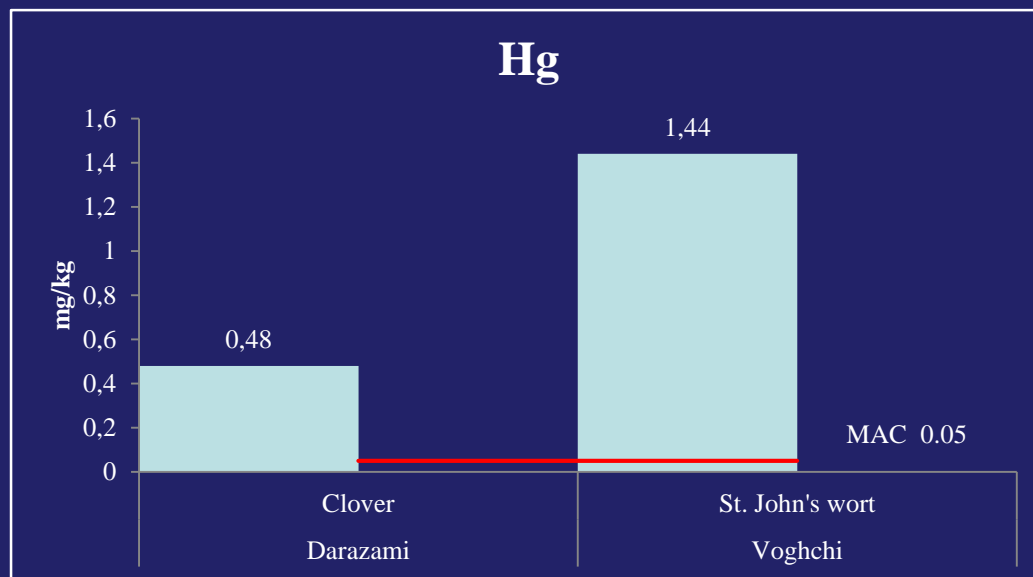
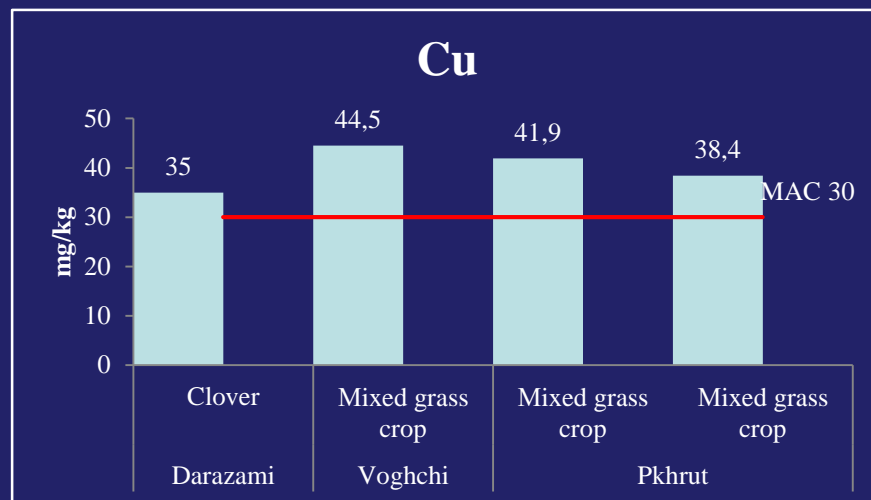
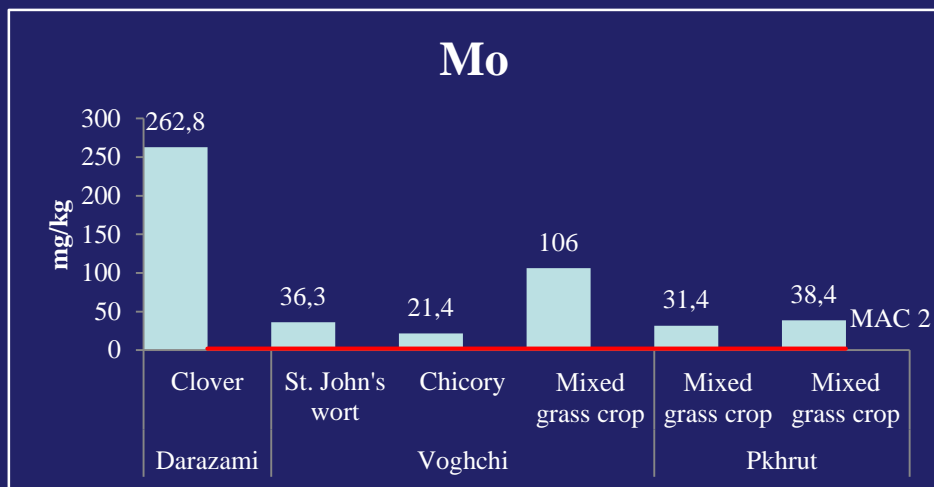
Hg contents (mg/kg) for vegetables grown on the tailing repository sites



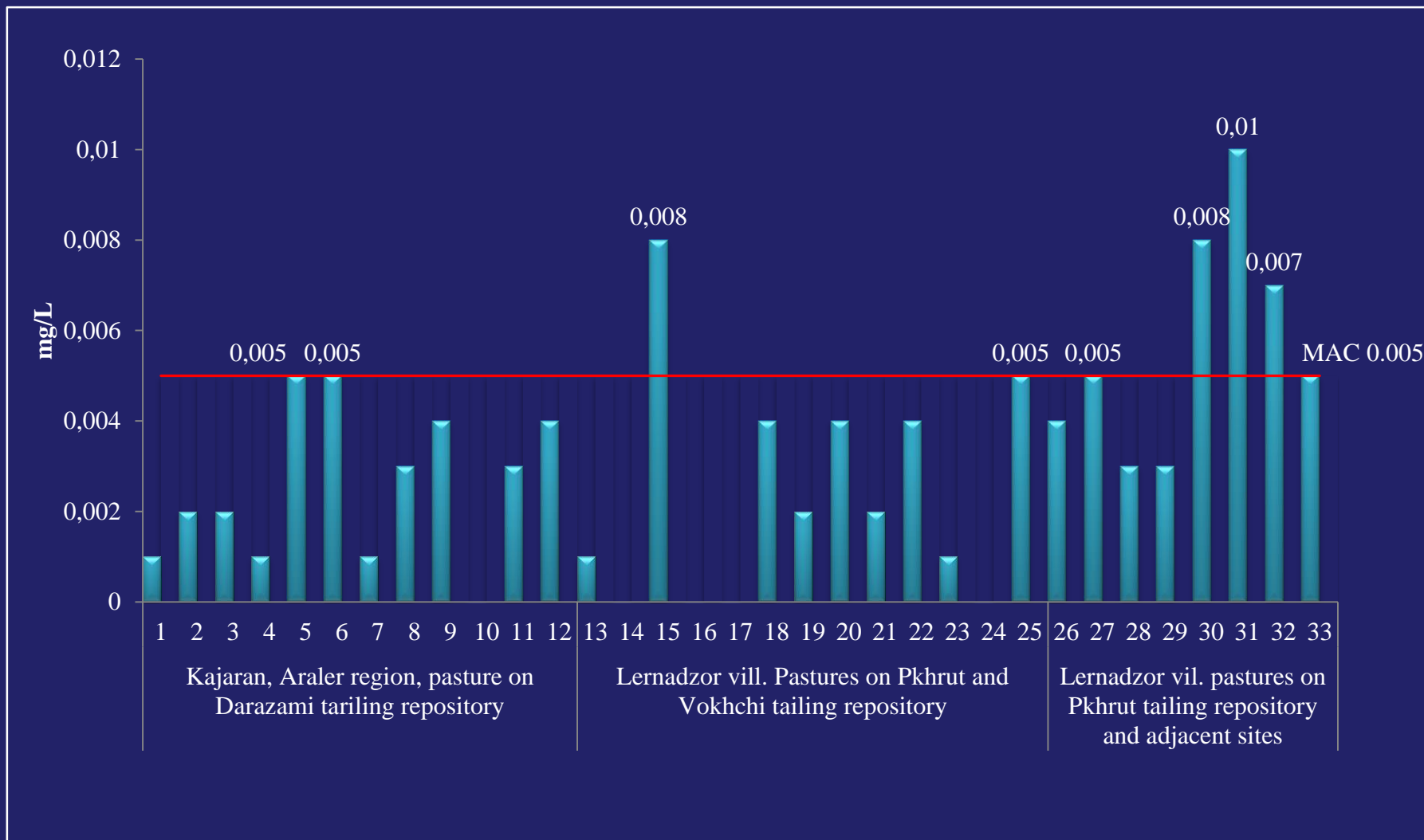
A cow herd on a tailing repository site



Contents of Mo, Cu and Hg in fodder grasses grown on the tailing repository sites



The contents of Hg in fresh milk



Mine and industrial waters





Tailing repository

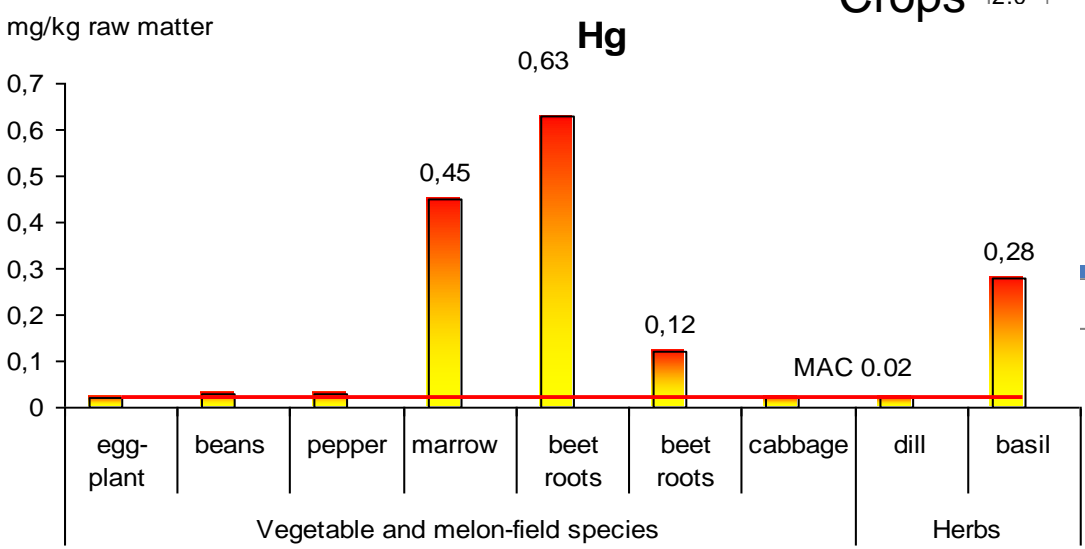
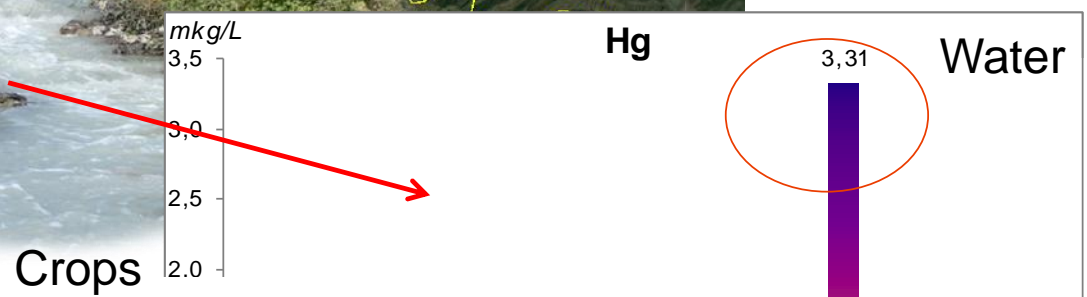
The City of Kapan

Agricultural soils

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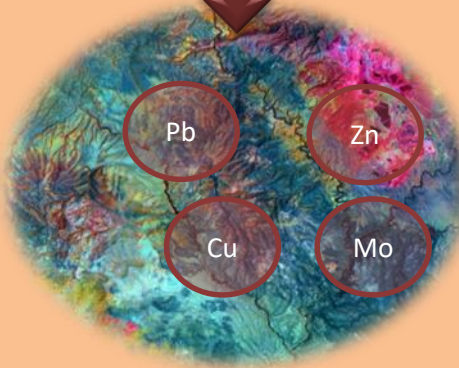
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Contamination issues are topical in mining area and is risk factor

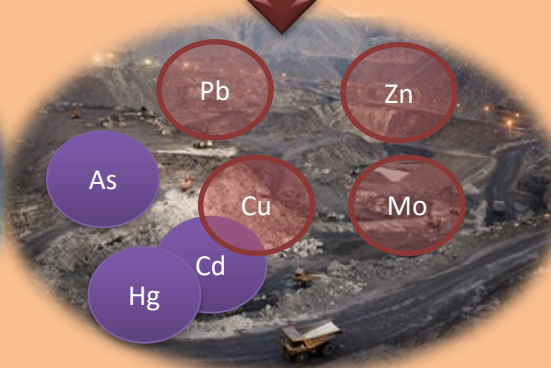
Heavy metals: from mining to human

Biogeochemical provinces



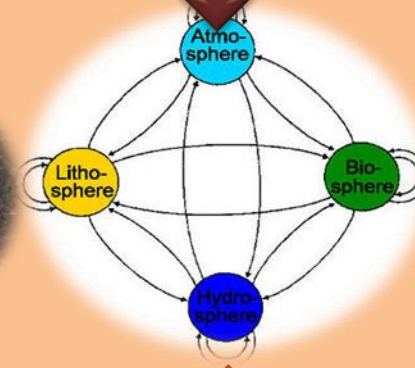
Naturally high in metals

Mining and dressing



Ore + el. admixtures

Pathways



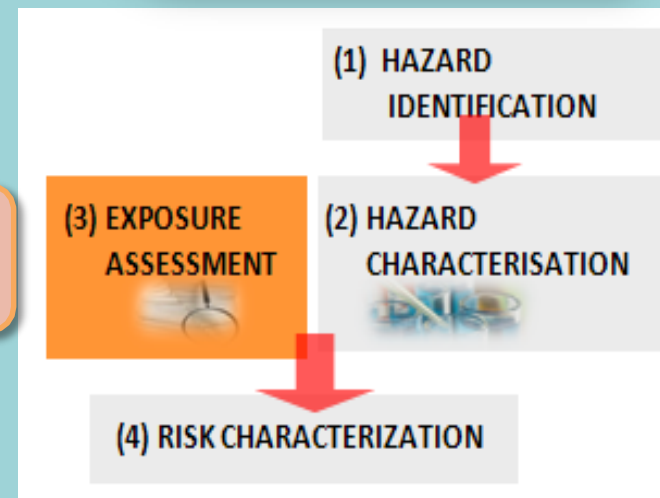
Migration, emission, accumulation

Food chain



Health risk

Human exposure assessment



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