

Supplementary material

Characterising sediments of a tropical sediment-starved continental shelf using cluster analysis of physical and geochemical variables

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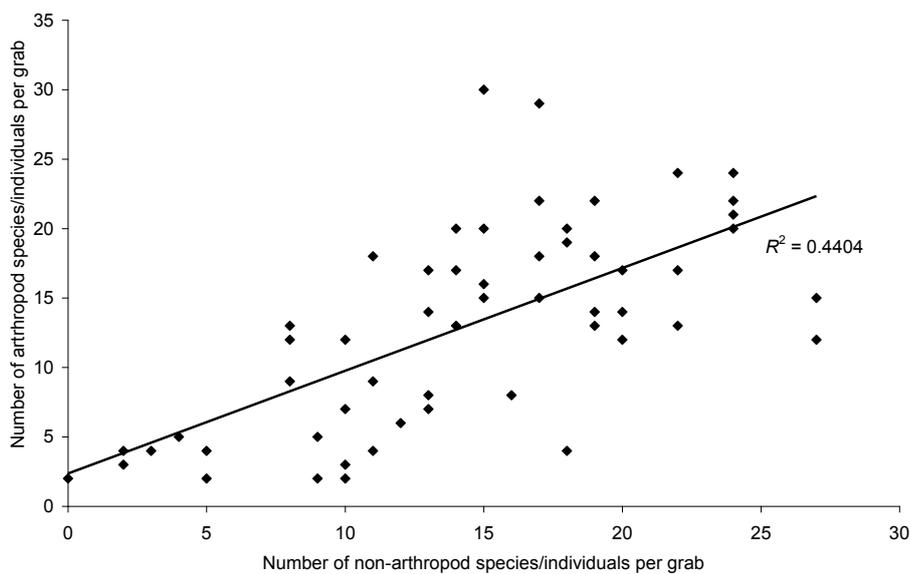


Fig. S1. Number of arthropod infauna per grab v. number of non-arthropod infauna.

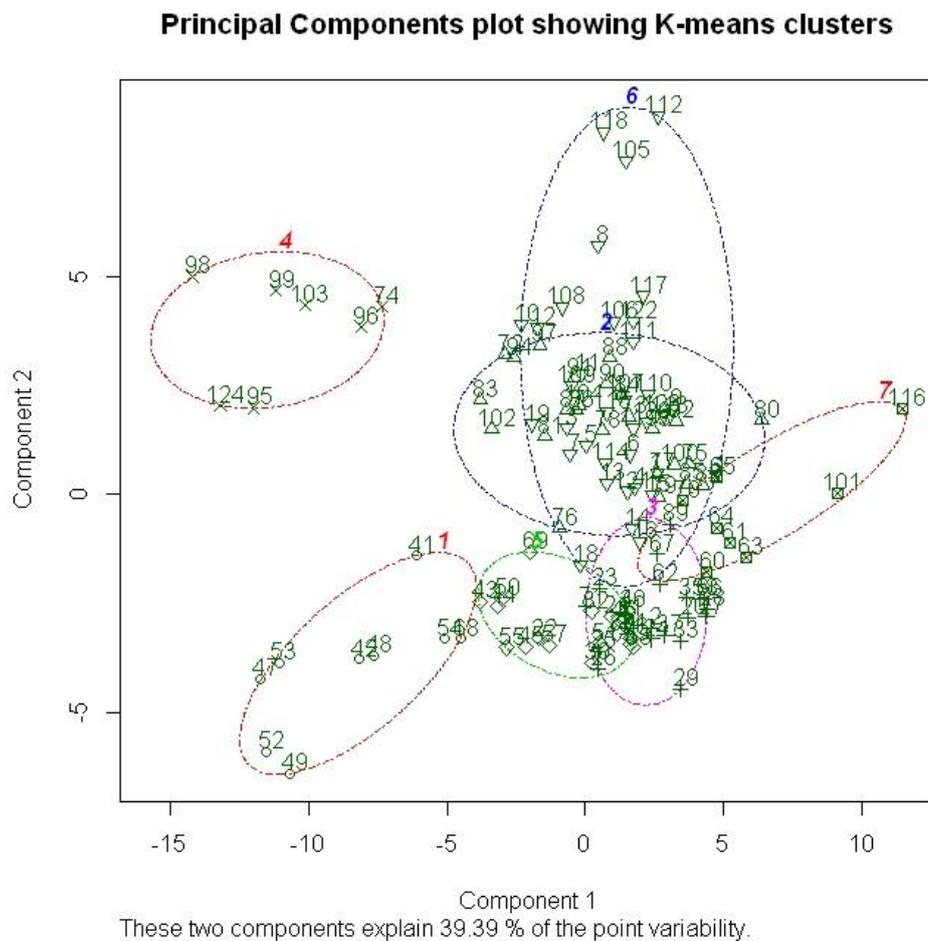


Fig. S2. The k-means clustering of a matrix of Euclidean distance among sample stations based on seabed environmental data.

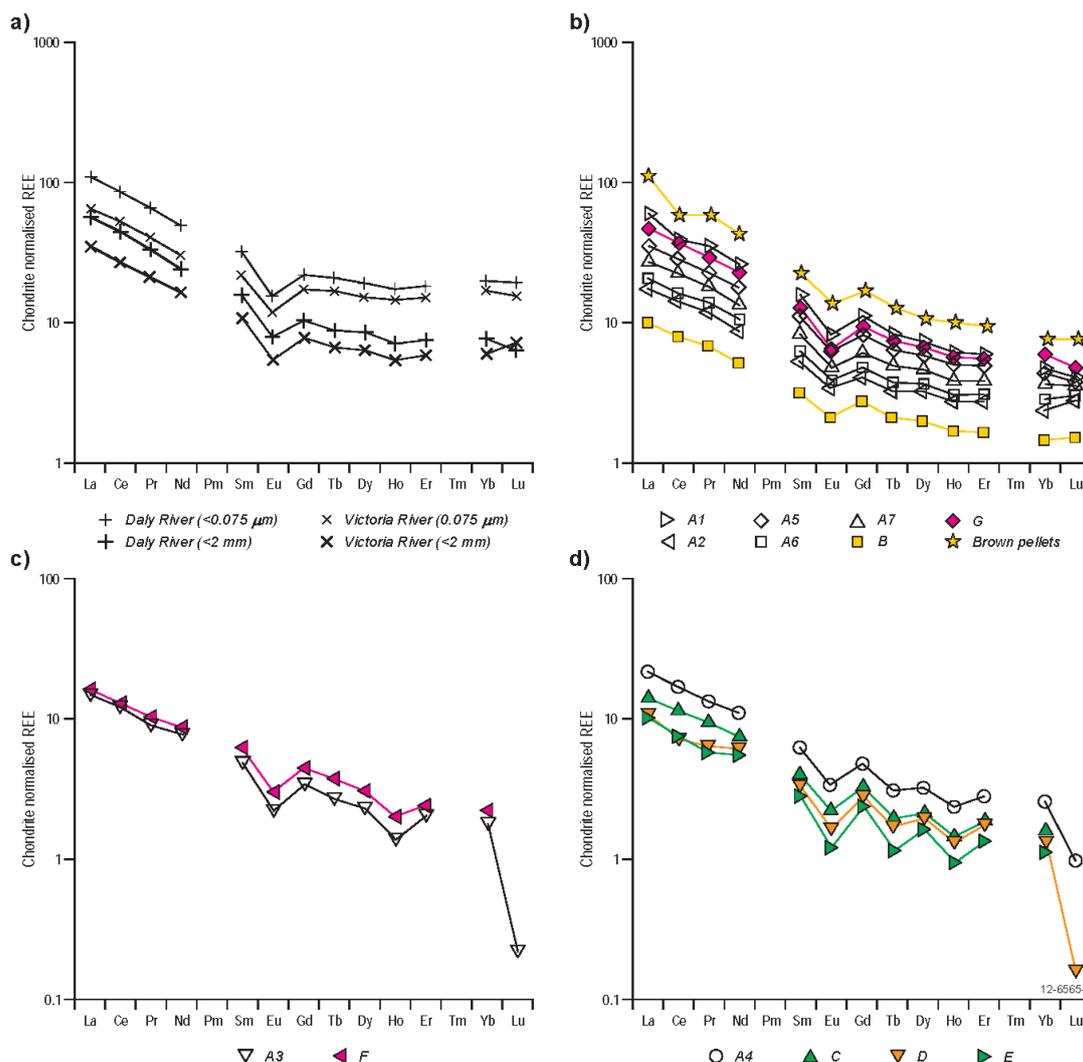


Fig. S3. Chondrite-normalised REE (rare earth elements) geochemistry of (a) average coarse (<2 mm) and fine sediment (<0.075 μm) from the Daly and Victoria River catchments (data from de Caritat and Cooper^[1]) and (b–e) the sediment clusters (averages). A brown pellet analysis is also shown (b) for comparison. Patterns from A1, G, A5, A7, A6, A2 and B and the brown pellets are similar to river sediments with particle sizes <2 mm. However, the brown pellet analysis and A1 had pronounced Ce anomalies that were not evident in the river sediments. Patterns from A3 and F differed from the river sediments in having potentially lower Ho concentrations, whereas C, A4, D and E had sawtooth patterns pointing to potential detection limit problems. (TS, total sulfur.)

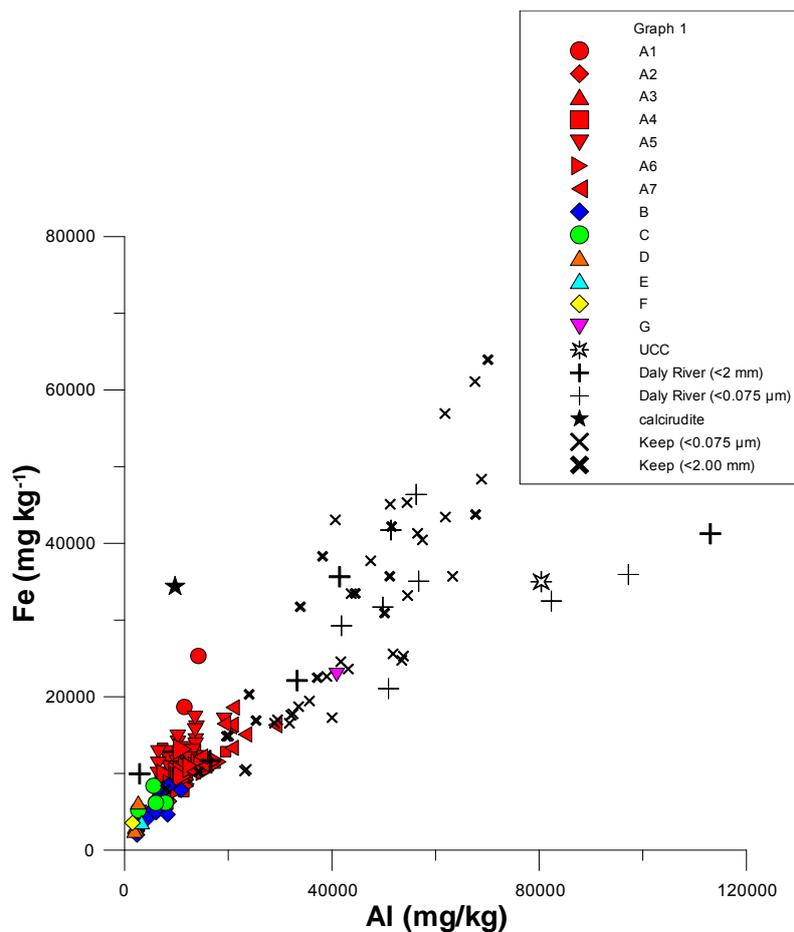


Fig. S4. Cross-plots of Fe v. Al. The positions of a brown pellet (calcirudite) analysis and bulk (<2 mm) and fine sediment (<0.075 μm) from the Daly and Victoria River catchments (data from de Caritat and Cooper^[1]) are also shown.

References

- [1] P. de Caritat, M. Cooper, *National Geochemical Survey of Australia: The Geochemical Atlas of Australia, Record 2011/20* 2011 (Geoscience Australia: Canberra, ACT).