



Water Quality Test Report

Dredging, Land Reclamation and Revetment Works at Gulhifalhu

Phase 2



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Environmental Water Sampling Activities

Weekly water samples were taken and analysed for TSS at the following locations.
Reclamation area 8 locations taken on 06-NOV-23 and analysed on 07-NOV-23 and 08-NOV-23.
Primary extended borrow area 13 locations taken on 06-NOV-23 and analysed on 07-NOV-23 and 08-NOV-23.
Elevated concentrations of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) exceeding 10 mg/L were identified in the following water samples: W27, W36, W38, W40, and W50.

Environmental TSS Analysis Method

Samples are obtained using a Niskin bottle and stored in bottles of transparent material. Samples are stored in a dark fridge before the determination of suspended solids. Interpret results obtained for samples that have been stored more than 2 days with caution.

Lab Methodology used is the official authorized approved British Standard BS EN 872:2005 BS 6068-2.54:2005 for the Water Quality - Determination of Suspended Solids - Method by filtration through glass fibre filters. The European Standard EN 872:2005 has the status of a British Standard. The lower limit of the determination is about 2 mg/l. No upper limit has been established.

Concentration of Suspended Solids is determined by using a vacuum filtration apparatus and glass fibre filters through which the sample is filtered. The filter is then dried at 105 °C and the mass of the residue retained on the filter is determined by weighing on a calibrated analytical balance scale.

Blank tests are performed during each analysis to check the loss of mass during filtration by running a similar procedure but using 150 ml of distilled water instead of the sample. Quality checks are performed with a reference suspension, microcrystalline cellulose, of 500 mg/L - recovery shall be between 90 % and 110%.

Equipment Summary

Niskin water sampler with a 400 g drop messenger for obtaining water samples at the surface (~1.5 m).
Transparent bottles and Cool box to transport and store samples, preferably between 1 °C and 5 °C.
Analytical balance, capable of weighing to an accuracy of at least 0,1 mg.
Borosilicate glass fibre filters.
Equipment for vacuum or pressure filtration, to accommodate the selected filters.
Graduated cylinder to accurately measure quantities in ml.
Erlenmeyer flask to collect the water from water sample.
Drying support of suitably surfaced material, to support the filters in the drying oven (5.3), e.g. Petridishes.
Drying oven, capable of maintaining a temperature of 105 °C ± 2 °C.

Limit Applicability

Maintain a threshold level for turbidity at all reefs within the atoll lagoon in proximity to the dredging site, measured as Total Suspended Solids (TSS) to a maximum of 10 mg/L not exceeding 20% of the measurements. Exceptions shall be made where background rates exceed the threshold level and in reefs where extensive reclamation work has been undertaken (including e.g. Thilafushi, Gulhifalhu, Villigili, Malé, Hulhumalé). Considerations shall also be made to account for naturally elevated levels of turbidity which may occur during storm events or bad weather.

Calibration

Analytical balance was calibrated on 07-NOV-23 and 08-NOV-23.

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Water Sample Locations - Reclamation Area



Location ID	Area	Type	TSS limit applicable
W2	Reclamation	Within Project direct footprint	No
W5	Reclamation	Reef where extensive reclamation work has been undertake	No
W7	Reclamation	Reef where extensive reclamation work has been undertake	No
W10	Reclamation	Reef where extensive reclamation work has been undertake	No
W11	Reclamation	Reef where extensive reclamation work has been undertake	No
W14	Reclamation	Reef where extensive reclamation work has been undertake	No
W15	Villigili	Within Project direct footprint	No
W16	Reclamation	Reef where extensive reclamation work has been undertake	No

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Water Sample Locations - Extended Primary Borrow Area



Location ID	Area	Type	TSS limit applicable
W18	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W19	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W20	Primary Borrow	Previous Construction Site	No
W25	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W27	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W36	Primary Borrow	Previous Construction Site	No
W38	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W40	Primary Borrow	Within Borrow Area	No
W45	Primary Borrow	Within Borrow Area	No
W46	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W47	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W50	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes
W51	Primary Borrow	Sensitive Receiver	Yes



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Daily Water Quality Results - Reclamation Area

Sample No	Location	Sample Type	Depth	Sample date	Analysis date	Physical appearance	Test Method	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Unit	
Results	1	W2	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,0	mg/L
	2	W5	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	3,0	mg/L
	3	W7	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,3	mg/L
	4	W10	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,4	mg/L
	5	W11	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	3,2	mg/L
	6	W14	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	5,4	mg/L
	7	W15	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	1,8	mg/L
	8	W16	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,8	mg/L

Observations & Activities

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Daily Water Quality Results - Extended Primary Borrow Area

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9	W18	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	1,8	mg/L
10	W19	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	1,2	mg/L
11	W20	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,5	mg/L
12	W25	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,2	mg/L
13	W27	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	16	mg/L
14	W36	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	17	mg/L
15	W38	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	13,3	mg/L
16	W40	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	14,8	mg/L
17	W45	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	6,8	mg/L
18	W46	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	2,1	mg/L
19	W47	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	7,7	mg/L
20	W50	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	18,5	mg/L
21	W51	Sea water	Surface	Monday, 6 November 2023	Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Clear with particles	BS EN 872:2005	0,2	mg/L

Observations & Activities

The water samples, namely W27, W36, W38, W40, and W50, exhibited elevated levels of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) surpassing 10 mg/L.