

Table 3a Pollution load (PLI, NIPI and PI) used for assessing environmental pollution

Pollution load index	No pollution	-	Moderate pollution	Heavy pollution	Extremely heavy pollution	Tomlison et al., 1980; Bhutiani et al., 2017; Ghaleno et al., 2015
	PLI<1	-	1<PLI<2	2<PLI<3	3<PLI	
Nemerow integrated pollution index (NIPI)	No pollution	Warning line of pollution	Low level of pollution	Moderate level of pollution	High level of pollution	Yang et al., 2011; Jiang et al., 2014; Yu et al., 2004
Pollution index (PI)	No pollution	Low pollution	Moderate pollution	High/strong pollution	Very high/strong pollution	Yang et al., 2011; Jiang et al., 2014; Yu et al., 2004
	PI≤1	1<PI≤2	2≤PI≤3	3PI<5	PI>5	