Table 4 Spatial variation of the assessed toxic metals in individual plant species across the three locations

Plant samples/Location/Metals	Cr	Cd	Pb	Ni	Zn
C. olitorius: Location 1	0.069 8±0.000 5^{a}	0.030 0±0.000 0^{a}	0.045 0±0.005 8^{a}	0.045 0±0.005 8^{b}	1.470 0±0.000 0^{b}
Location 2	0.087 5±0.005 0^{c}	0.047 5±0.005 0^{b}	0.060 0±0.000 0^{b}	0.037 5±0.005 0^{a}	1.805 0±0.005 8^{c}
Location 3	0.080 0±0.000 0^{b}	0.030 0±0.014 1^{a}	0.052 5±0.005 0^{a}	0.055 0±0.010 0^{c}	1.427 5±0.255 0^{a}
S. acuta: Location 1	0.070 0±0.000 0^{a}	0.037 5±0.005 0^{b}	0.045 0±0.005 8^{a}	0.050 0±0.000 0^{b}	1.472 5±0.005 0^{b}
Location 2	0.082 5±0.005 0^{b}	0.050 0±0.000 0^{c}	0.060 0±0.000 0^{b}	0.040 0±0.000 0^{a}	1.815 0±0.005 8^{c}
Location 3	0.077 5±0.005 0^{b}	0.027 5±0.005 0^{a}	0.047 5±0.005 0^{a}	0.067 5±0.005 0^{c}	1.297 5±0.005 0^{a}
T. diversifolia: Location 1	0.080 0±0.011 6^{a}	0.037 5±0.005 0^{b}	0.055 0±0.005 8^{a}	0.045 0±0.010 0^{a}	1.642 5±0.193 5^{c}
Location 2	0.077 5±0.005 0^{a}	0.040 0±0.011 6^{b}	0.055 0±0.005 8^{a}	0.050 0±0.011 6^{a}	1.557 5±0.297 4^{b}
Location 3	0.077 5±0.005 0^{a}	0.022 5±0.005 0^{a}	0.050 0±0.000 0^{b}	0.067 5±0.005 0^{b}	1.295 0±0.100 0^{a}

Note: Values with different superscript along the column are significantly different at $p \leq 0.05$