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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report on spatial and temporal patterns in sediment distribution in Waterloo Bay was prepared by BMT WBM on behalf of the Port of Brisbane Corporation. The main objectives of the study were to describe the broad scale spatial patterns in sediment particle size composition within the Fisherman Islands study area and to identify potential temporal changes in sediment patterns by comparing the results of the present study with previous investigations undertaken by BMT WBM in 1992 and 1998. Any evidence of changes in sediment composition in the area indicative of impacts resulting from Port of Brisbane activities was discussed.

The spatial patterns of sediment distribution observed in 2009 in the study area were generally consistent with previous investigations in the area, indicating that no major changes in broad scale sediment patterns have occurred during the period 1992-2009. During this 17 year period the port has undergone significant development including the port expansion ("Superbund") works in 1992 and Future Port Expansion (FPE) project in 2002. Overall, the results suggested that broad scale sediment patterns in the study area are predominantly determined by hydrodynamic forces due to currents and wave action. Accordingly, fine sediment fractions were predominantly found in areas characterised by low wave and current activity and in deeper channels. Medium sands were the dominant sediment type in the study area and mainly found in offshore intertidal areas between Fisherman and St Helena Islands. Higher bed shear stresses are common in these relatively exposed and shallow areas and wave action is expected to be higher compared to sheltered nearshore areas and deeper channels.

The investigation of temporal patterns in sediment distribution between 1992 and 2009 indicated some localised changes in sediment distribution patterns within the broader study area, which appeared to be consistent with predicted changes to current patterns associated with the various construction stages of the port development. An area characterised by a major decrease in the fine sand fraction between 1992 and 1998 was identified off the north-eastern edge of the Superbund structure. This result indicated erosion of fines in this area due to localised disturbance of bed sediments by the protruding Superbund structure, as predicted based on interpretation of earlier modelling undertaken by WBM (1993).

In contrast, no such erosion was observed for the period 1998-2009, probably as a result of the truncated north-eastern seawall structure designed to minimise local disturbance of the seabed. However, a notable 3 to 7-fold increase in silts was recorded within a localised area adjacent to Fisherman Island and south of the seawall. This increase in fines may have been caused by local changes in hydrodynamic conditions associated with the FPE seawall structure, as supported by previous modelling (WBM 2000), which suggested a reduction in flow velocities at the southeast edge of the seawall and potential increase in silty material in the area.

Although some localised changes in sediment patterns appear to have occurred within the broader study area between 1992 and 2009, small scale patchiness in sediment characteristics may have contributed to the observed patterns to some extent. This may include micro-topographical variations in the seabed due to ripple formation and localised changes in hydrodynamic processes, which may reflect seasonal and interannual *changes in waves and currents*.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

The Port of Brisbane Corporation (PBC) has its main port infrastructure at Fisherman Islands, situated at the mouth of the Brisbane River. Since the late 1960's strategic reclamation works have been undertaken within the area as a response to the growing demand for port land. Most recently, major port expansions include:

- The "Superbund" development initiated in 1992 that involved extensive reclamation of intertidal and shallow subtidal land to the east and southeast of Fisherman Islands, resulting in the amalgamation of Bishop Island with Fisherman Islands; and
- The Future Port Expansion (FPE) project commencing in 2002 resulted in the creation of a 4.6 kilometre seawall and the associated reclamation of ~230 ha of subtidal seabed. The seawall was completed in August 2005, and the area within the reclamation is progressively being in-filled with dredged material.

An investigation on the hydrodynamics and sedimentary characteristics (WBM 1992) and Impact Assessment Studies (WBM 2000) had identified the potential for port expansion works to cause localised changes to intertidal and subtidal habitats in the vicinity of Fisherman Islands. Such changes included modification of bed sediment characteristics and sedimentation processes through altering tidal current dynamics and the direction of freshwater flow from the Brisbane River.

An investigation conducted by WBM (1998) generally found no substantial shifts in sediment composition post construction of the Superbund, except for an area off the northeast edge of the Superbund. Furthermore, sediment characteristics directly adjacent the FPE seawall were surveyed by BMT WBM (2009b) with results also indicating no major change in sediment particle grain size. However, since seawall completion, no studies to date have examined the nature of sediments on a broader spatial scale that consider areas utilised by commercial and recreational baitworm diggers.

The present study was commissioned by the PBC to determine possible changes in the characteristics of bed sediments adjacent to Fisherman Islands through surveys of particle size distribution (PSD) of sediment.

2.2 Study Aims & Objectives

The broad aim of this investigation was to determine any notable changes in marine sediment composition since completion of the FPE seawall of the intertidal and shallow subtidal banks situated south to south west of Fisherman Islands. The specific objectives of this study were to:

- Identify and describe broad scale spatial patterns in sediment grain size composition within the Fisherman Islands area;
- Describe temporal changes to sediment grain size composition within each site, based on data collected in the present study and previous studies in the Fisherman Islands area (WBM 1992, 1998); and

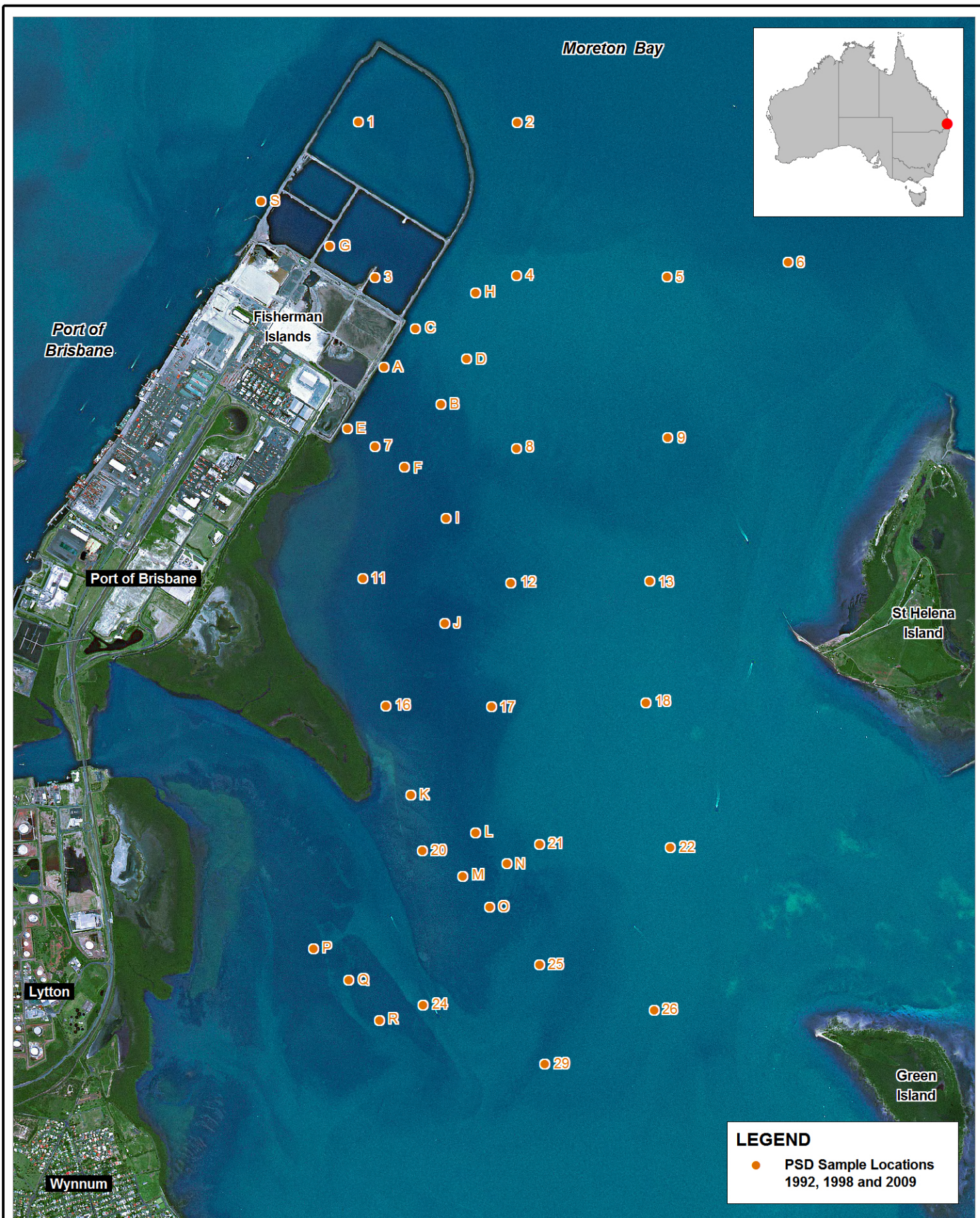
- Discuss any evidence of changes to sediment grain size that may be indicative of impacts resulting from Port of Brisbane activities.

2.3 Description of the Study Area

The Port of Brisbane is located at Fisherman Islands (the study area), which is situated at the mouth of the Brisbane River on the western foreshore of Moreton Bay, Queensland (Figure 2-1). The port facilities at the river mouth have been established on land reclaimed over a shallow sub-tidal river delta containing a series of low lying mangrove islands, collectively called the Fisherman Islands. The area was reserved for harbour purposes in the 1940's. Reclamation commenced in the late 1960's and the decision was taken to re-locate port facilities from the city reaches in 1974. The Port of Brisbane is now Queensland's largest container port facility (third largest capital city port in Australia) and exists as an area of approximately 975 hectares of reclamation either complete and in use, or under progressive filling within the existing perimeter bund (WBM Oceanics Australia 2000; 2005).

Construction of the present day port facilities over intertidal and sub tidal areas has resulted in extensive changes to the environmental attributes of the Fisherman Islands area. However, significant areas of mangrove, saltmarsh and seagrass have also been retained, and form part of the Fisherman Islands wetland complex on the southern side of the Port of Brisbane. Situated to the south and east of the FPE seawall lays Moreton Bay Marine Park, which is thought to contain one of the largest semi-contiguous seagrass beds in western Moreton Bay. A Ramsar listed wetland is situated only kilometres to the south of the Port facilities, comprising intertidal portions of the Fisherman Islands wetland complex. The seagrass and mudflats of this Ramsar area are recognised for their importance to dugong, marine turtles and migratory and resident shorebirds (BMT WBM 2009a).

On the northern side of the Port of Brisbane, dredging occurs within the shipping channel through the Bar Cutting, the Swing Basin and berth areas, which are presently maintained to a declared depth of 14m (relative to Port Datum – Lowest Astronomical Tide, hereafter referred to as LAT). The Port facilities are situated at the mouth of the Brisbane River, which comprises the largest river catchment in Moreton Bay, and experiences freshwater flows and ongoing inputs of sediments and contaminants derived from human activities in its catchment. Two major sewage treatment plants also have their sewage discharges within kilometres of the Port facilities (Luggage Point and Wynnum North wastewater treatment plant).

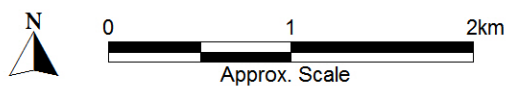


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3 METHODOLOGY

3.1.1 Sampling Design

Sampling methodology and site locations within the current survey are consistent to methodologies used in previous studies undertaken by BMT WBM within the study area (WBM 1992, WBM 1998, BMT WBM 2009b). The BMT WBM (2009b) study assessed bed sediments adjacent to the FPE seawall along four transects. While the sampling locations were different to those sampled in 1992 and 1998 and cannot be used for temporal analysis, results from these sites were integrated in the analysis of spatial patterns (refer Section 4 for location of these sites).

A total of 37 sites were sampled within the present survey (refer to Figure 2-1 and APPENDIX D:). Some sites previously sampled were not included within this survey. These were sites 1, 3, and G that now lie within the reclamation area, also site S on the Brisbane River where dredging works were undertaken at the time of sampling.

Location and navigation to sites was undertaken using a real time differential Global Positioning System (dGPS) to provide position-fixing accuracy's of $\pm 1\text{m}$. A two-point anchoring system was employed to hold the vessel in position whilst sediment collection was undertaken.

Sediment samples were collected using a stainless steel Van Veen grab with a surface gape of 0.028m^2 . Only whole grab samples (i.e. those in which the sampler jaws remained closed following the sample capture) were retained to reduce the loss of finer material. Sediment and any collected overlying waters were placed into a plastic sample tray. One kilogram of sediment was extracted and transferred into pre-labelled plastic zip locked bags. The Van Veen grab, sample trays and utensils were rinsed with seawater between samples to avoid cross contamination of samples.

During collection, samples were photographed, and the following details recorded on a standardised pro-forma:

- sediment colour;
- field texture (i.e. fine sand, coarse sand, silts, shell fragments etc);
- estimation of dominant grain size and composition;
- sediment odour;
- presence of organic material or any foreign objects; and
- presence of any marine flora and fauna.

3.1.2 Particle Size Distribution Analysis

Sediment samples were sent to Australian Geomechanical Laboratories Pty Ltd (AGL) for Particle Size Distribution (PSD) analysis. Sediments were passed through a series of Australian standard sieves identifying particle size down to 0.075mm . A selection of samples (6 replicates) was chosen for further hydrometric analysis to determine particle size down to $1\mu\text{m}$. This further analysis was undertaken to allow an estimation of the proportion of material within smaller size categories. Furthermore, sample moisture and particle density were also measured.

3.1.3 Data Analysis

PSD data from the present study and previous WBM studies were collated. Since PSD data from all three studies were determined using the same Australian standard sieves, direct data comparisons could be made between studies.

The particle size distribution results are described hereafter for the percentage composition of the particle size fractions shown in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 Particle grain size fractions adopted in the present study

| Size fraction | Sediment size |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Silt | Grain size of less than 0.075 mm |
| Fine grain sand | Grain size of 0.075 mm to 0.15 mm |
| Medium grained sand | Grain size of 0.15 mm to 0.600 mm |
| Coarse grain sand | Grain size of 0.600 mm to 2.36 mm |

Note that the shell grit/fine gravel size fraction (>2.36 mm) was only minor in the study area contributing only an average 2% of the sediments composition across all study sites. Therefore, the shell grit fraction is not further considered within the context of this study.

Data were collated into GIS to illustrate the following spatial and temporal trends:

- Distribution of silt, fine sands, medium sands and coarse sand; and
- % change in proportion of silt and fine sand, medium sand and coarse sand material between each sampling episode.

It is important to note that the previous WBM (1998) study used different criteria to describe the bounds/limits for the various particle size fractions described in Table 3.1. The results presented here, which conforms more to widely accepted methods to define sediment fractions/classes, supersede the results outlined in the WBM (1998) study.

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Spatial patterns of the particle size fractions are illustrated for the 2009 investigation and temporal patterns are described by comparing the 2009 data to previous investigations at the same sites in 1992 (WBM 1992) and 1998 (WBM 1998). Particle size analysis results and cumulative particle size distribution plots of the 2009, 1998 and 1992 data are given for all study sites in Appendix B and Appendix C, respectively.

4.1 Spatial Patterns 2009

Overall, the dominant sediment type recorded within the study area during 2009 was medium grained sands with a number of sites characterised by high proportions of fine sands and silts (Table 4-1).

Table 4-1 Dominant particle size and classification of sediment in 2009 based on Wentworth (1922)

| Site | Dominant particle size | Classification | Site | Dominant particle size | Classification |
|------|------------------------|----------------|-------|------------------------|----------------|
| 2 | medium sand | silty sand | A | medium sand | sand |
| 4 | fine sand | silty sand | B | medium sand | sand |
| 5 | medium sand | sand | C | medium sand | sand |
| 6 | silt | sandy silt | D | medium sand | sand |
| 7 | medium sand | sand | E | medium sand | silty sand |
| 8 | medium sand | sand | F | medium sand | silty sand |
| 9 | medium sand | sand | H | medium sand | sand |
| 11 | medium sand | silty sand | I | medium sand | silty sand |
| 12 | medium sand | sand | J | medium sand | silty sand |
| 13 | silt | sandy silt | K | medium sand | sand |
| 16 | medium sand | silty sand | L | medium sand | sand |
| 17 | medium sand | sand | M | medium sand | sand |
| 18 | silt | silty sand | N | medium sand | silty sand |
| 20 | medium sand | sand | O | medium sand | silty sand |
| 21 | medium sand | sand | P | medium sand | silty sand |
| 22 | fine sand | silty sand | Q | silt | silty sand |
| 24 | silt | silty sand | R | medium sand | sand |
| 25 | medium sand | sand | A1-A5 | medium sand | sand |
| 26 | fine sand | silty sand | B1-B5 | silt | sandy silt |
| 29 | medium sand | sand | C1-C5 | medium sand | silty sand |
| | | | D1-D5 | medium sand | silty sand |

It should be noted that the particle size data presented from 2009 represents the average value of duplicate samples collected at each site. In considering small scale variability at the study sites, the range of values between 2009 duplicates for each size fraction was calculated. Based on these results, the composition of silts between duplicate samples varied by an average of 3.0% (standard deviation $\pm 3.4\%$) across all study sites. The average variation within the fine sand fraction was 2.6% ($\pm 2.6\%$) and 4.2% ($\pm 3.3\%$) for medium grained sand fractions.

The spatial patterns of sediment distribution in 2009 are described for the different size fractions in the following sections.

4.1.1 Size Fractions

Silts

Across all study sites investigated in 2009, silt content ranged between 2% and 59%. Areas within the study area with silt contents > 25% were predominantly found in the deeper channel area west of St. Helena and Green Islands (Figure 4-1). Other areas with relatively high silt content included the mouth of Boat Passage to the south of Fisherman Islands as well as an area adjacent to Fisherman Islands and south of the seawall. A small, isolated area with high silt contents was noted directly east of the seawall (Figure 4-1). However, silt contents were markedly lower at the study sites south and north of this area, indicating that this area of silts was highly localised.

Hydrometer analysis conducted on samples from Site 6, 11, 16, B, O and P (refer Figure 2-1 and Appendix C) indicated an average clay content (<0.004 mm; Wentworth 1922) of about 32% within the silty fraction (<0.075 mm) in most samples. Clay content within the silt fraction was somewhat lower at Site O with 22%. Particle density ranged between 2.69 t m⁻³ and 2.74 t m⁻³ across these six sites indicating a dominance of quartz and clay minerals in the sediments.

Fine sand

The proportion of fine sand ranged between 3% and 67% across all study sites. Similar to the silt fraction, high proportions of fine sands were most notable in the deeper channel area west of St. Helena and Green Islands (

Figure 4-2). Another area characterised by a >20% proportion of fine sands was found adjacent of Fisherman Islands. Isolated sites with a relatively high proportion of fine sands included Site Q (mouth of Boat Passage), Site 4 (east of the seawall) and Site 16 (southern outcrop of Fisherman Islands).

Medium sand

Medium sand was the dominant sediment size fraction within the study area and ranged between 4% and 87% across all study sites. Medium sands with a proportion >50% were predominantly found across the shallow intertidal flats located between Fisherman Islands and the tidal channel west of St. Helena and Green Islands (Figure 4-3). Furthermore, relatively high proportions of medium sands were also found directly adjacent to Fisherman Islands and along the seawall.

Coarse sand

Coarse sands were relatively uncommon in the study area. On average across all study sites, coarse sands contributed only about 2% to the total sediment.

Figure 4-4 shows the distribution of coarse sands across the study area, highlighting the relatively low proportion of coarser sediment fractions in the area. An area with slightly higher proportion of coarse sands was noted at the northeast section of the seawall (

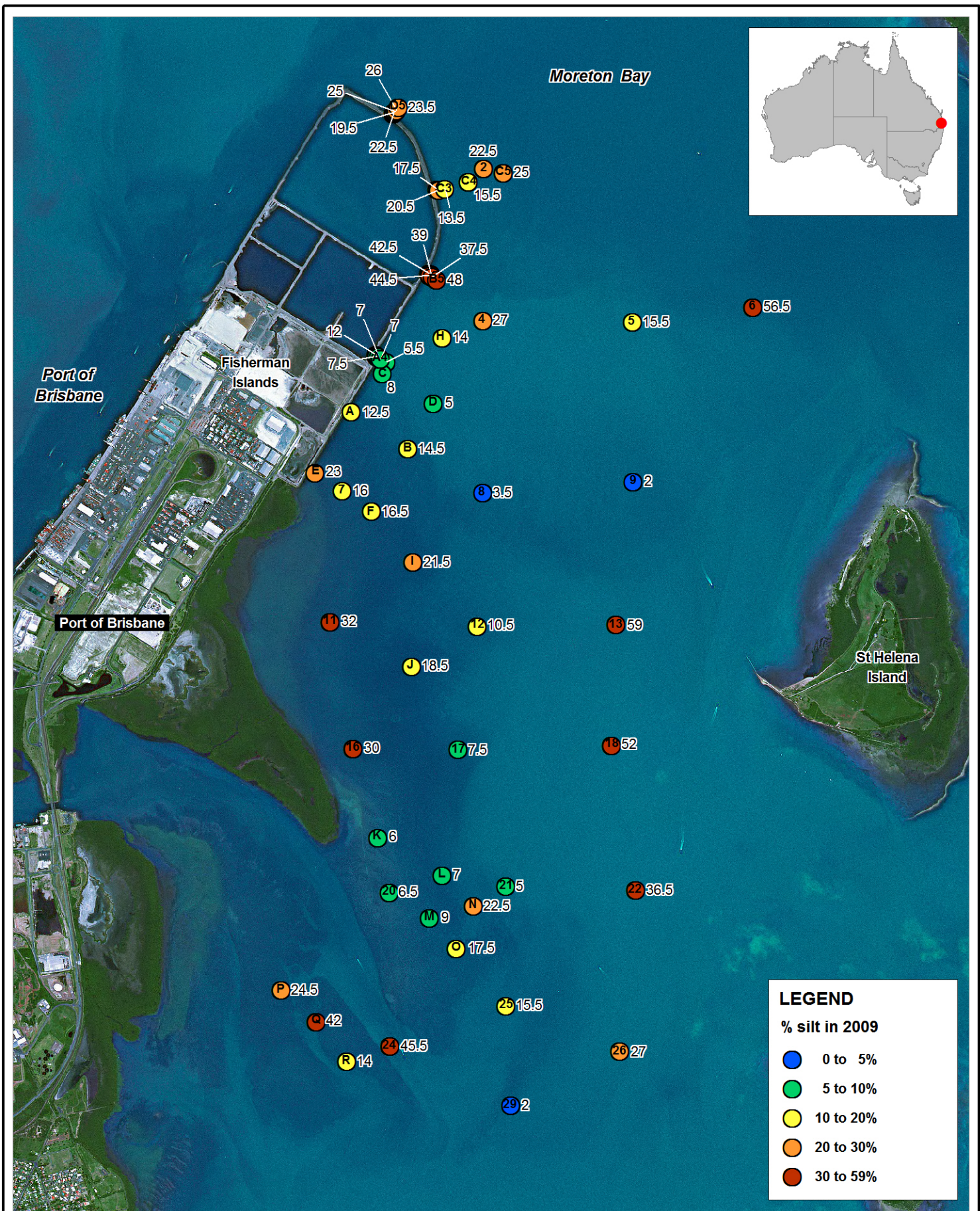
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4.1.2 Discussion of Spatial Patterns

The spatial patterns of sediment distribution are generally consistent with patterns observed in previous studies (WBM 1992, WBM 1998), indicating that no major broad scale changes in sediment patterns have occurred during the period 1992-2009 involving the Superbund construction 1992 and Future Port Expansion project 2002. Fine sediment fractions (silts and fine sands) were predominantly found in areas south-west of St. Helena Island and within the deeper channels adjacent to St. Helena and Green Islands. While the deeper channel areas were predicted to exhibit moderate to high bed shear stress levels, it was also noted that bed armouring may be important in these areas, which protect the fine sediment from erosion (WBM 1992). Fine sediments comprised also a relatively high proportion of the sediments at near-shore intertidal flats adjacent to southeast Fisherman Islands. Previous studies indicated low bed shear stress levels (WBM 1992) as well as very low current velocities and wave action in this area (WBM 2000). Furthermore, accretion of fine sediments in this area may be facilitated by dense seagrass cover in this area, which can lead to a reduction of near-bed current action (WBM 1998, Orth et al. 2006).

Medium sands were the dominant sediment type, reflecting the generally shallow nature and wide extent of intertidal flats within the study area. The sandy deposits in the study area are likely remnants of the original river mouth delta (WBM 1998). Sediments with a particularly high proportion of medium sands were mainly found within a broad offshore area between Fisherman and St. Helena Islands, mainly comprising intertidal flats. Relatively high bed shear stress is common in these shallow and exposed areas (WBM 1992) and wave action is expected to be stronger than in sheltered nearshore areas and deeper water. Therefore, a combination of tidal currents and wave action may prevent accumulation of fine sediments in these areas. The general lack of coarser sands across the study area reflects the mainly moderate to low bed shear stresses in the area and relatively sheltered nature of Waterloo Bay (WBM 1992, WBM 2000).

Overall, the investigations of particle size distributions in 1992, 1998 and 2009 support that broad scale sediment patterns in the study area are likely determined by hydrodynamic forcing due to currents and wave action in the area.

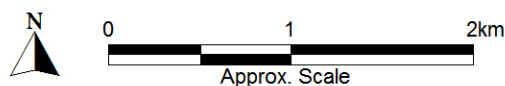


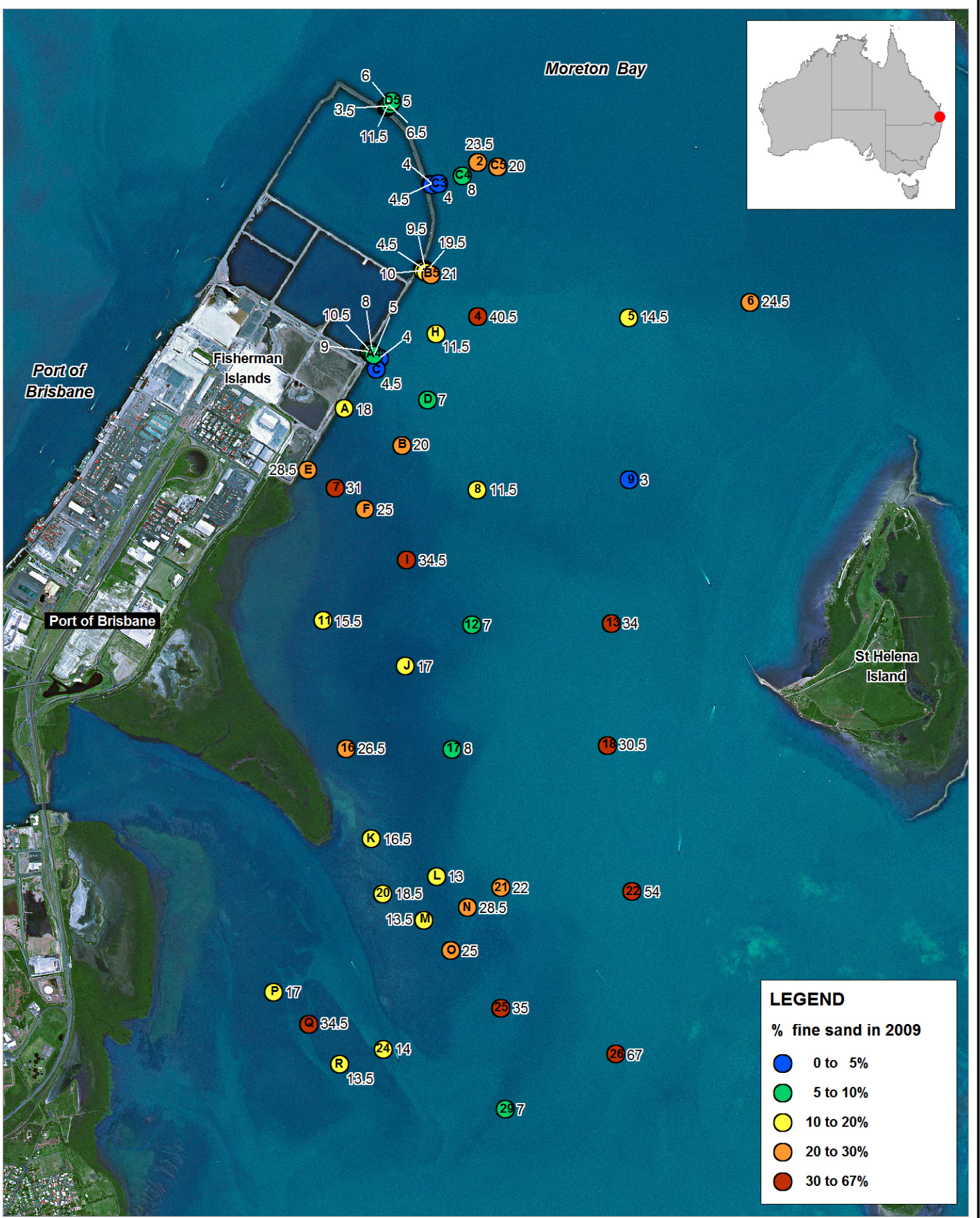
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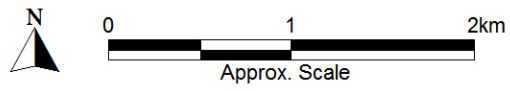


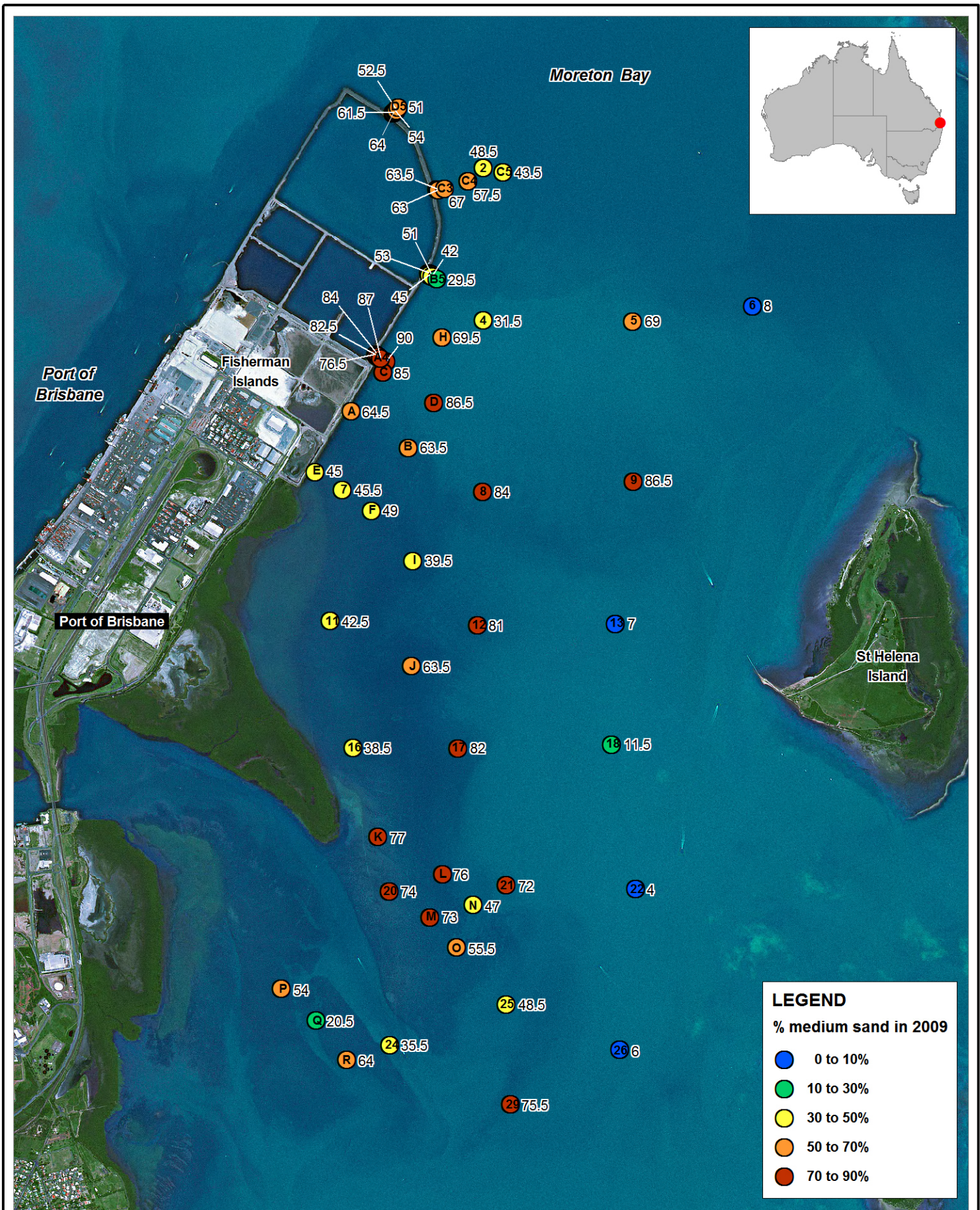
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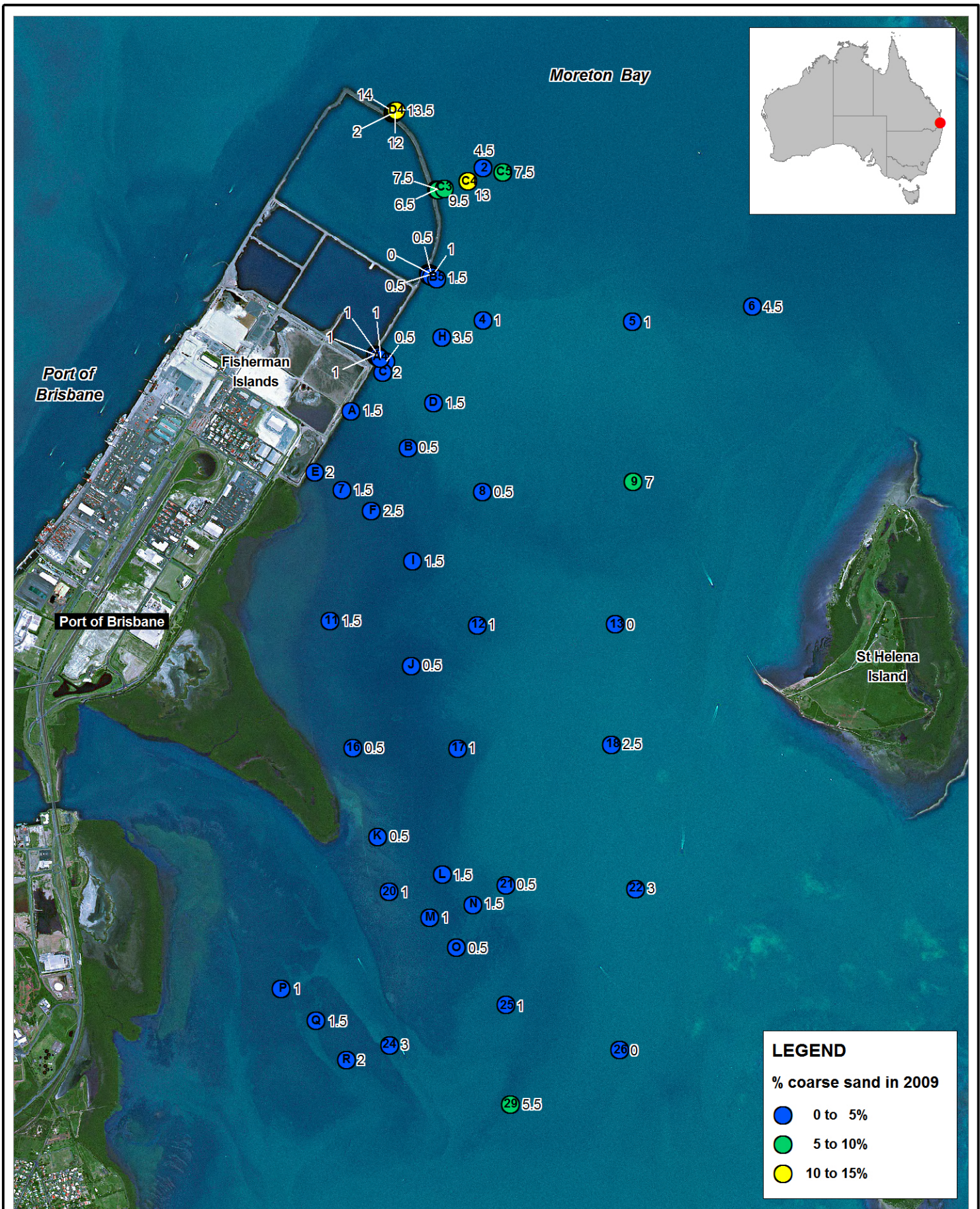
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4.2 Temporal Patterns

The percentage change between 1998 and 2009 as well as 1992 and 1998 is described in the following for the individual size fractions. The total changes for the period 1992 to 2009 are given in APPENDIX A: and a comparison of sediment grain size for all years in APPENDIX C: Given the small scale variability observed between duplicate samples in the study area (average 3-4% difference, see Section 4.1), only changes exceeding 10% were considered "significant" in the context of this study.

4.2.1 Trends in Size Fractions

Silt

The percentage change in the proportion of silts for the period 1992-1998 and 1998-2009 is presented for the study area in

Figure 4-5 and Figure 4-6, respectively. Table 4-2 shows the percentage of silt material measured across the study area for the years 2009, 1998 and 1992.

Between 1992 and 1998 increases in silt content >10% were noted in an area adjacent to the southeastern Fisherman Islands mangrove area. This increase was notable considering the very low silt content observed at Sites A, B and F during 1992 and 1998, and equates to a 3 to 7-fold relative increase in silts at these sites (refer also to Appendix C). Locally restricted increases in silt content were measured at Site H northeast of Fisherman Islands and Site 18 in the channel area west of St Helena Island. Some local decreases in silt content >10% were measured at Site 2 at the north of the study area and Site 22 in the southern offshore area. For the period 1998 to 2009, the area of silt accumulation adjacent to Fisherman Islands appears to have shifted slightly towards a northern direction south of the existing seawall structure. No significant increases in silt content were noted for that area (Site A, B and F) for the period 1992-1998. Some local increases (Sites 18 and Q) and decreases (Site 24) were noted for the period 1998-2009.

Table 4-2 Percentage of silt material at each site for all years

| Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 | Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 | 22.5 | 16 | 27 | A | 12.5 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 27 | 28 | 23 | B | 14.5 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 15.5 | 11 | 17 | C | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| 6 | 56.5 | - | 73 | D | 5 | 2 | - |
| 7 | 16 | 12 | 15 | E | 23 | 18 | 22 |
| 8 | 3.5 | 2 | 5 | F | 16.5 | 5 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | H | 14 | 14 | 2 |
| 11 | 32 | 22 | 12 | I | 21.5 | 13 | - |
| 12 | 10.5 | 6 | 12 | J | 18.5 | 11 | - |
| 13 | 59 | 48 | 47 | K | 6 | 5 | - |
| 16 | 30 | 31 | 18 | L | 7 | 6 | - |
| 17 | 7.5 | 4 | 12 | M | 9 | 6 | - |
| 18 | 52 | 61 | 33 | N | 22.5 | 20 | - |
| 20 | 6.5 | 4 | 8 | O | 17.5 | 10 | - |
| 21 | 5 | 12 | 15 | P | 24.5 | 24 | - |
| 22 | 36.5 | 44 | 60 | Q | 42 | 27 | - |
| 24 | 45.5 | 57 | 65 | R | 14 | 9 | - |
| 25 | 15.5 | 23 | 19 | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 26 | 35 | | | | |
| 29 | 2 | - | 6 | | | | |

Note: “-“ indicates no sample collected

Fine sand

Figure 4-7 and Figure 4-9 highlight the changes in fine sand composition across the study area for the periods 1992-1998 and 1998-2009, respectively. Most of the changes in fine sand composition occurred between 1992 and 1998 within a large area east of Fisherman Islands and adjacent to the past Superbund are exhibiting a decrease in the fine sand fraction (

Table 4-3 and figure 4-7). An increase in fine sands was noted between 1992 and 1998 at sites 22 and 26 west of St. Helena and Green Islands (

Table 4-3). In contrast, fine sand composition changes >10% were noted only locally for the period 1998-2009 at Sites B, 18 and 22 (Figure 4-8).

Table 4-3 Percentage of fine sand material at each site for all years

| Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 | Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 | 23.5 | 21 | 21 | A | 18 | 11 | 22 |
| 4 | 40.5 | 50 | 40 | B | 20 | 8 | 36 |
| 5 | 14.5 | 17 | 26 | C | 4.5 | 1 | 9 |
| 6 | 24.5 | - | 15 | D | 7 | 3 | - |
| 7 | 31 | 35 | 32 | E | 28.5 | 25 | 33 |
| 8 | 11.5 | 13 | 30 | F | 25 | 17 | 35 |
| 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | H | 11.5 | 8 | 18 |
| 11 | 15.5 | 17 | 16 | I | 34.5 | 40 | - |
| 12 | 7 | 7 | 20 | J | 17 | 9 | - |
| 13 | 34 | 44 | 37 | K | 16.5 | 10 | - |
| 16 | 26.5 | 18 | 26 | L | 13 | 13 | - |
| 17 | 8 | 6 | 0 | M | 13.5 | 9 | - |
| 18 | 30.5 | 22 | 14 | N | 28.5 | 29 | - |
| 20 | 18.5 | 15 | 11 | O | 25 | 17 | - |
| 21 | 22 | 22 | 25 | P | 17 | 12 | - |
| 22 | 54 | 44 | 28 | Q | 34.5 | 32 | - |
| 24 | 14 | 11 | 12 | R | 13.5 | 9 | - |
| 25 | 35 | 28 | 26 | | | | |
| 26 | 67 | 71 | 60 | | | | |
| 29 | 7 | - | 19 | | | | |

Note: “-“ indicates no sample collected

Medium sand

Between 1992 and 1998, percent composition of medium sands increased concurrent with the decrease in fine sands in the area east of Fisherman Islands and adjacent to the past Superbund structure (Figure 4-9 and Table 4-4). Some local increases (Site 2 and 24) and decreases (Site 4 and 18) were noted for 1992-1998. In contrast, substantial decreases in medium sands were observed for 1998-2009 roughly in the same area where increases in silty material were observed for the same time period (Figure 4-10 and Figure 4-6). Localised increases (Site 4) and decreases (Site O and Q) were noted in 1998-2009 at some study sites.

Table 4-4 Percentage of medium sand material at each site for all years

| Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 | Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 | 48.5 | 52 | 38 | A | 64.5 | 87 | - |
| 4 | 31.5 | 21 | 36 | B | 63.5 | 90 | - |
| 5 | 69 | 71 | 56 | C | 85 | 90 | - |
| 6 | 8 | - | 6 | D | 86.5 | 93 | - |
| 7 | 45.5 | 44 | 37 | E | 45 | 45 | - |
| 8 | 84 | 84 | 64 | F | 49 | 52 | - |
| 9 | 86.5 | 88 | 81 | H | 69.5 | 76 | - |
| 11 | 42.5 | 58 | 63 | I | 39.5 | 41 | - |
| 12 | 81 | 82 | 66 | J | 63.5 | 75 | - |
| 13 | 7 | 8 | 16 | K | 77 | 85 | - |
| 16 | 38.5 | 46 | 50 | L | 76 | 78 | - |
| 17 | 82 | 88 | 81 | M | 73 | 71 | - |
| 18 | 11.5 | 12 | 50 | N | 47 | 49 | - |
| 20 | 74 | 78 | 79 | O | 55.5 | 66 | - |
| 21 | 72 | 65 | 58 | P | 54 | 59 | - |
| 22 | 4 | 3 | 3 | Q | 20.5 | 35 | - |
| 24 | 35.5 | 28 | 17 | R | 64 | 74 | - |
| 25 | 48.5 | 47 | 48 | | | | |
| 26 | 6 | 3 | 5 | | | | |
| 29 | 75.5 | - | 67 | | | | |

Note: "-" indicates no sample collected

Coarse sand

Coarse sands made up only a small fraction of the sediments in the study area. Only minor changes in the coarse sand fraction were noted in the study area for the period 1992-1998 (Figure 4-11) and 1998-2009 (Figure 4-12). Maximum changes in the coarse sand fraction were 6% and 4% for 1992-1998 and 1998-2009, respectively (Table 4-5).

Table 4-5 Percentage of coarse sand material at each site for all years

| Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 | Site | 2009 | 1998 | 1992 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 | 4.5 | 8 | 9 | A | 1.5 | 0 | - |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | B | 0.5 | 0 | - |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | C | 2 | 6 | - |
| 6 | 4.5 | - | 2 | D | 1.5 | 2 | - |
| 7 | 1.5 | 1 | 2 | E | 2 | 1 | - |
| 8 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | F | 2.5 | 1 | - |
| 9 | 7 | 9 | 3 | H | 3.5 | 2 | - |
| 11 | 1.5 | 1 | 1 | I | 1.5 | 2 | - |
| 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | J | 0.5 | 1 | - |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | K | 0.5 | 0 | - |
| 16 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | L | 1.5 | 1 | - |
| 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | M | 1 | 1 | - |
| 18 | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | N | 1.5 | 1 | - |
| 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | O | 0.5 | 2 | - |
| 21 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | P | 1 | 2 | - |
| 22 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Q | 1.5 | 1 | - |
| 24 | 3 | 0 | 3 | R | 2 | 2 | - |
| 25 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 29 | 5.5 | - | 3 | | | | |

Note: “-“ indicates no sample collected

4.2.2 Discussion of Temporal Patterns

The overall temporal patterns observed between 1998 and 2009 indicated an area of increase in silty material adjacent to Fisherman Islands and south of the south-eastern seawall. Compared to accumulation of silts noted between 1992 and 1998, this area of silt accretion appears to have shifted slightly northwards to an area adjacent to the southern end of the seawall. A notable 3 to 7-fold increase in silts was recorded at some of the sites in the area compared to 1998 data. The proportion of fine sands generally increased as well in the same area during 1998-2009, but changes were generally less than 10% fine sand composition during this period. The general increase in fine sediments in this area is also manifested in the concurrent reduction in the proportion of medium sands in the same general area.

The observed pattern of an increase in fines south of the seawall may reflect a possible influence of the FPE northward extension of the port reclamation area. Based on the interpretation of modelling results outlined in WBM (2000), it appears that this area of increased fines occurs in a small area on southeast edge of the seawall where a reduction in current velocities was predicted to occur. Based on interpretation of modelling results, reduced current velocities were predicted to occur during ebbing and flooding tides during northerly wind/wave conditions, and under such conditions, deposition of silty material could be expected to occur.

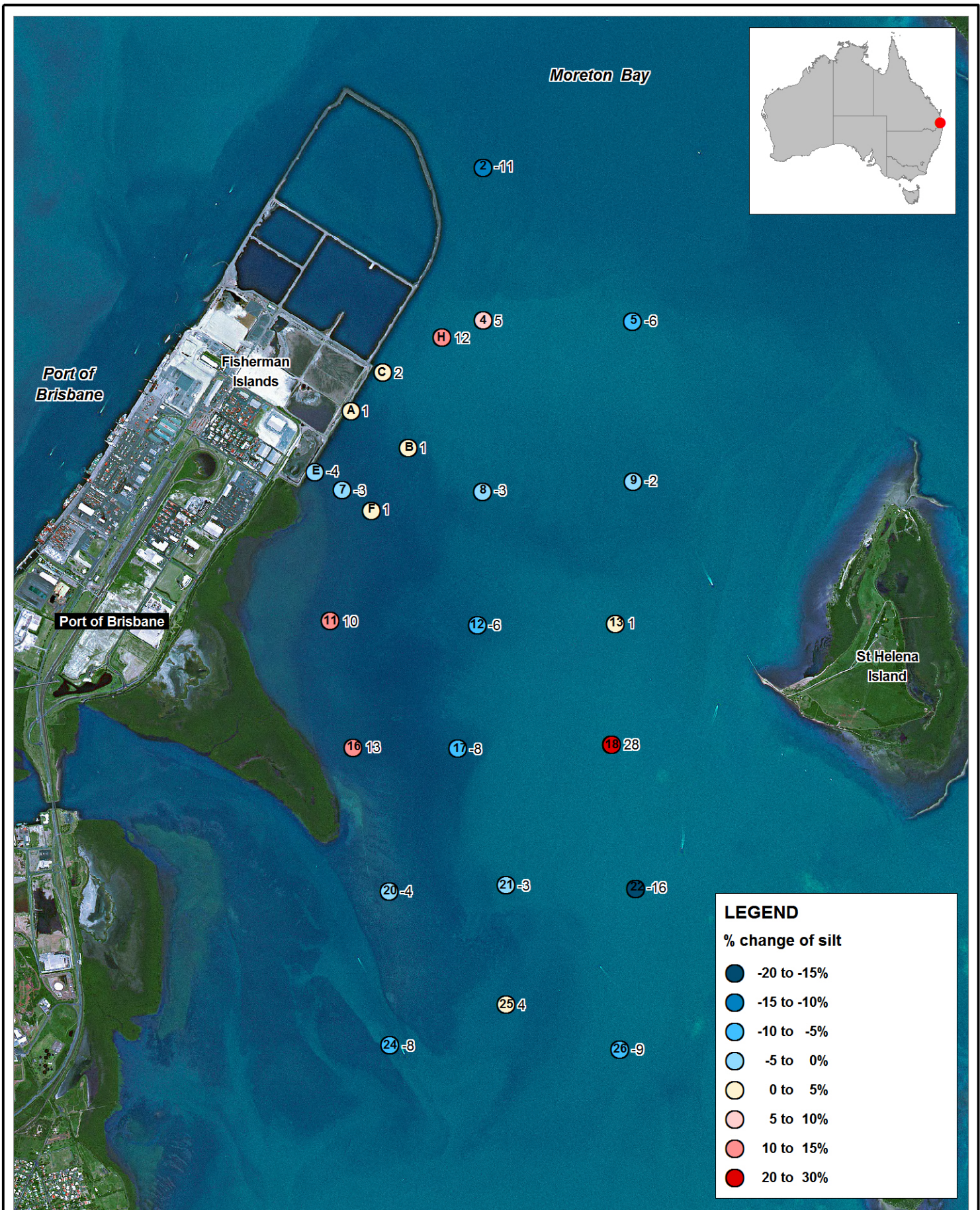
Fine sediments may be supplied to the system by river loads as well as resuspension of fines in other areas or through suspended sediment from dredging activities. Given that bait worm digging areas are located on the intertidal flats close to Fisherman Islands, a further source of fine sediments may be the bait worm fishery. The silty fraction of dug up sediments during ebb tide can be resuspended during the following flood tide and deposited in sheltered areas with low current and wave activity.

In contrast to the increase in fines observed between 1998 and 2009, a notable reduction of fine sand within the sediment composition was recorded in the same general area between 1992 and 1998 (WBM 1998), concurrent with an increase in the medium sand fraction.

WBM (1998) indicated that there was an increase of 'fine sands' at particular locations where the present study has noted a decrease. As discussed in Section 3.1.3, these discrepancies are a result of the criteria used to define size fractions (i.e. specific cut-off values used to define "fine sands" categories differs between studies). Given the different approaches adopted in the two studies, the results of the present study supersede and replace those outlined in the WBM (1998).

Silt contents were low at a number of these sites in 1992 and 1998, so the reduction in fines was not reflected in changes of silt content. While the previous results appear to contradict the changes in fines observed for the period 1998-2009, they can be explained by the prevailing hydrodynamic conditions in the area at the time. Hydrodynamic modelling undertaken by WBM (1993) suggested an area of potential erosion at the north-eastern edge of the Superbund caused by interaction of currents with the structure. This area of potential erosion is the same area where an actual decrease in fine sediments was noted by WBM (1998), supporting previous model findings. The FPE port expansion used a truncated and rounded shape for the seawall to prevent potential localised disturbance of the seabed and erosion. Accordingly, no similar erosion of fine sediments was evident between 1998 and 2009.

Even though some localised changes in sediment patterns appear to have occurred within the broader study area between 1992 and 2009, it should be noted that duplicate sample variability of percent composition in sediment fractions in 2009 was about 3-4% ($\pm 3\%$). This finding indicates that small scale patchiness in sediment characteristics may have contributed to the observed patterns to some extent. For example, such patchiness may be a result of variations in sediment topography due to ripple formation, with finer sediments accumulating in ripple troughs and slightly coarser sediments commonly found at the ripple crests. Localised changes in sediment composition observed at some study sites across the area may have been caused by local changes in hydrodynamic processes, which may reflect seasonal and interannual changes in waves and currents.



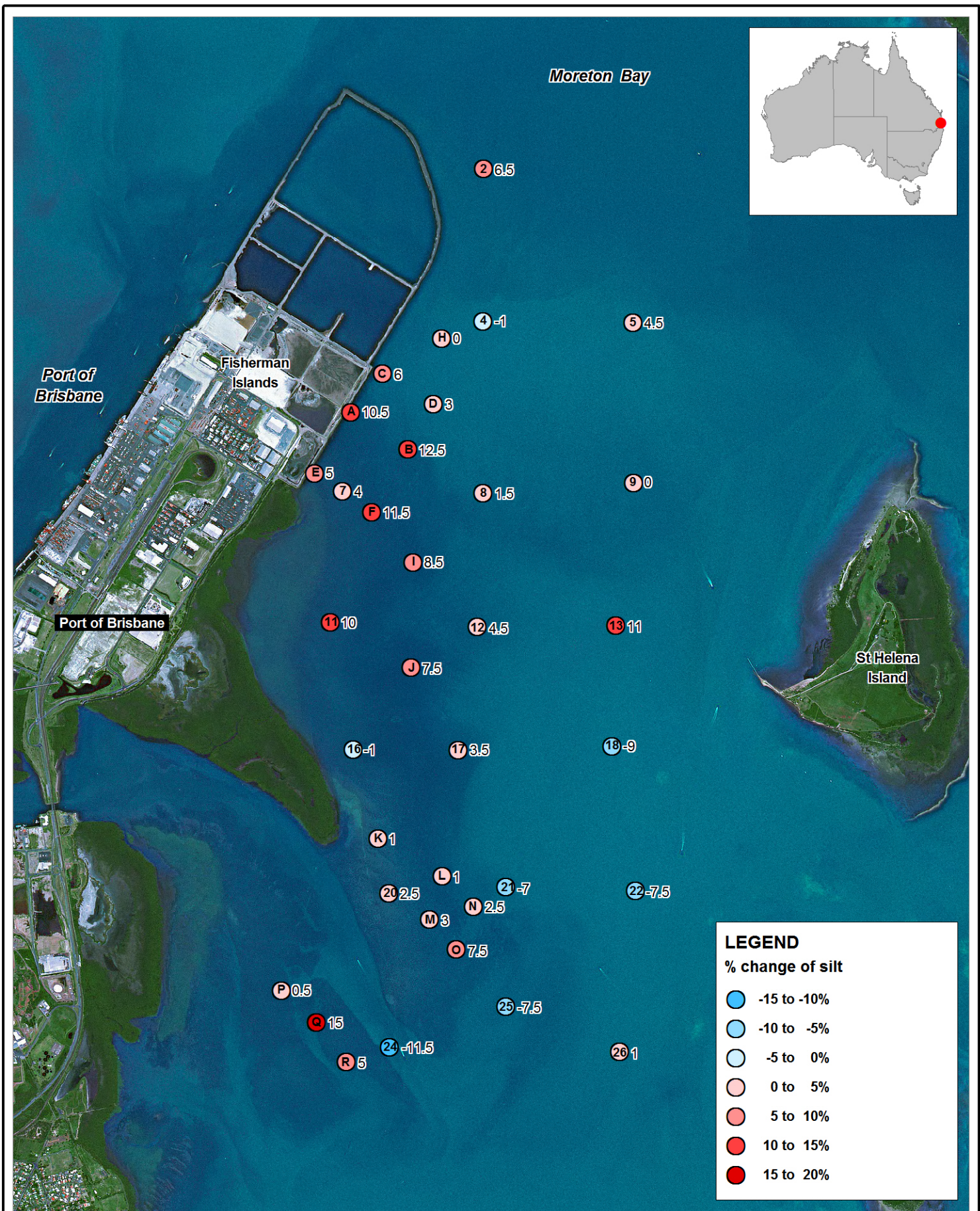
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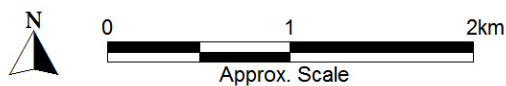
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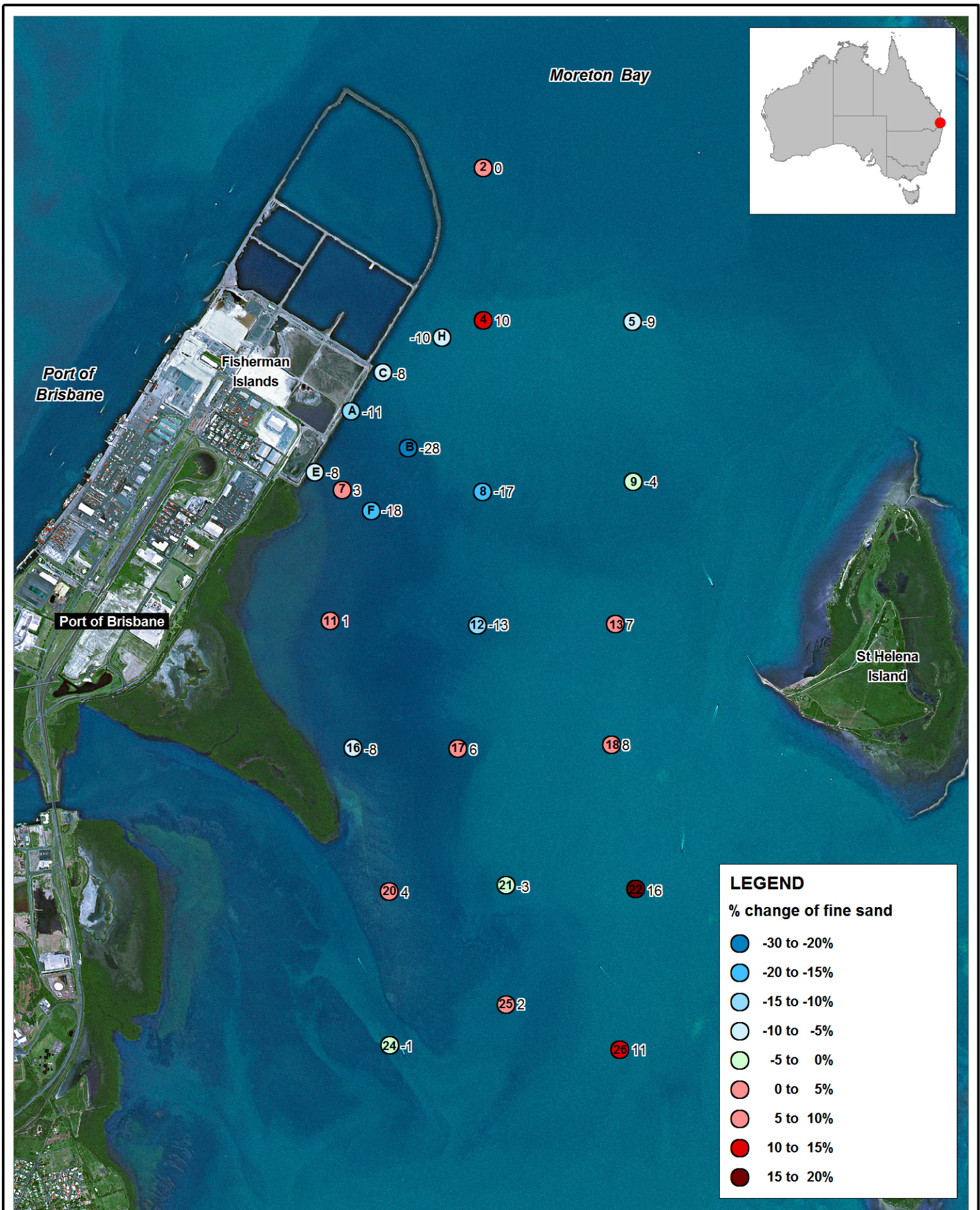
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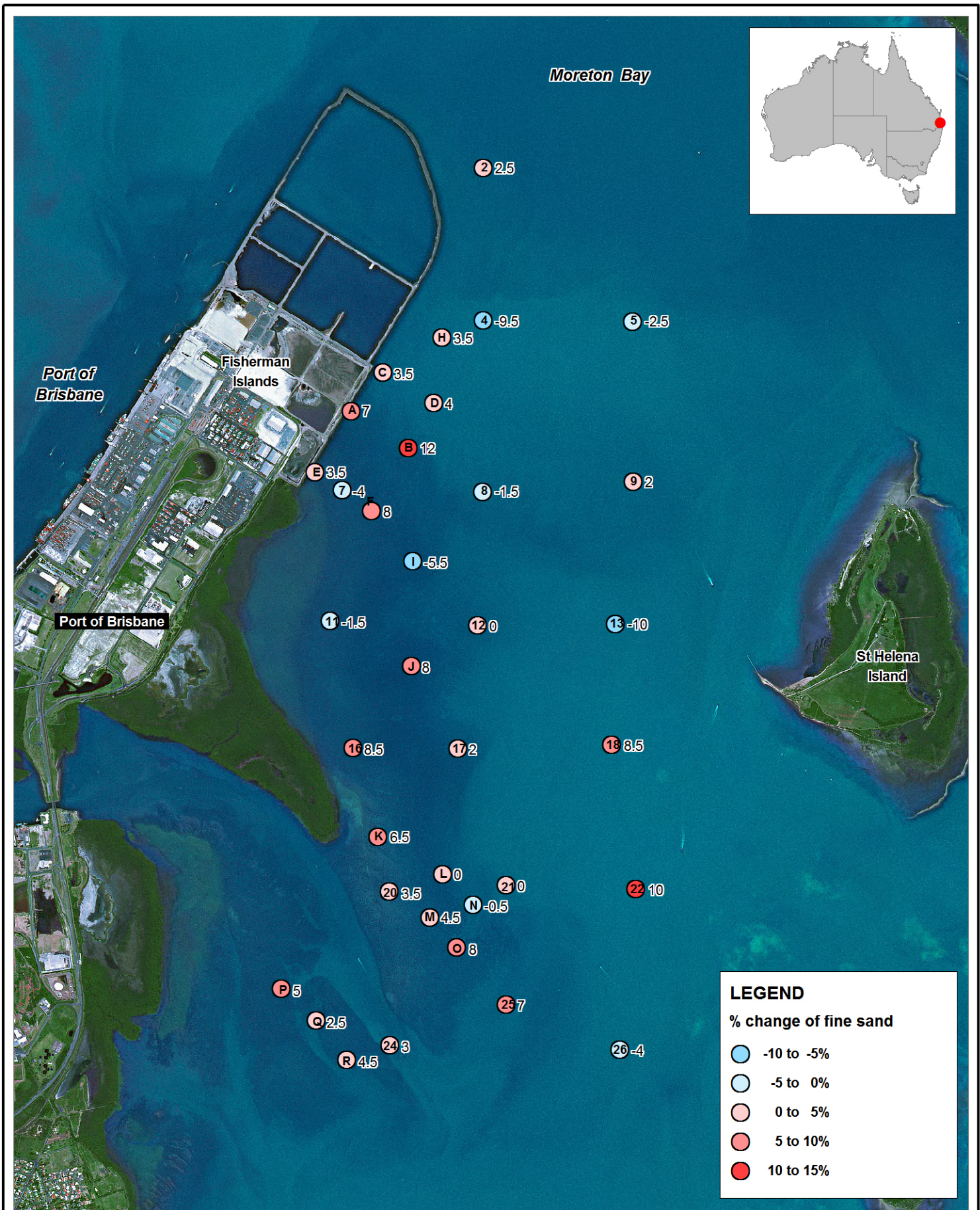
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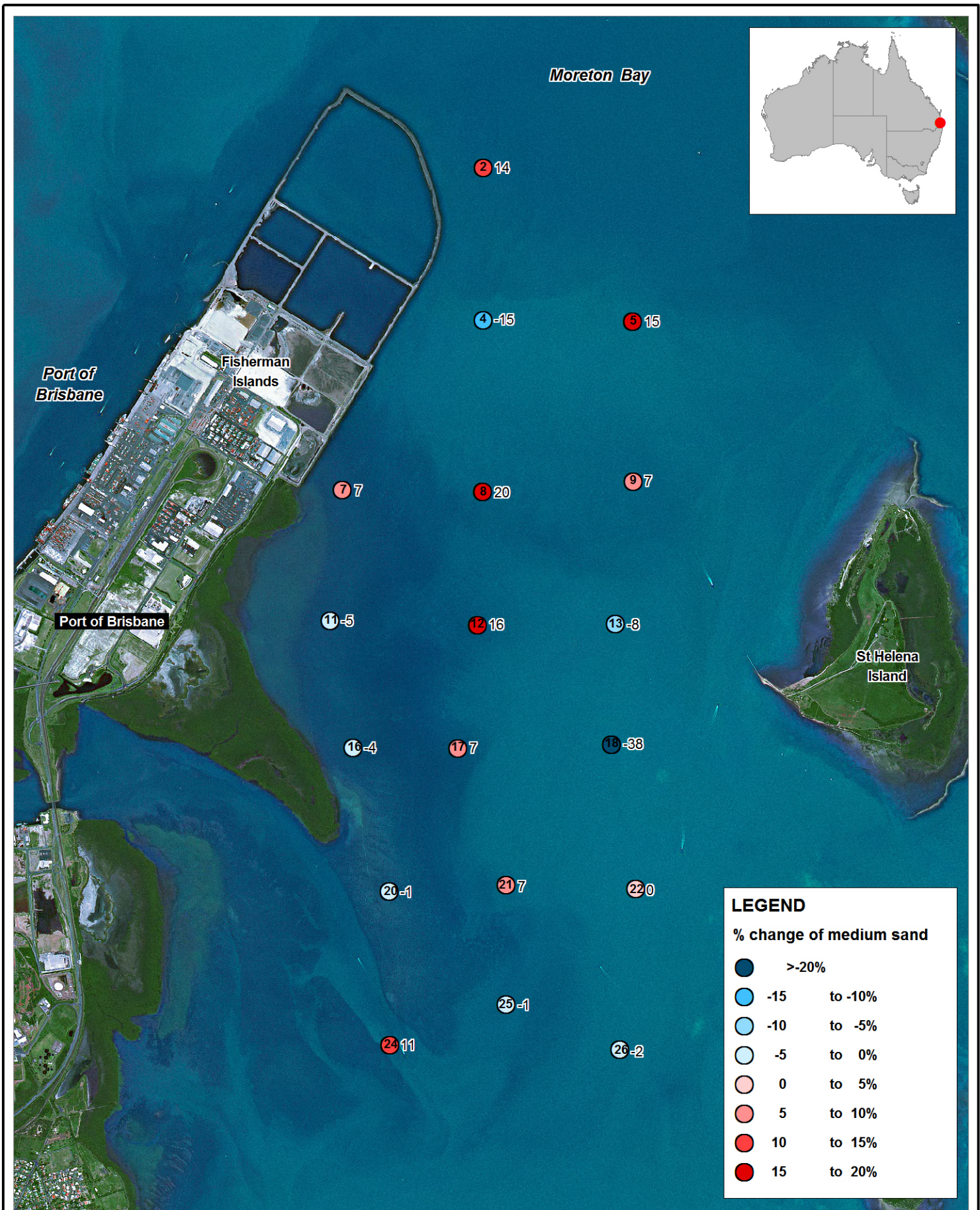
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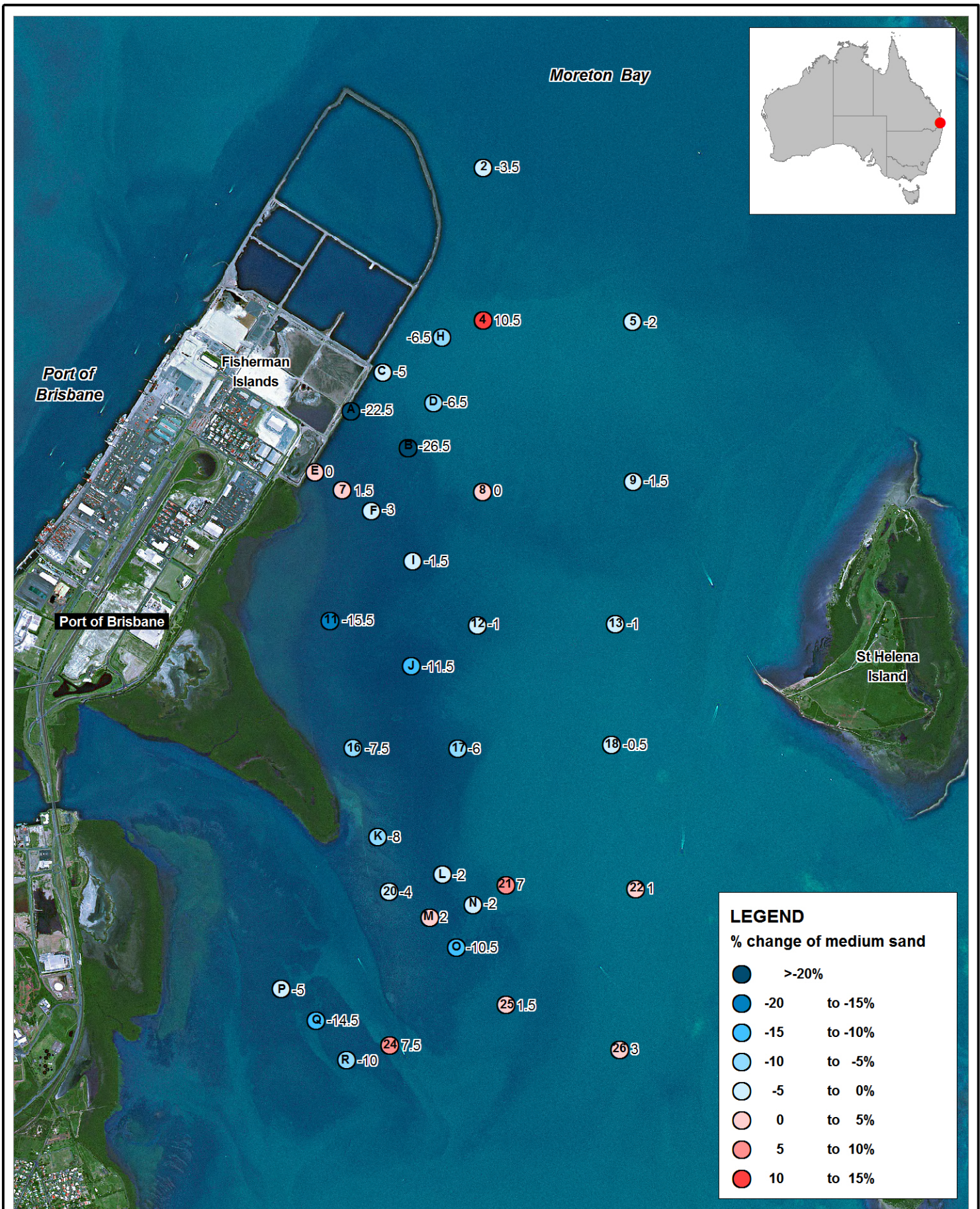
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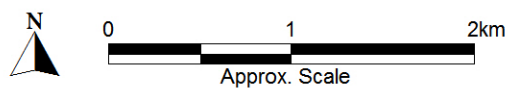


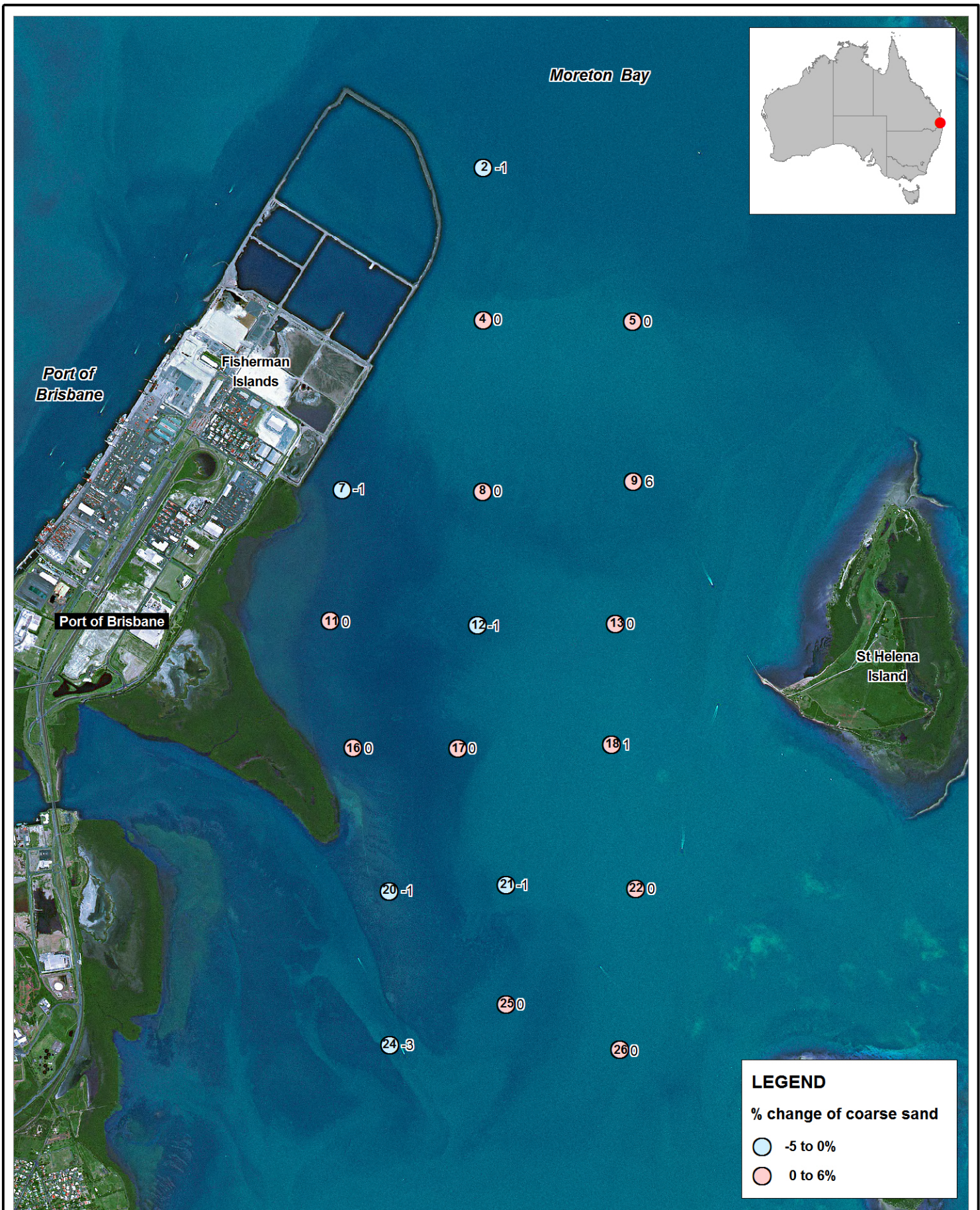
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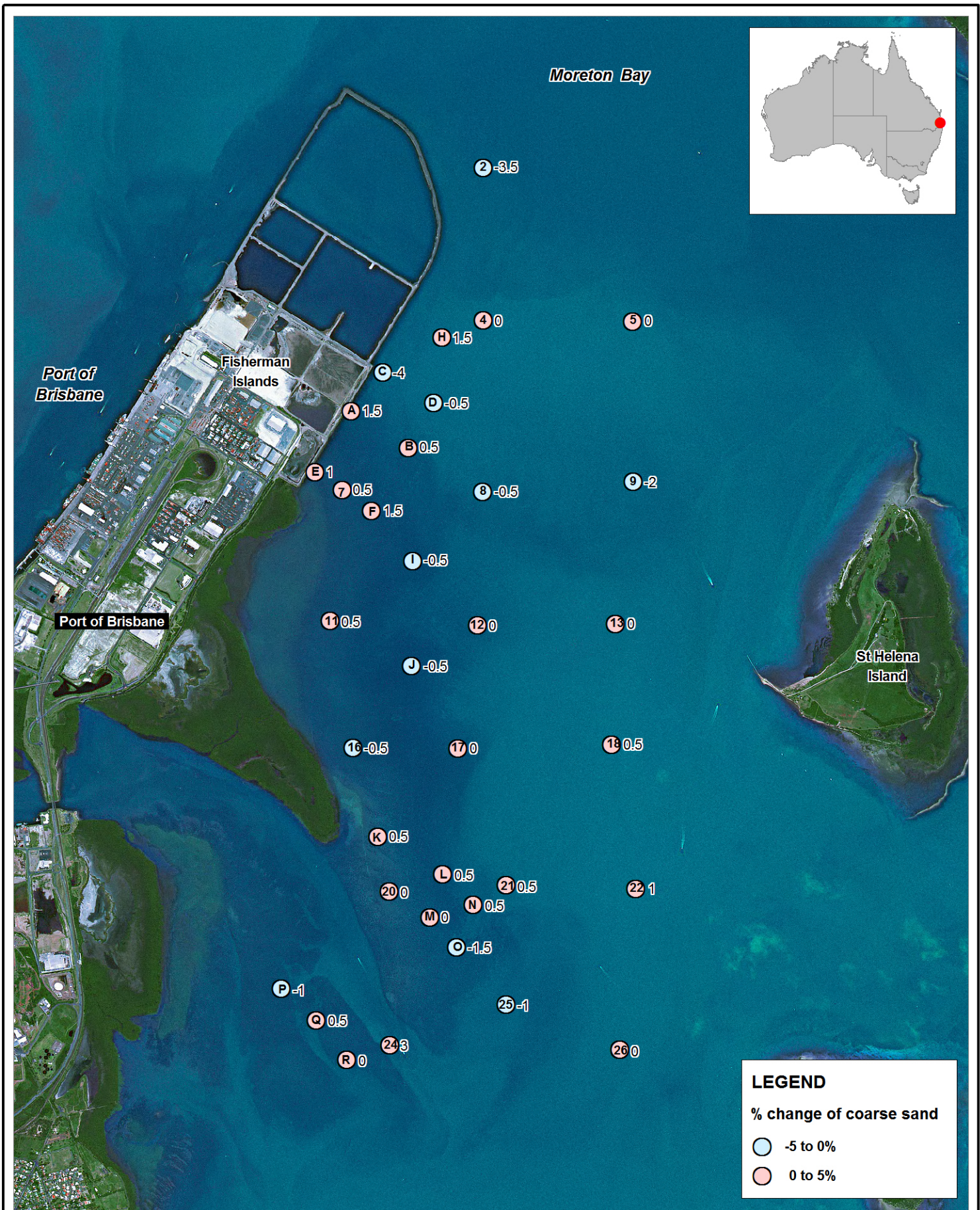
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5 CONCLUSIONS

The spatial patterns of sediment distribution observed in 2009 in the study area were generally consistent with previous investigations in the area, indicating that no major changes in broad scale sediment patterns have occurred during the period 1992-2009, which includes the Superbund construction (1992) and Future Port Expansion project (2002). Overall, the results suggested that broad scale sediment patterns in the study area are predominantly determined by hydrodynamic forcing due to currents and wave action. Accordingly, fine sediment fractions (silts and fine sands) were mainly found in deeper channels exhibiting bed armouring as well as in sheltered nearshore areas adjacent to Fisherman Islands, characterised by low bed shear stress and low current velocities. Medium sands were the dominant sediment type, and predominantly found in offshore intertidal areas between St Helena and Fisherman Islands. Higher bed shear stresses are common in these relatively exposed and shallow areas and wave action is expected to be higher compared to sheltered nearshore areas and deeper channels.

The investigation of temporal patterns in sediment distribution between 1992 and 2009 indicated some smaller scale changes in sediment distribution patterns, which appeared to be associated with the various construction stages of the port development. While no substantial broad scale changes in sediment distribution were observed for the period 1992-1998, an area characterised by a decrease in the fine sand fraction was identified off the protruding north-eastern edge of the Superbund structure, indicating erosion of fines in this area as predicted in a previous modelling study. In contrast, no such erosion was observed for the period 1998-2009 with data indicating an increase in silts and fine sands within the sediment composition at this location. The truncated north-eastern seawall structure, which was designed to minimise changes to current patterns, appears to have mitigated some of these effects to seabed habitats.

A notable 3 to 7-fold increase in silts was recorded within an area adjacent to Fisherman Islands and south of the seawall. This increase in fines may have been caused by local changes in hydrodynamic conditions associated with the FPE seawall structure, as supported by previous modelling suggesting a reduction in flow velocities at the southeast edge of the seawall and potential increase in silty material in the area. Potential sources of suspended fine material that can deposit in this low energy area may include river loads, bed sediment resuspension by wave and current action, dredging activities and potentially baitworm fishery activities.

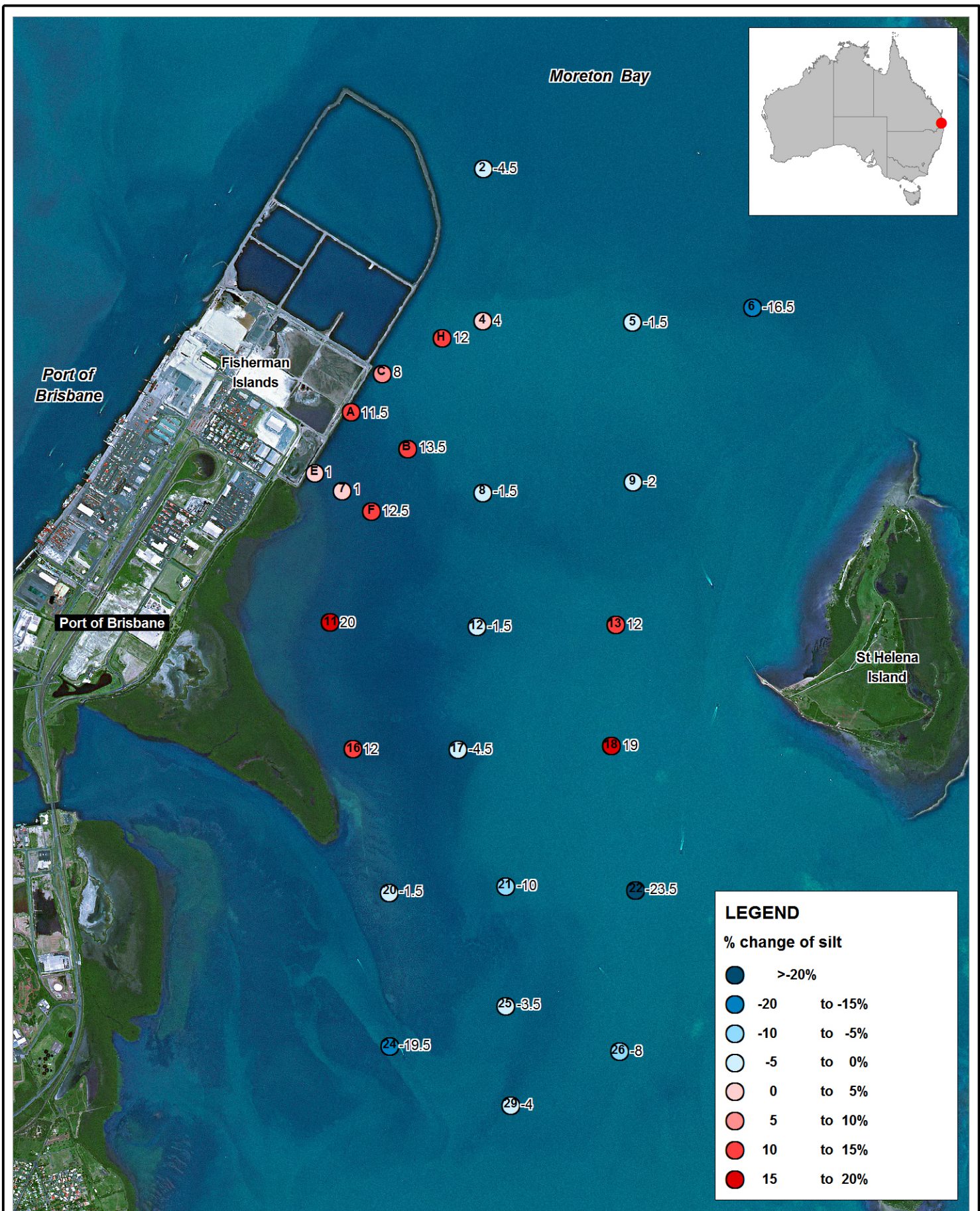
Although some localised changes in sediment patterns appear to have occurred within the broader study area between 1992 and 2009, small scale patchiness in sediment characteristics may have contributed to the observed patterns to some extent. This may include micro-topographical variations in the seabed due to ripple formation and localised changes in hydrodynamic processes, which may reflect seasonal and interannual changes in waves and currents.

The environmental implications of the observed local changes in sediment characteristics are unknown at present. In particular, the potential effects of increased fine sediment on seagrass and benthic fauna should be considered, given the sensitivity of these species to sedimentation and potential increased sediment loading.

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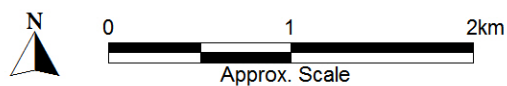


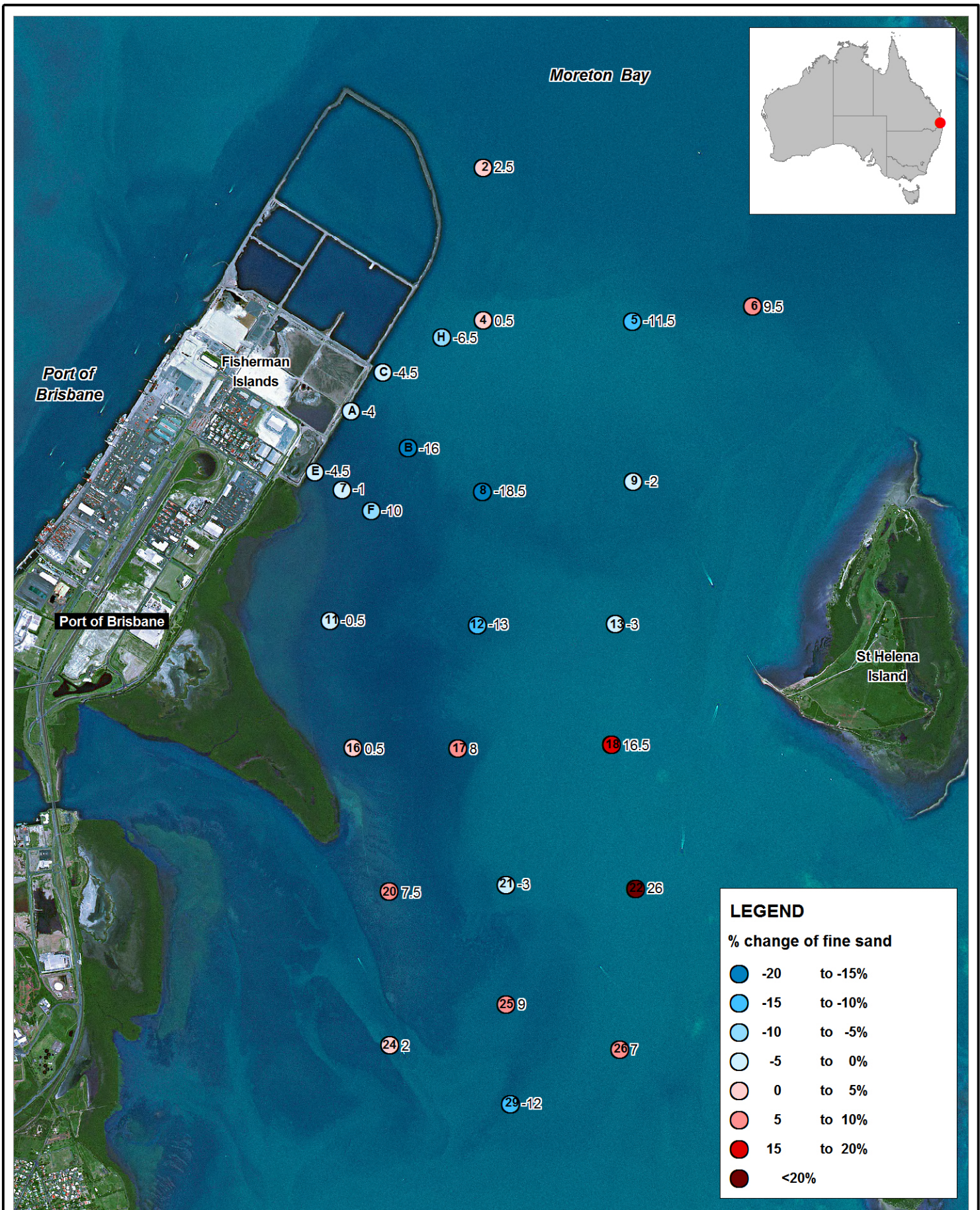
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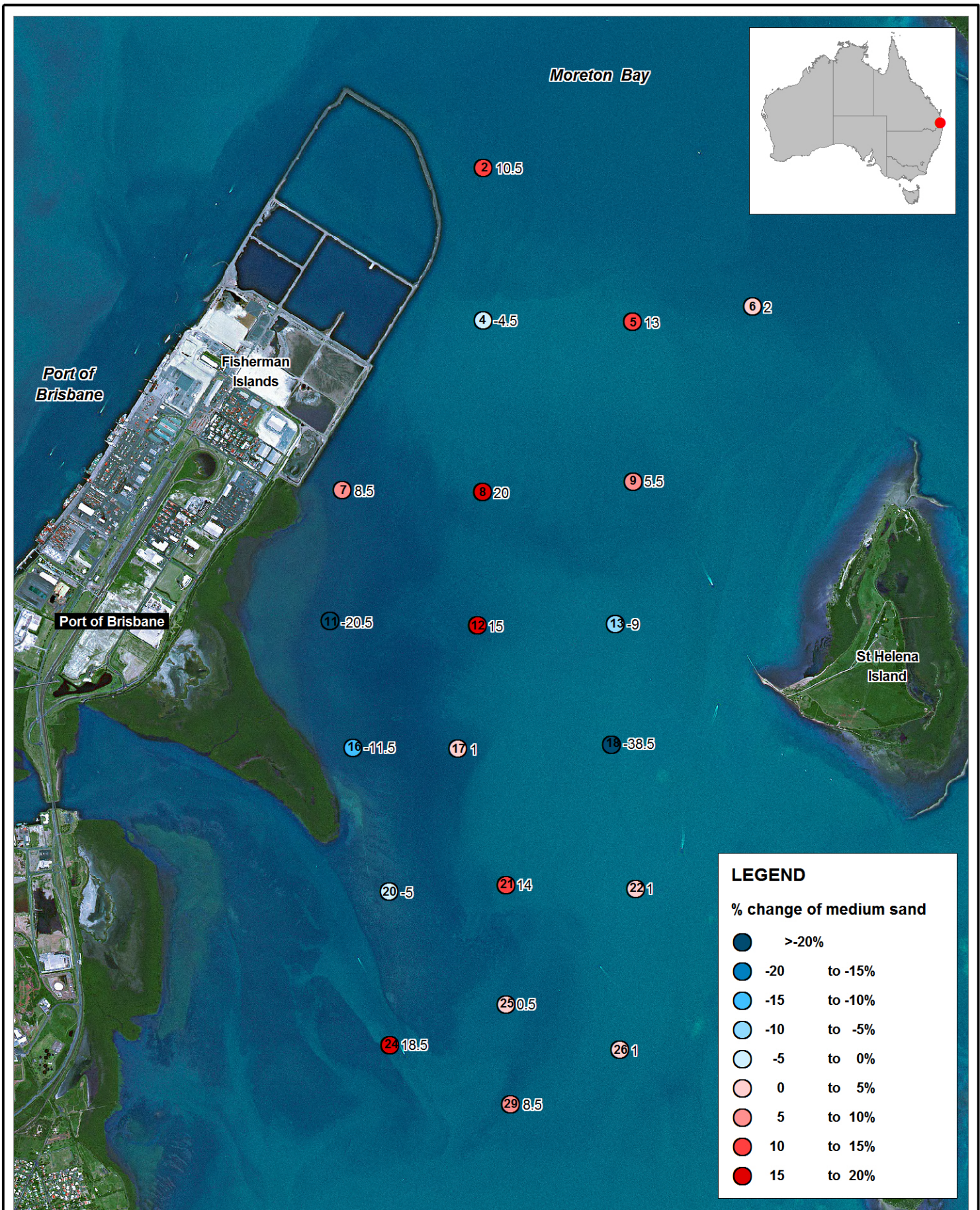
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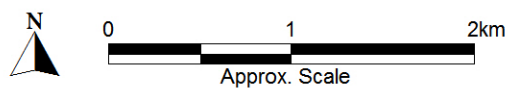


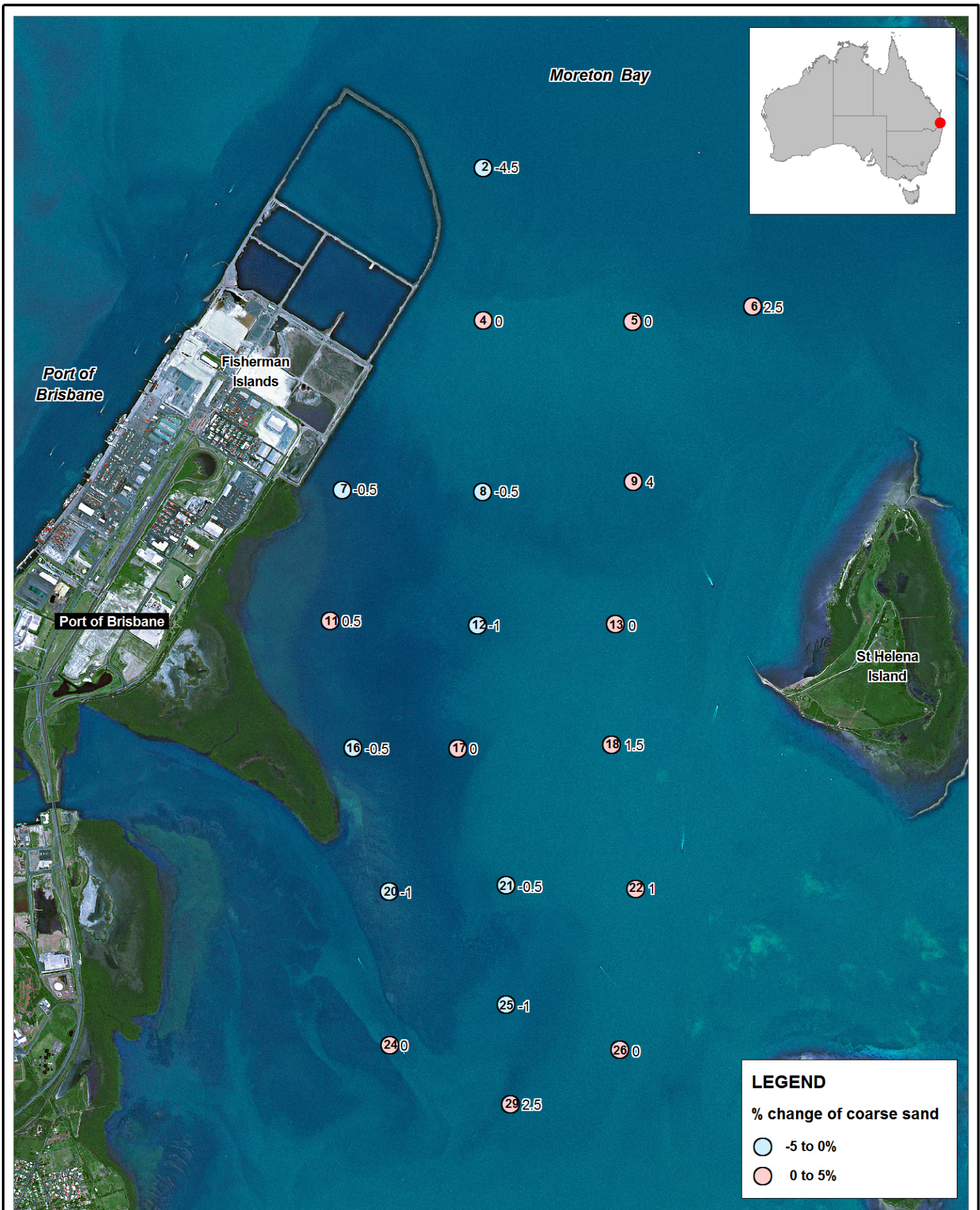
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| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 63.2 | 39.9 | 66.7 | 61.1 | 29.0 | 38.4 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | 100 | | 100 | 100 | | |
| 9.5 | 99 | 100 | 97 | 98 | | |
| 4.75 | 98 | 99 | 95 | 98 | | |
| 2.36 | 98 | 99 | 94 | 92 | | |
| 1.18 | 98 | 99 | 93 | 90 | | 100 |
| 0.600 | 97 | 98 | 93 | 88 | 100 | 99 |
| 0.425 | 94 | 93 | 91 | 87 | 96 | 98 |
| 0.300 | 74 | 62 | 87 | 83 | 79 | 89 |
| 0.150 | 16 | 15 | 41 | 42 | 14 | 31 |
| 0.075 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 17 | 3 | 9 |

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| Moisture (%) | 38.2 | 36.7 | 52.3 | 37.5 | 47.4 | 46.1 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | 100 |
| 9.5 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 |
| 4.75 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| 2.36 | 98 | 99 | 97 | 98 | 97 | 97 |
| 1.18 | 97 | 98 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 |
| 0.600 | 94 | 96 | 95 | 97 | 96 | 95 |
| 0.425 | 82 | 87 | 90 | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| 0.300 | 60 | 64 | 72 | 75 | 80 | 82 |
| 0.150 | 25 | 26 | 19 | 21 | 53 | 59 |
| 0.075 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 20 | 23 |

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| Project: 17527 | Test Date: 10/08/09 |
| | Report Date: 25/08/09 |

| Sample No. | 9080244 | 9080245 | 9080246 | 9080247 | 9080248 | 9080249 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Client ID: | POB M REP1 | POB M REP2 | POB J REP1 | POB J REP2 | POB N REP1 | POB N REP2 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 35.4 | 49.5 | 37.7 | 44.5 | 40.9 | 47.0 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | 100 | | | | | |
| 9.5 | 99 | 100 | | 100 | | 100 |
| 4.75 | 97 | 98 | | 99 | | 99 |
| 2.36 | 96 | 97 | | 99 | 100 | 99 |
| 1.18 | 96 | 97 | | 98 | 99 | 98 |
| 0.600 | 95 | 96 | 100 | 98 | 99 | 97 |
| 0.425 | 90 | 91 | 98 | 95 | 96 | 94 |
| 0.300 | 75 | 73 | 87 | 82 | 89 | 85 |
| 0.150 | 21 | 24 | 39 | 32 | 54 | 48 |
| 0.075 | 9 | 9 | 21 | 16 | 24 | 21 |

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Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No.: 9080250-g

Project: 17527

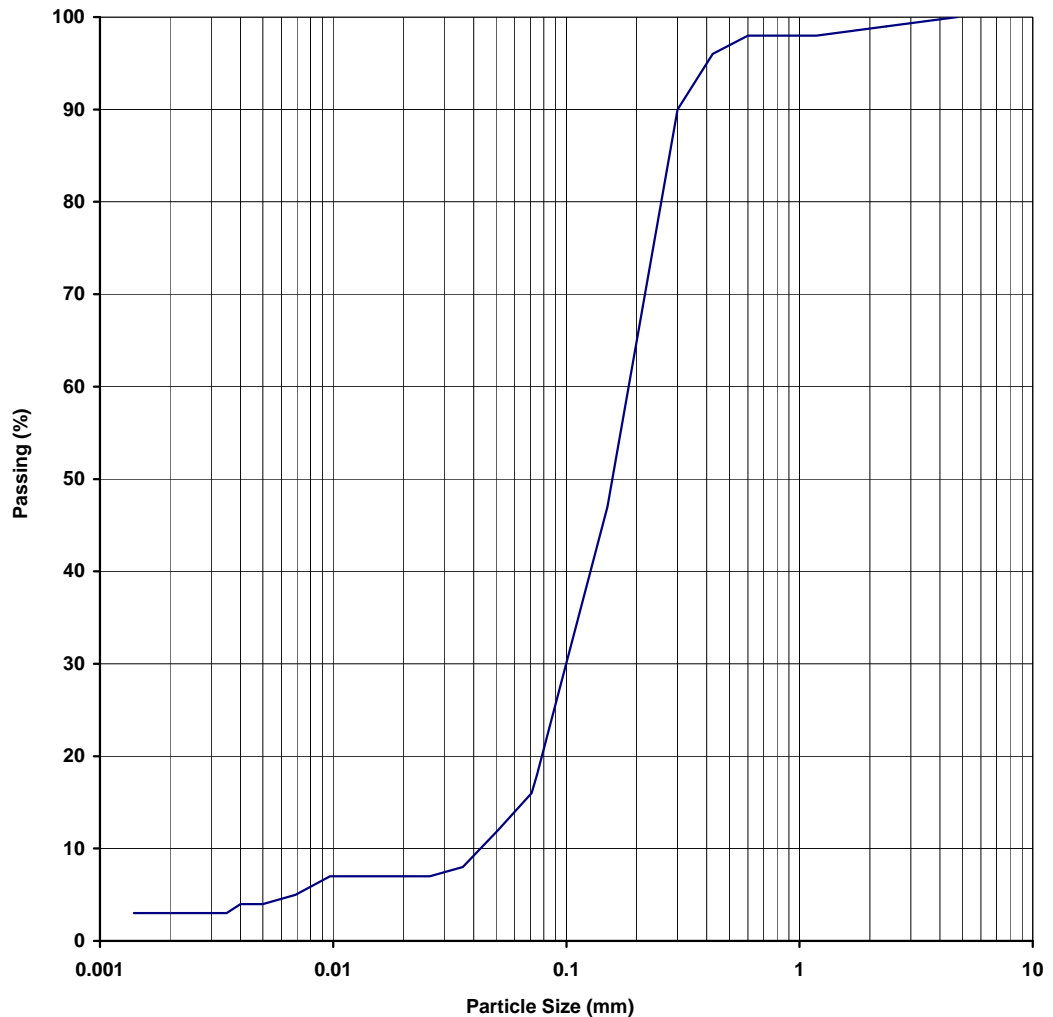
Test Date: 10,21/08/09

Report Date: 24/08/2009

Client Id.: POB O REP1

Depth (m): -

| Sieve Size (mm) | Passing % |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 150.0 | |
| 75.0 | |
| 53.0 | |
| 37.5 | |
| 26.5 | |
| 19.0 | |
| 9.5 | |
| 4.75 | 100 |
| 2.36 | 99 |
| 1.18 | 98 |
| 0.600 | 98 |
| 0.425 | 96 |
| 0.300 | 90 |
| 0.150 | 47 |
| 0.075 | 18 |
| 0.071 | 16 |
| 0.051 | 12 |
| 0.036 | 8 |
| 0.026 | 7 |
| 0.019 | 7 |
| 0.014 | 7 |
| 0.0097 | 7 |
| 0.0069 | 5 |
| 0.005 | 4 |
| 0.004 | 4 |
| 0.0035 | 3 |
| 0.0029 | 3 |
| 0.0025 | 3 |
| 0.0014 | 3 |



Remarks:

Sample Moisture (%): 31.9

Soil Particle Density(t/m³): 2.71

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Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No. 9080251-g

Project: 17527

Test Date: 10/08/09

Report Date: 25/08/09

| Sample No. | 9080251 | 9080252 | 9080253 | 9080255 | 9080256 | 9080257 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Client ID: | POB O REP2 | POB R REP1 | POB R REP2 | POB P REP2 | POB Q REP1 | POB Q REP2 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 32.5 | 33.9 | 35.9 | 54.5 | 55.5 | 61.9 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | 100 | 100 | | | |
| 9.5 | 100 | 97 | 99 | 100 | | 100 |
| 4.75 | 99 | 94 | 97 | 99 | | 97 |
| 2.36 | 98 | 92 | 95 | 99 | 100 | 97 |
| 1.18 | 98 | 91 | 94 | 99 | 100 | 96 |
| 0.600 | 98 | 90 | 93 | 98 | 99 | 95 |
| 0.425 | 95 | 86 | 88 | 93 | 99 | 94 |
| 0.300 | 86 | 70 | 76 | 78 | 96 | 91 |
| 0.150 | 38 | 24 | 31 | 41 | 79 | 74 |
| 0.075 | 17 | 13 | 15 | 23 | 42 | 42 |

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Test Method: AS 1289 3.6.3, 3.5.1

Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No.: 9080254-g

Project: 17527

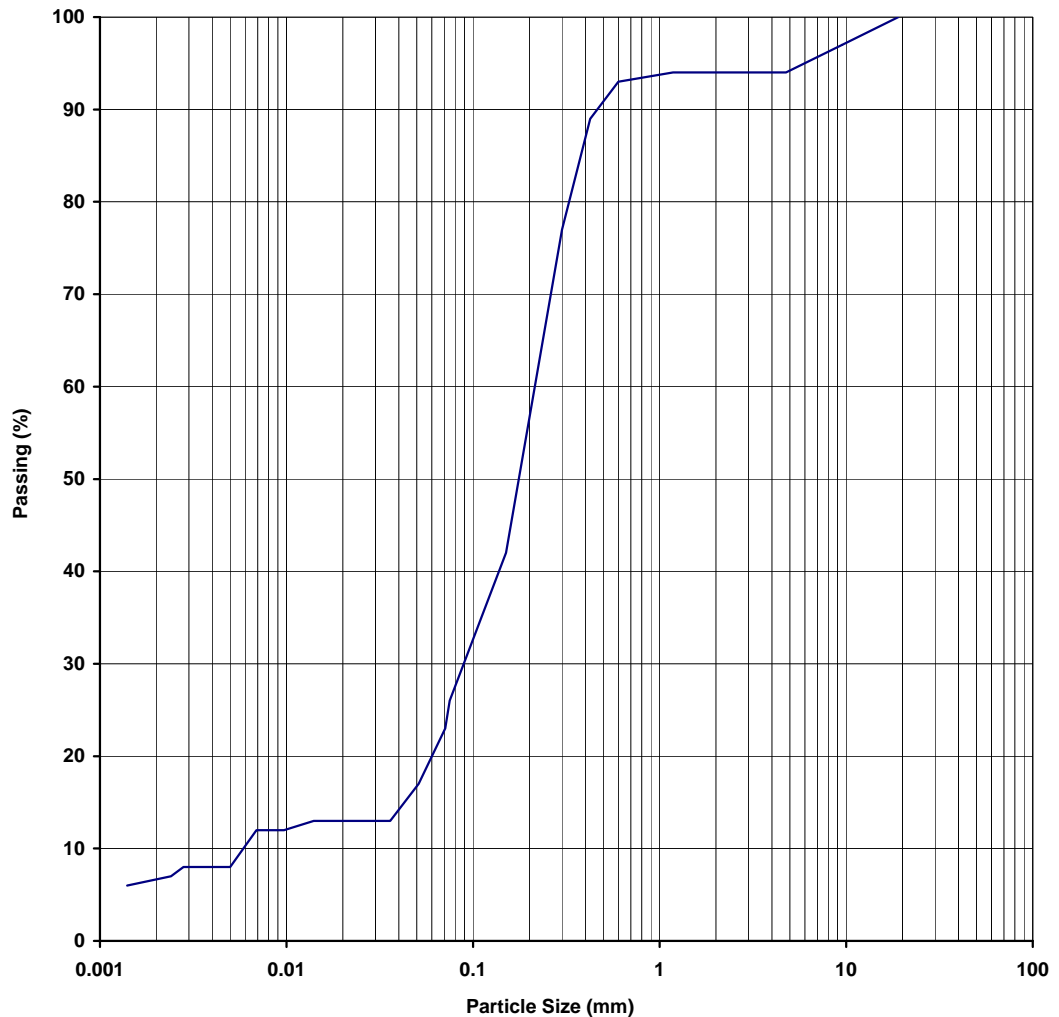
Test Date: 10,21/08/09

Report Date: 24/08/2009

Client Id.: POB P REP1

Depth (m): -

| Sieve Size (mm) | Passing % |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 150.0 | |
| 75.0 | |
| 53.0 | |
| 37.5 | |
| 26.5 | |
| 19.0 | 100 |
| 9.5 | 97 |
| 4.75 | 94 |
| 2.36 | 94 |
| 1.18 | 94 |
| 0.600 | 93 |
| 0.425 | 89 |
| 0.300 | 77 |
| 0.150 | 42 |
| 0.075 | 26 |
| 0.071 | 23 |
| 0.051 | 17 |
| 0.036 | 13 |
| 0.026 | 13 |
| 0.019 | 13 |
| 0.014 | 13 |
| 0.0097 | 12 |
| 0.0069 | 12 |
| 0.005 | 8 |
| 0.004 | 8 |
| 0.0035 | 8 |
| 0.0028 | 8 |
| 0.0024 | 7 |
| 0.0014 | 6 |



Remarks:

Sample Moisture (%): 44.8

Soil Particle Density(t/m³): 2.69

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Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No. 9080260-g

Project: 17527

Test Date: 10/08/09

Report Date: 25/08/09

| Sample No. | 9080260 | 9080261 | 9080262 | 9080263 | 9080264 | 9080265 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Client ID: | POB 18 REP1 | POB 18 REP2 | POB 2 REP1 | POB 2 REP2 | POB 20 REP1 | POB 20 REP2 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 52.3 | 56.9 | 46.8 | 44.8 | 28.7 | 30.9 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | |
| 9.5 | 100 | 100 | | | | |
| 4.75 | 97 | 99 | 100 | 100 | | |
| 2.36 | 95 | 98 | 99 | 99 | | |
| 1.18 | 93 | 97 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| 0.600 | 92 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 99 | 99 |
| 0.425 | 91 | 96 | 80 | 79 | 95 | 96 |
| 0.300 | 90 | 94 | 66 | 64 | 81 | 79 |
| 0.150 | 80 | 85 | 46 | 46 | 27 | 23 |
| 0.075 | 51 | 53 | 23 | 22 | 5 | 8 |

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Test Method: AS1289 3.6.1, 2.1.1

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd | Report No. 9080266-g |
| Project: 17527 | Test Date: 10/08/09 |
| | Report Date: 25/08/09 |

| Sample No. | 9080266 | 9080267 | 9080268 | 9080269 | 9080270 | 9080271 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Client ID: | POB 21 REP1 | POB 21 REP2 | POB 4 REP1 | POB 4 REP2 | POB 22 REP1 | POB 22 REP2 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 32.2 | 33.8 | 43.3 | 38.7 | 47.8 | 48.0 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | |
| 9.5 | | | | | 100 | |
| 4.75 | 100 | | | | 97 | 100 |
| 2.36 | 99 | 100 | | | 96 | 99 |
| 1.18 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 94 | 98 |
| 0.600 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 93 | 96 |
| 0.425 | 94 | 95 | 97 | 96 | 93 | 95 |
| 0.300 | 80 | 79 | 90 | 88 | 92 | 94 |
| 0.150 | 26 | 28 | 70 | 65 | 90 | 91 |
| 0.075 | 5 | 5 | 30 | 24 | 38 | 35 |

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Project: 17527

Test Date: 10/08/09

Report Date: 25/08/09

| Sample No. | 9080272 | 9080273 | 9080274 | 9080275 | 9080277 | 9080278 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Client ID: | POB 5 REP1 | POB 5 REP2 | POB 24 REP1 | POB 24 REP2 | POB 6 REP2 | POB 25 REP1 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 39.5 | 35.0 | 81.6 | 81.5 | 58.6 | 30.7 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | |
| 9.5 | | | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| 4.75 | | | 99 | 99 | 95 | |
| 2.36 | | | 98 | 98 | 90 | 100 |
| 1.18 | 100 | 100 | 96 | 96 | 87 | 99 |
| 0.600 | 99 | 99 | 95 | 95 | 85 | 99 |
| 0.425 | 98 | 98 | 93 | 94 | 84 | 94 |
| 0.300 | 87 | 88 | 85 | 85 | 83 | 84 |
| 0.150 | 28 | 32 | 60 | 59 | 74 | 53 |
| 0.075 | 14 | 17 | 46 | 45 | 49 | 14 |

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Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No.: 9080276-g

Project: 17527

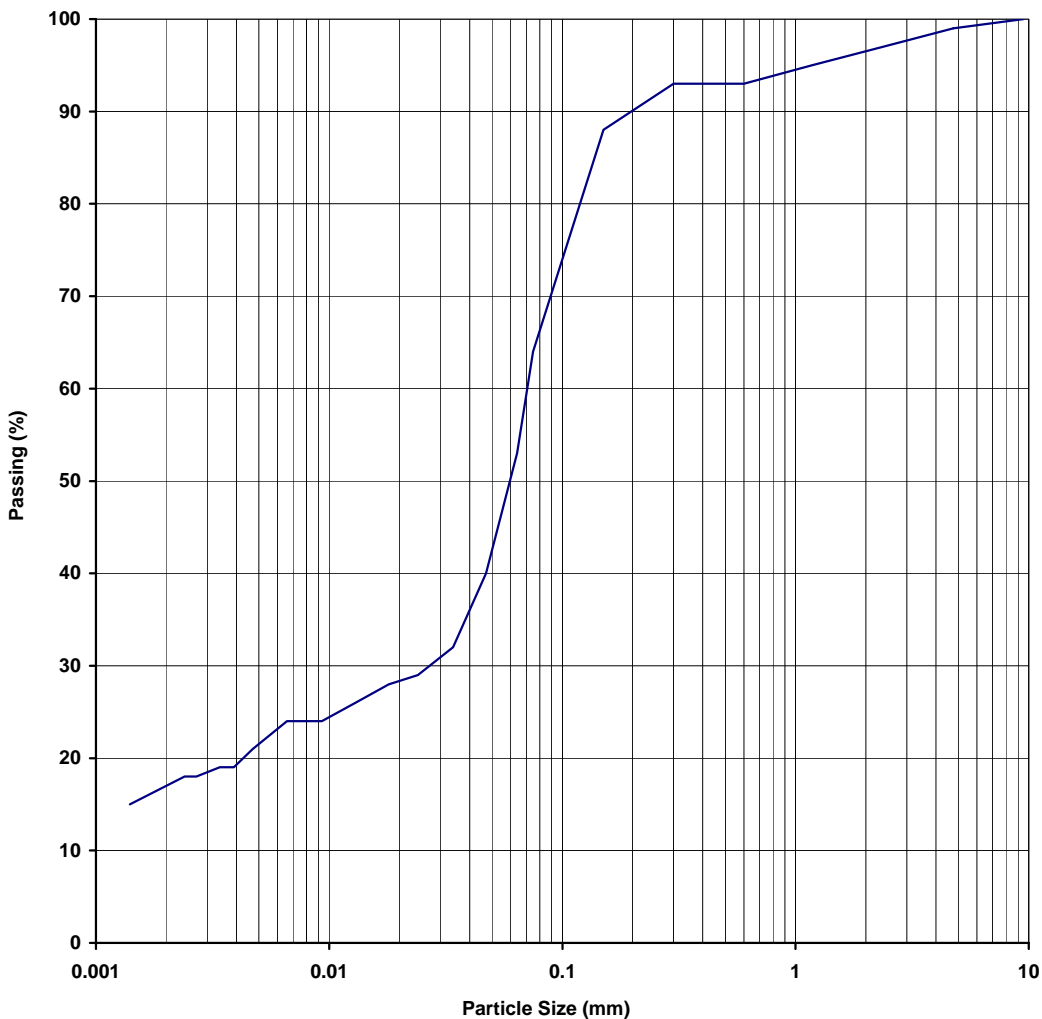
Test Date: 10,21/08/09

Report Date: 24/08/2009

Client Id.: POB 6 REP1

Depth (m): -

| Sieve Size (mm) | Passing % |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 150.0 | |
| 75.0 | |
| 53.0 | |
| 37.5 | |
| 26.5 | |
| 19.0 | |
| 9.5 | 100 |
| 4.75 | 99 |
| 2.36 | 97 |
| 1.18 | 95 |
| 0.600 | 93 |
| 0.425 | 93 |
| 0.300 | 93 |
| 0.150 | 88 |
| 0.075 | 64 |
| 0.064 | 53 |
| 0.047 | 40 |
| 0.034 | 32 |
| 0.024 | 29 |
| 0.018 | 28 |
| 0.013 | 26 |
| 0.0093 | 24 |
| 0.0066 | 24 |
| 0.0047 | 21 |
| 0.0039 | 19 |
| 0.0034 | 19 |
| 0.0027 | 18 |
| 0.0024 | 18 |
| 0.0014 | 15 |



Remarks:

Sample Moisture (%): 72.7

Soil Particle Density(t/m³): 2.74

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Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No. 9080279-g

Project: 17527

Test Date: 10/08/09

Report Date: 25/08/09

| Sample No. | 9080279 | 9080280 | 9080281 | 9080282 | 9080283 | 9080284 |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Client ID: | POB 25 REP2 | POB 7 REP1 | POB 7 REP2 | POB 26 REP1 | POB 26 REP2 | POB 8 REP1 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 33.6 | 51.0 | 51.0 | 47.8 | 45.0 | 32.3 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | 100 | 100 | | | |
| 9.5 | | 98 | 99 | | | |
| 4.75 | | 95 | 95 | | | |
| 2.36 | | 94 | 94 | | | |
| 1.18 | 100 | 94 | 93 | | | |
| 0.600 | 99 | 93 | 92 | 100 | | 100 |
| 0.425 | 96 | 92 | 91 | 99 | | 99 |
| 0.300 | 87 | 86 | 86 | 95 | 100 | 95 |
| 0.150 | 48 | 46 | 48 | 90 | 98 | 14 |
| 0.075 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 25 | 29 | 3 |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd | Report No. 9080285-g |
| Project: 17527 | Test Date: 10/08/09 |
| | Report Date: 25/08/09 |

| Sample No. | 9080285 | 9080286 | 9080287 | 9080288 | 9080289 | 9080290 |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Client ID: | POB 8 REP2 | POB 29 REP1 | POB 29 REP2 | POB 9 REP1 | POB 9 REP2 | POB A REP1 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 34.2 | 36.5 | 43.5 | 32.0 | 31.5 | 65.3 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | 100 | | | 100 |
| 9.5 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 100 | | 97 |
| 4.75 | 99 | 96 | 93 | 99 | 100 | 95 |
| 2.36 | 99 | 93 | 87 | 98 | 99 | 95 |
| 1.18 | 99 | 91 | 83 | 97 | 98 | 94 |
| 0.600 | 98 | 88 | 81 | 91 | 92 | 93 |
| 0.425 | 98 | 83 | 74 | 70 | 70 | 92 |
| 0.300 | 94 | 60 | 52 | 49 | 48 | 88 |
| 0.150 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 30 |
| 0.075 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd | Report No. 9080291-g |
| Project: 17527 | Test Date: 10/08/09 |
| | Report Date: 25/08/09 |

| Sample No. | 9080291 | 9080293 | 9080295 | 9080296 | 9080297 | 9080298 |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Client ID: | POB A REP2 | POB 11 REP2 | POB B REP2 | POB 12 REP1 | POB 12 REP2 | POB C REP1 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 53.6 | 73.0 | 52.2 | 34.2 | 39.3 | 39.7 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | 100 | | | | 100 |
| 9.5 | 100 | 93 | | | | 99 |
| 4.75 | 99 | 92 | 100 | 100 | | 99 |
| 2.36 | 98 | 91 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 99 |
| 1.18 | 98 | 90 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| 0.600 | 97 | 90 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 97 |
| 0.425 | 96 | 86 | 98 | 93 | 95 | 91 |
| 0.300 | 91 | 77 | 93 | 73 | 77 | 72 |
| 0.150 | 31 | 48 | 34 | 15 | 20 | 15 |
| 0.075 | 12 | 33 | 13 | 9 | 12 | 10 |

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Project: 17527

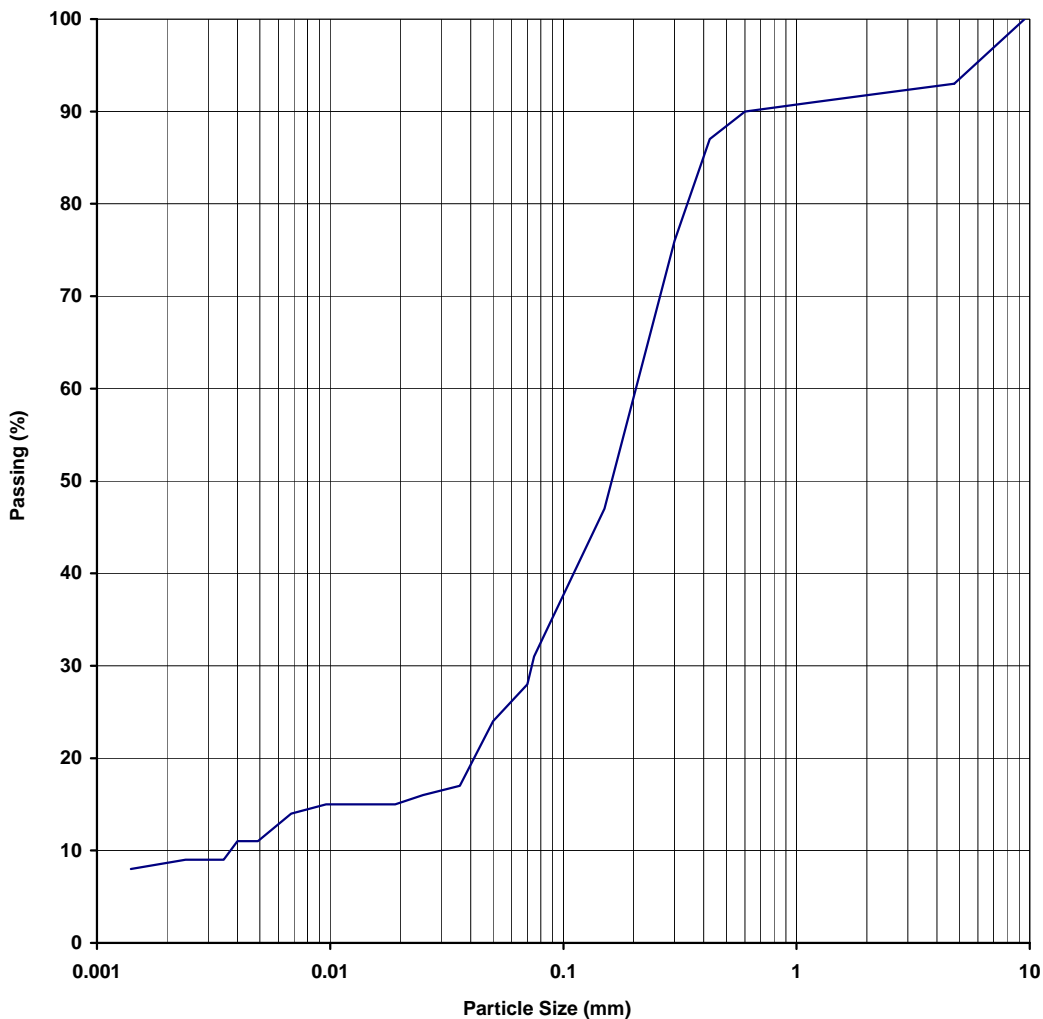
Test Date: 10,21/08/09

Report Date: 24/08/2009

Client Id.: POB 11 REP1

Depth (m): -

| Sieve Size (mm) | Passing % |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 150.0 | |
| 75.0 | |
| 53.0 | |
| 37.5 | |
| 26.5 | |
| 19.0 | |
| 9.5 | 100 |
| 4.75 | 93 |
| 2.36 | 92 |
| 1.18 | 91 |
| 0.600 | 90 |
| 0.425 | 87 |
| 0.300 | 76 |
| 0.150 | 47 |
| 0.075 | 31 |
| 0.07 | 28 |
| 0.05 | 24 |
| 0.036 | 17 |
| 0.025 | 16 |
| 0.019 | 15 |
| 0.014 | 15 |
| 0.0096 | 15 |
| 0.0068 | 14 |
| 0.0049 | 11 |
| 0.004 | 11 |
| 0.0035 | 9 |
| 0.0028 | 9 |
| 0.0024 | 9 |
| 0.0014 | 8 |



Remarks:

Sample Moisture (%): 79.2

Soil Particle Density(t/m^3): 2.70

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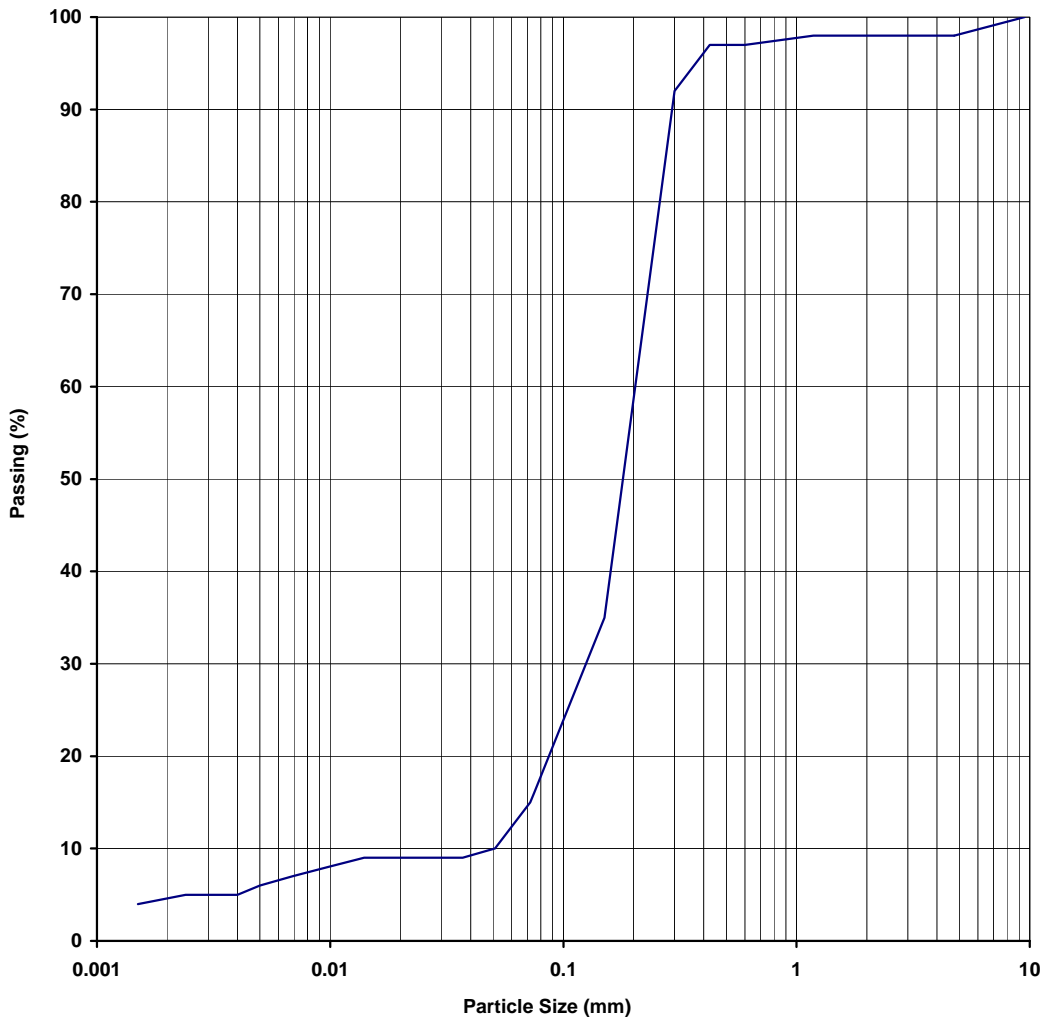
Test Date: 10,21/08/09

Report Date: 24/08/2009

Client Id.: POB B REP1

Depth (m): -

| Sieve Size (mm) | Passing % |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 150.0 | |
| 75.0 | |
| 53.0 | |
| 37.5 | |
| 26.5 | |
| 19.0 | |
| 9.5 | 100 |
| 4.75 | 98 |
| 2.36 | 98 |
| 1.18 | 98 |
| 0.600 | 97 |
| 0.425 | 97 |
| 0.300 | 92 |
| 0.150 | 35 |
| 0.075 | 16 |
| 0.072 | 15 |
| 0.051 | 10 |
| 0.037 | 9 |
| 0.026 | 9 |
| 0.019 | 9 |
| 0.014 | 9 |
| 0.0098 | 8 |
| 0.0069 | 7 |
| 0.005 | 6 |
| 0.004 | 5 |
| 0.0035 | 5 |
| 0.0028 | 5 |
| 0.0024 | 5 |
| 0.0015 | 4 |



Remarks:

Sample Moisture (%): 36.6

Soil Particle Density(t/m³): 2.69

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd | Report No. 9080299-g |
| Project: 17527 | Test Date: 10,17/08/09 |
| | Report Date: 25/08/09 |

| Sample No. | 9080299 | 9080300 | 9080301 | 9080302 | 9080303 | 9080305 |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Client ID: | POB C REP2 | POB 13 REP1 | POB 13 REP2 | POB D REP1 | POB D REP2 | POB 16 REP2 |
| Depth (m): | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 37.7 | 50.9 | 54.8 | 32.9 | 23.4 | 57.0 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 26.5 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | 100 |
| 9.5 | | | | | | 97 |
| 4.75 | | | | | | 95 |
| 2.36 | 100 | | | | 100 | 94 |
| 1.18 | 99 | | | 100 | 99 | 93 |
| 0.600 | 98 | | 100 | 99 | 98 | 93 |
| 0.425 | 91 | 100 | 99 | 94 | 93 | 91 |
| 0.300 | 70 | 100 | 99 | 79 | 77 | 83 |
| 0.150 | 10 | 95 | 91 | 11 | 13 | 51 |
| 0.075 | 6 | 64 | 54 | 5 | 5 | 25 |

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Report No.: 9080304-g

Project: 17527

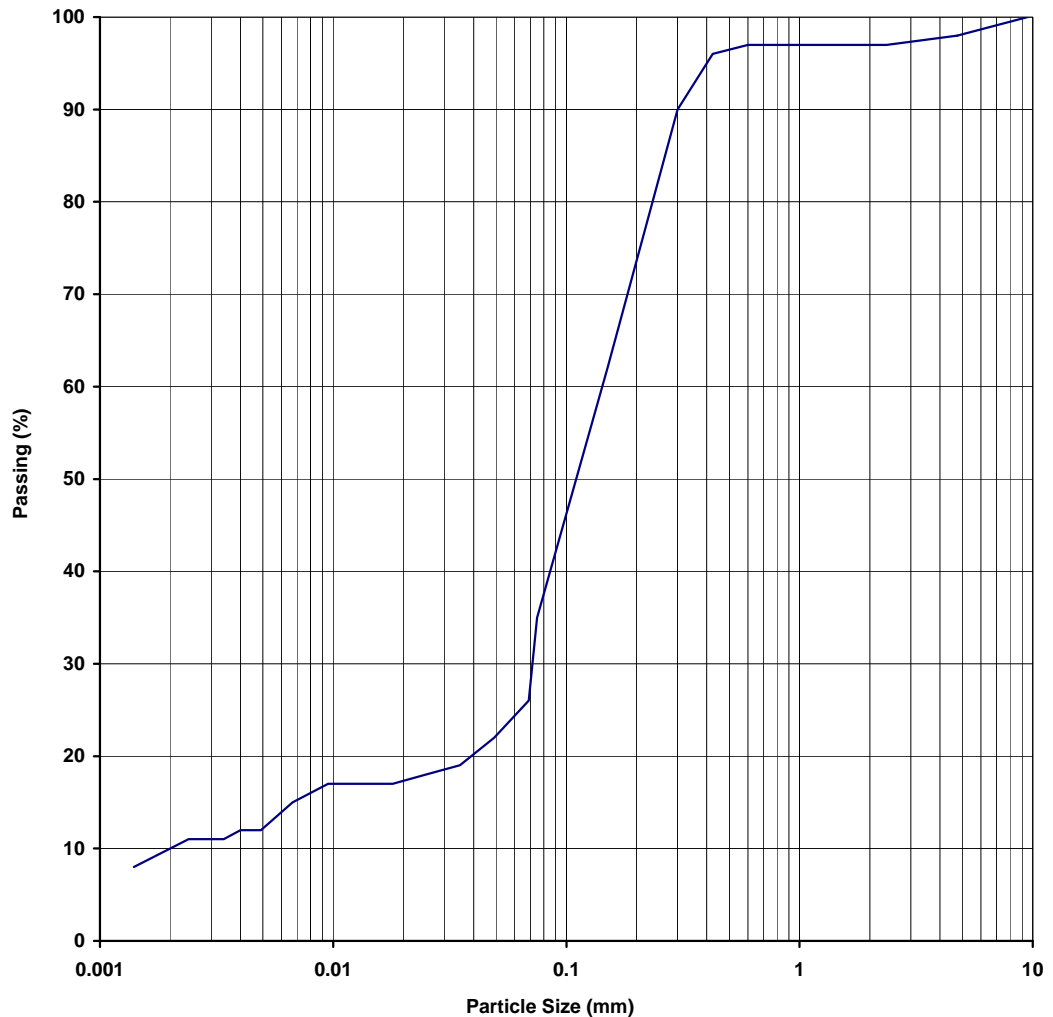
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Report Date: 24/08/2009

Client Id.: POB 16 REP1

Depth (m): -

| Sieve Size (mm) | Passing % |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 150.0 | |
| 75.0 | |
| 53.0 | |
| 37.5 | |
| 26.5 | |
| 19.0 | |
| 9.5 | 100 |
| 4.75 | 98 |
| 2.36 | 97 |
| 1.18 | 97 |
| 0.600 | 97 |
| 0.425 | 96 |
| 0.300 | 90 |
| 0.150 | 62 |
| 0.075 | 35 |
| 0.069 | 26 |
| 0.049 | 22 |
| 0.035 | 19 |
| 0.025 | 18 |
| 0.018 | 17 |
| 0.013 | 17 |
| 0.0095 | 17 |
| 0.0067 | 15 |
| 0.0049 | 12 |
| 0.004 | 12 |
| 0.0034 | 11 |
| 0.0028 | 11 |
| 0.0024 | 11 |
| 0.0014 | 8 |



Remarks:

Sample Moisture (%): 62.5

Soil Particle Density(t/m^3): 2.72

Sample/s supplied by the client

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PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST REPORT

Test Method: AS1289 3.6.1, 2.1.1

Client: BMT WBM Pty Ltd

Report No. 9080306-g

Project: 17527

Test Date: 10/08/09

Report Date: 25/08/09

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sample No. | 9080306 | 9080307 |
| Client ID: | POB E REP1 | POB E REP2 |
| Depth (m): | - | - |
| Moisture (%) | 52.0 | 44.3 |

| AS SIEVE SIZE (mm) | PERCENT PASSING | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 19.0 | | |
| 9.5 | 100 | 100 |
| 4.75 | 98 | 99 |
| 2.36 | 98 | 99 |
| 1.18 | 97 | 97 |
| 0.600 | 97 | 96 |
| 0.425 | 96 | 94 |
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| 0.150 | 57 | 46 |
| 0.075 | 28 | 18 |

Sample/s supplied by the client

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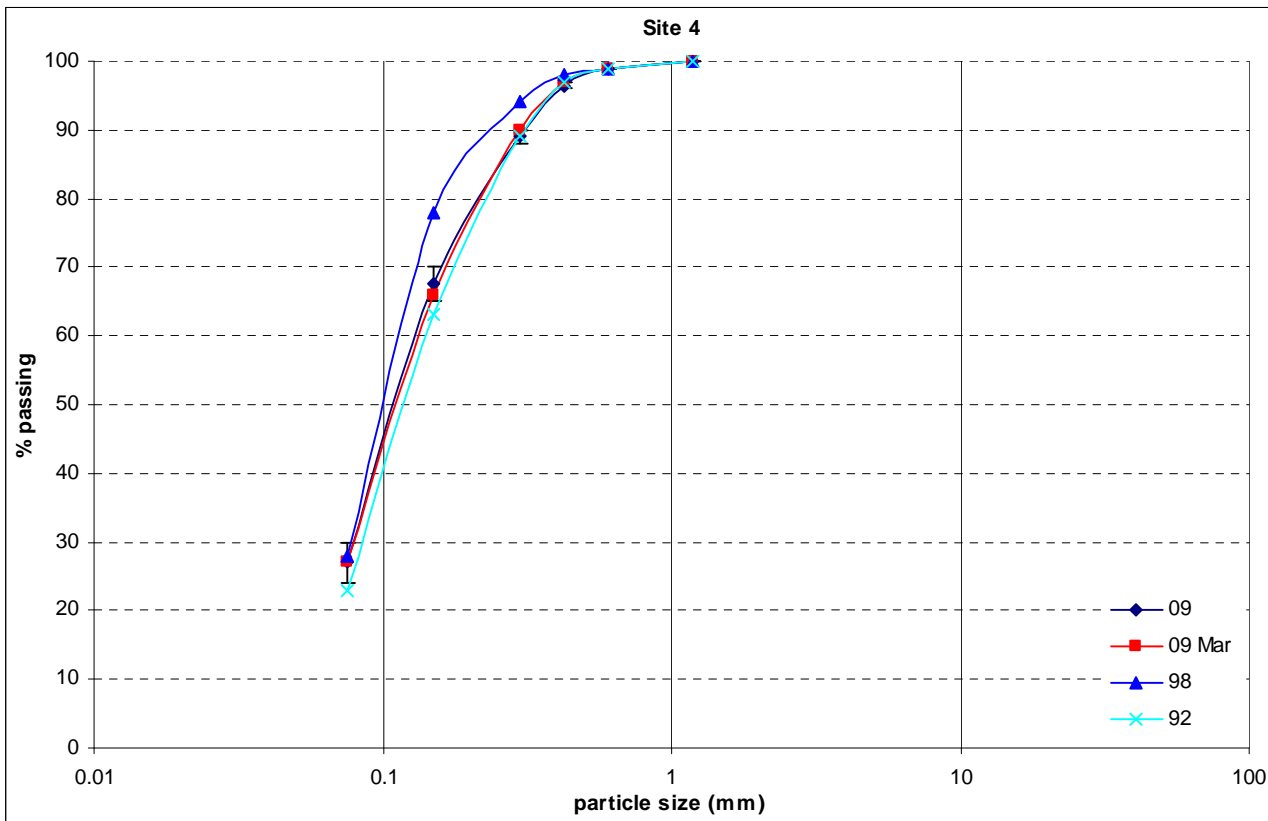
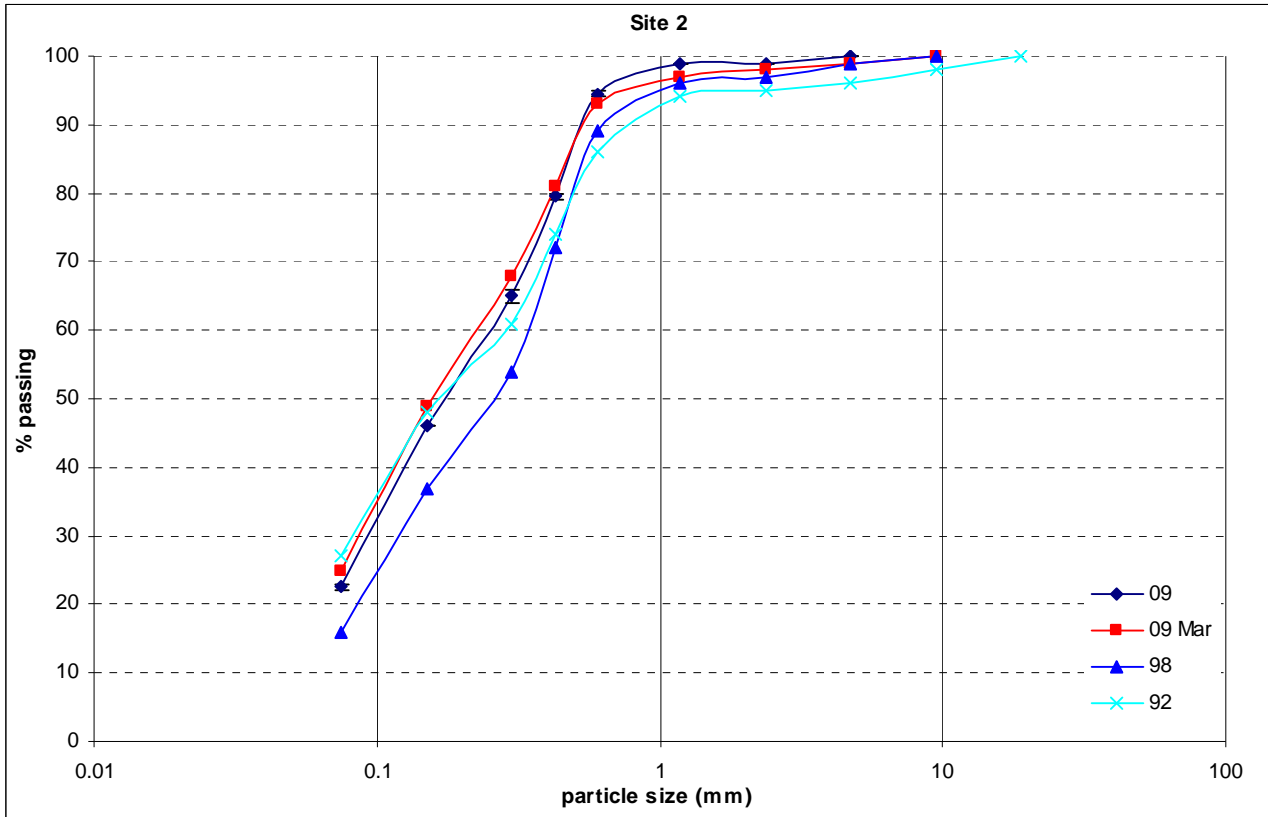
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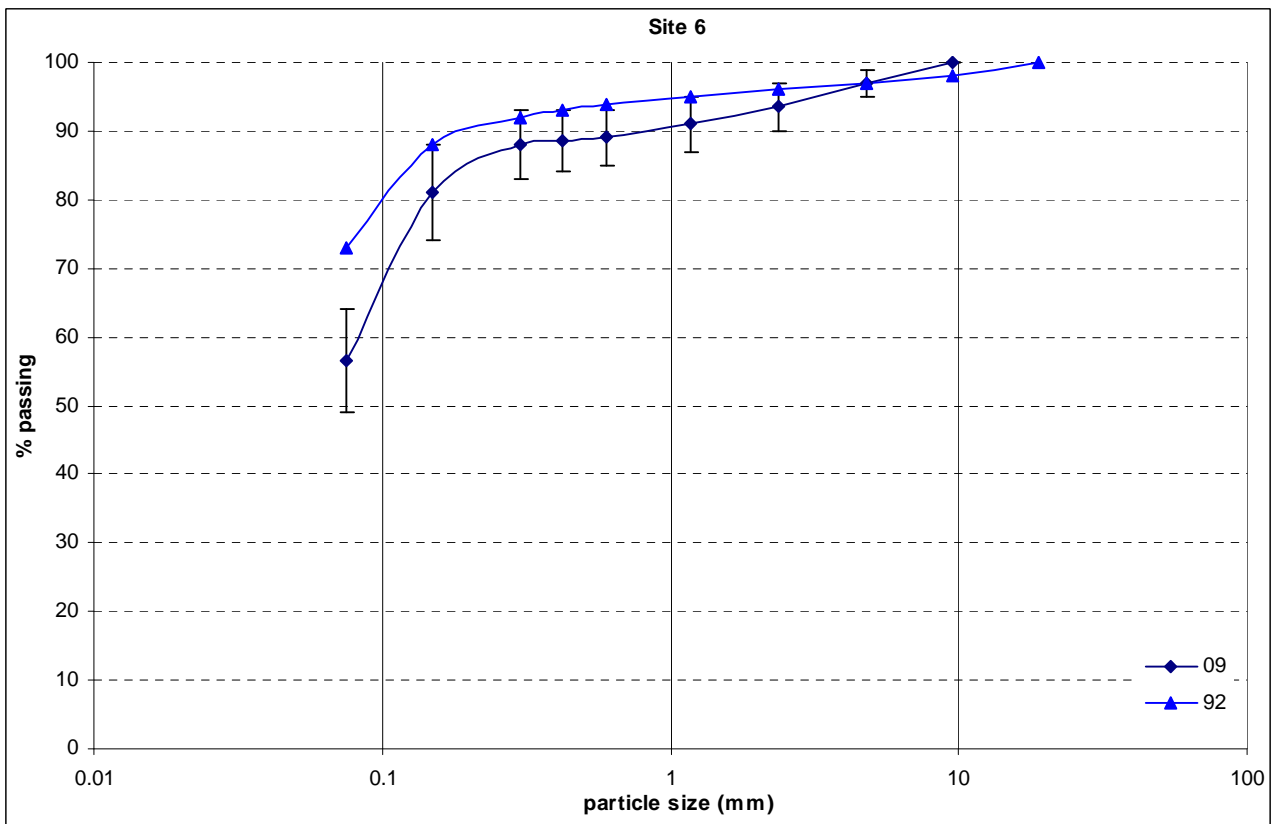
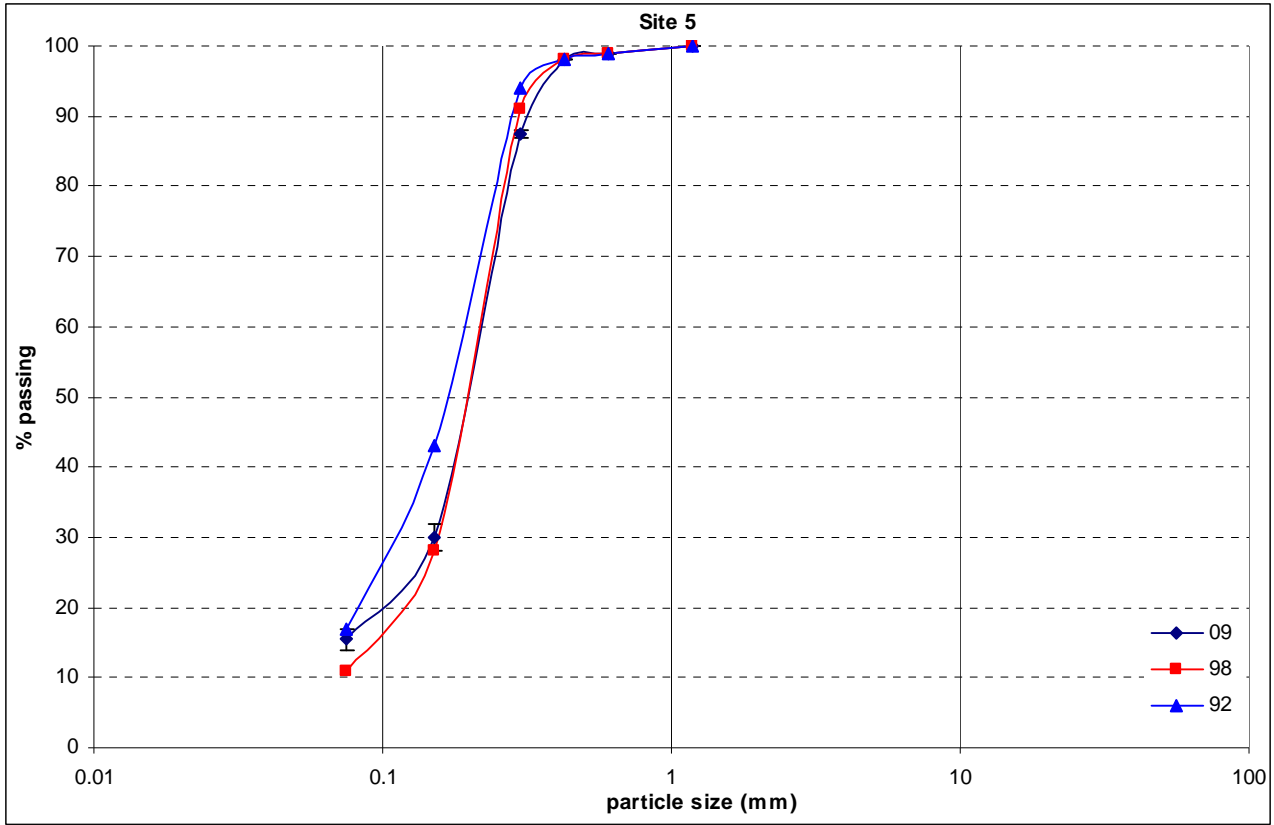
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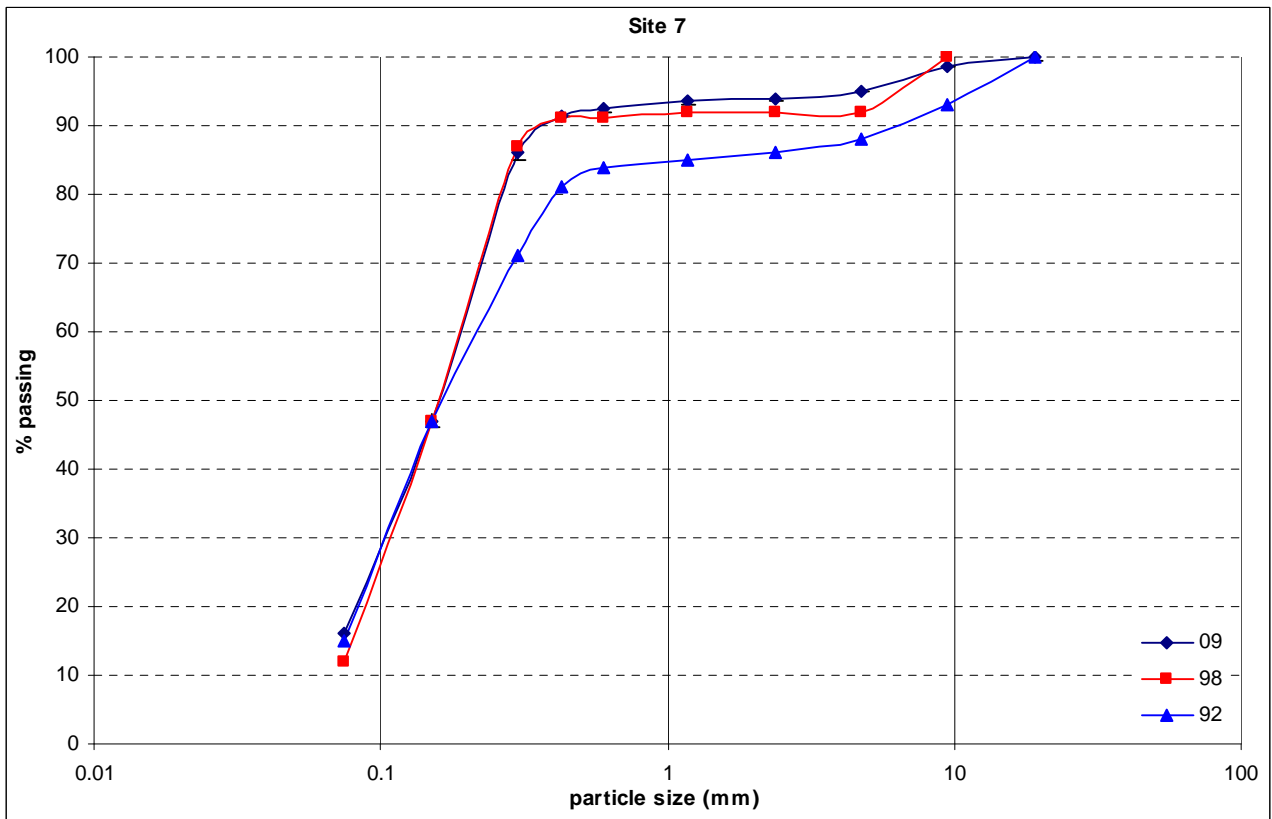
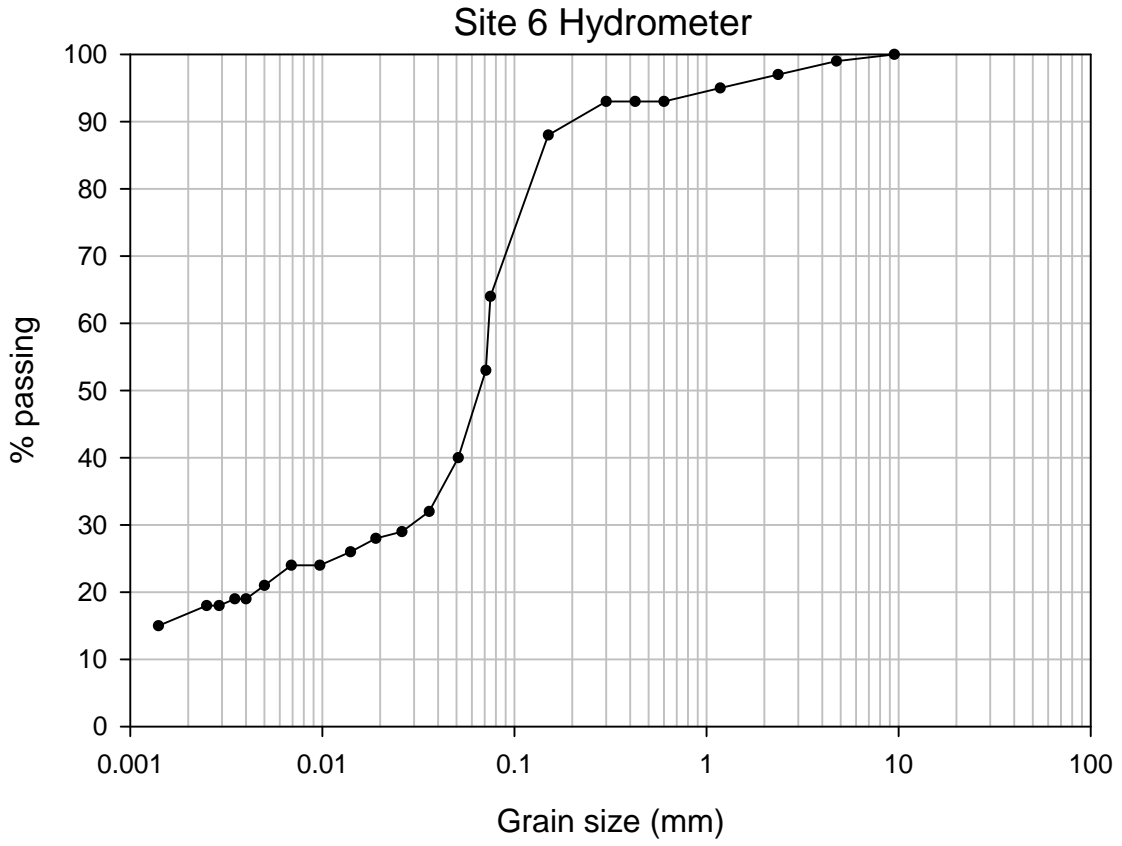
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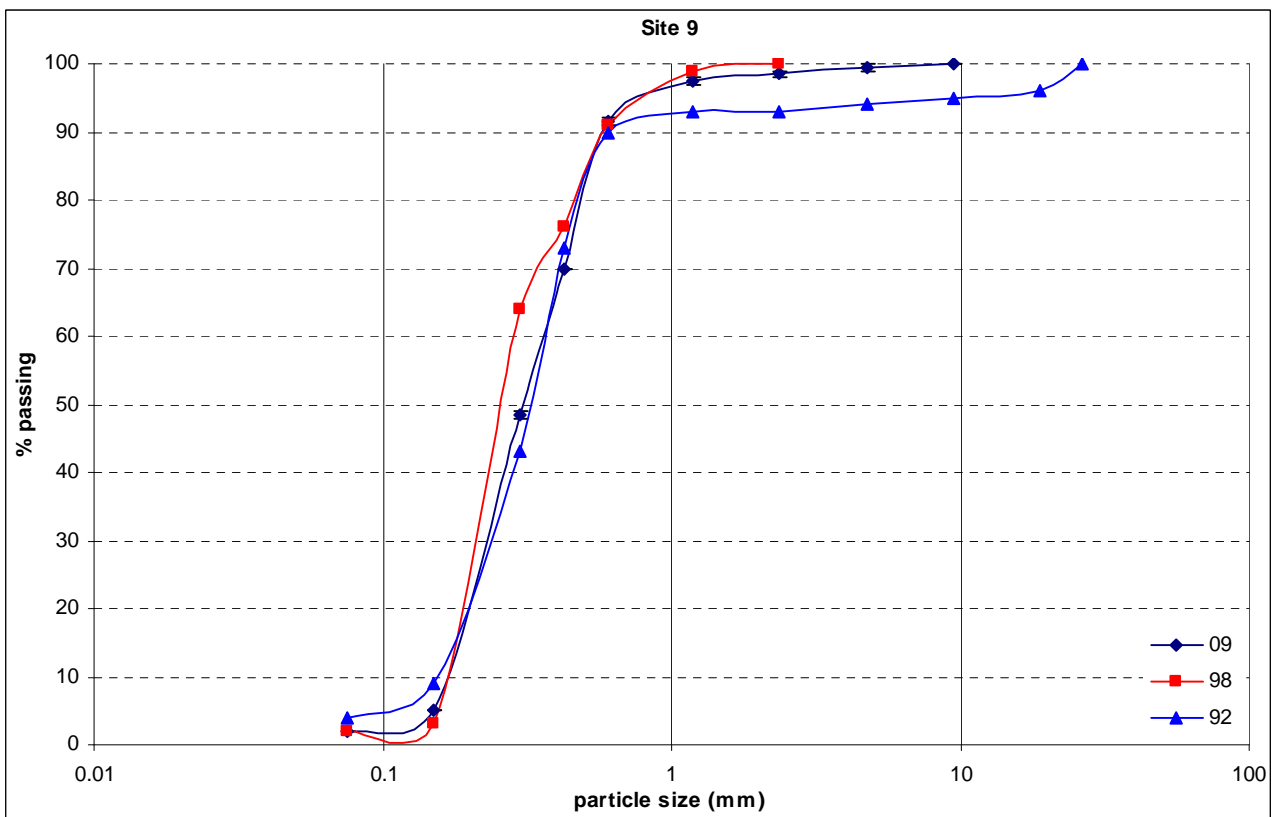
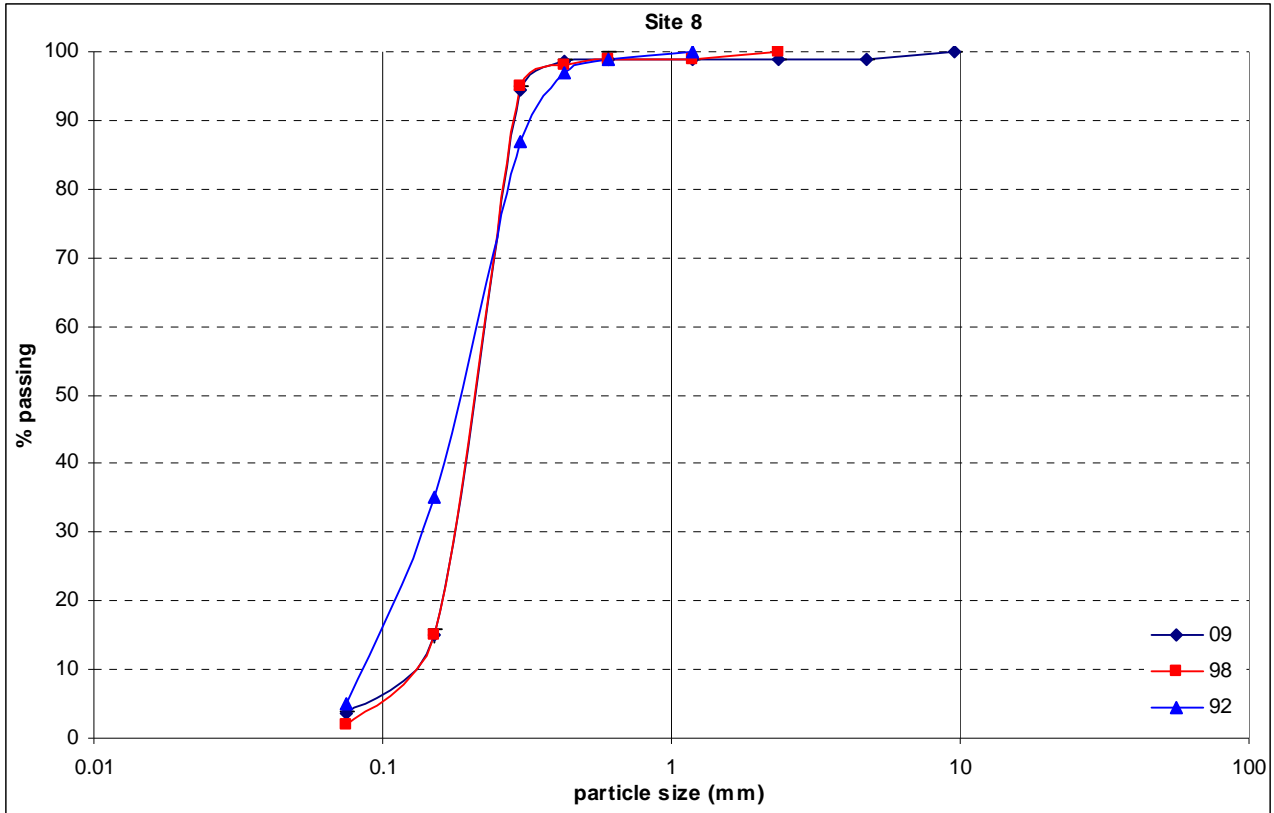
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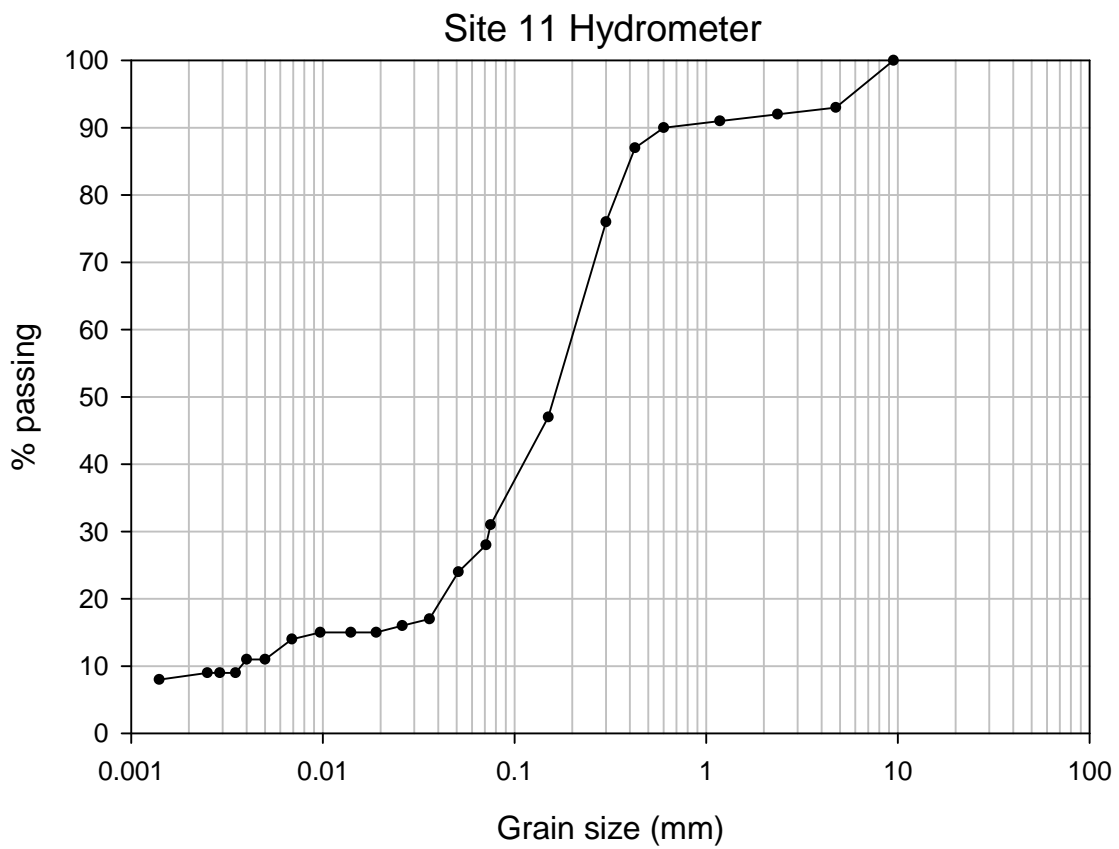
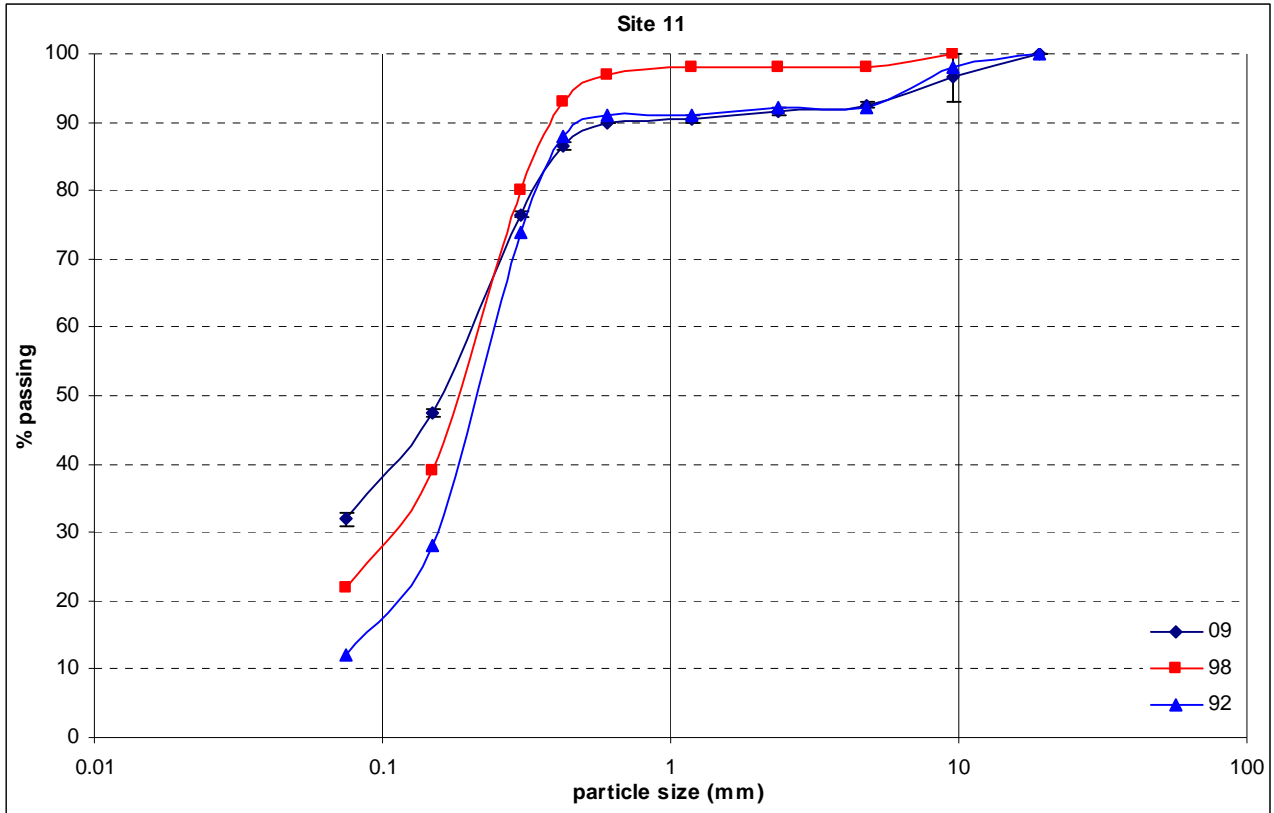
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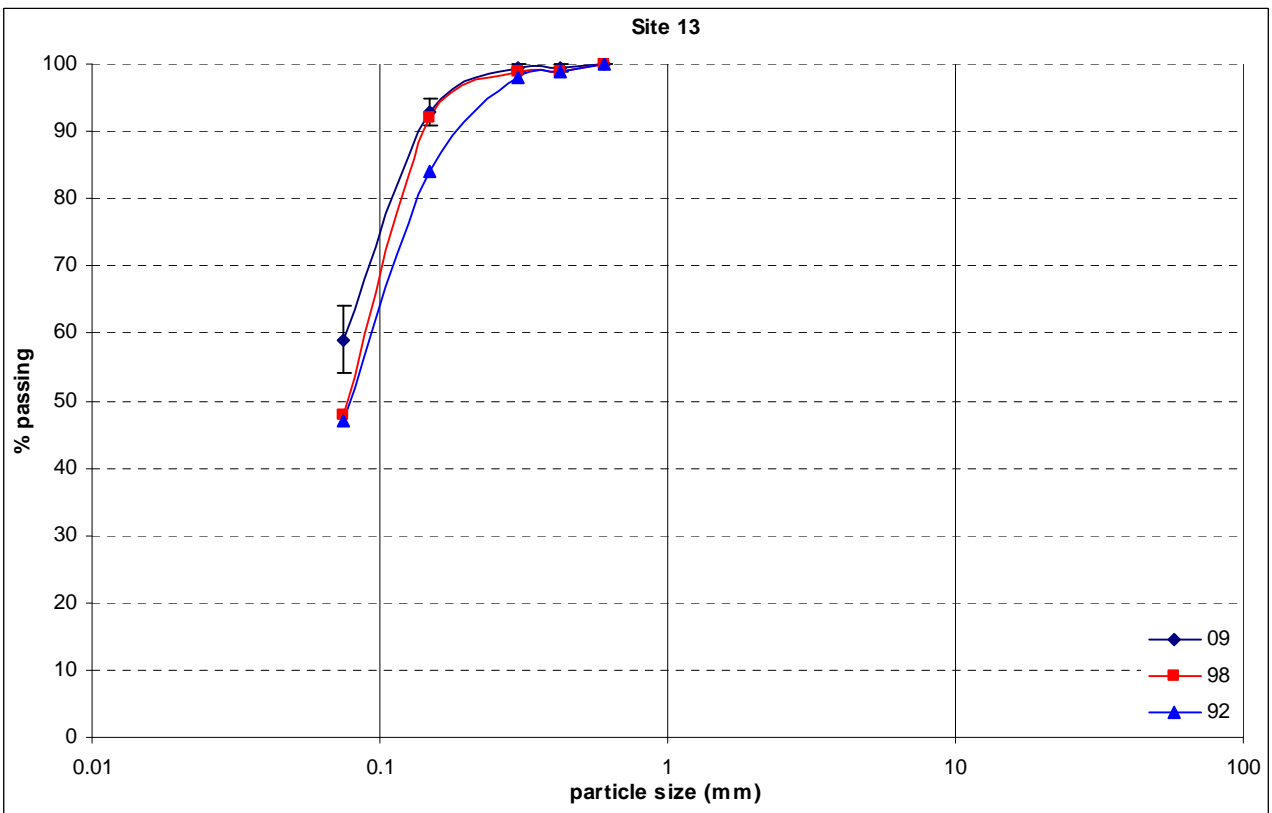
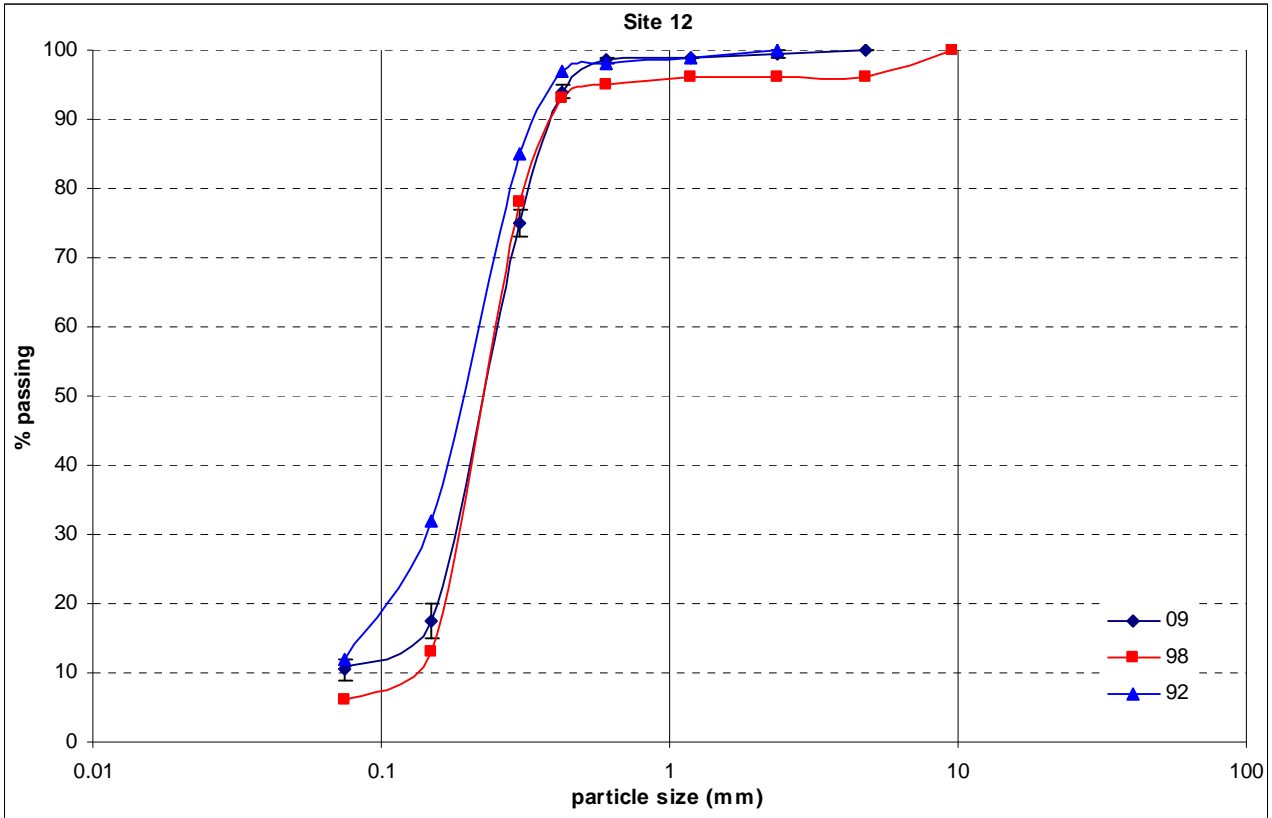


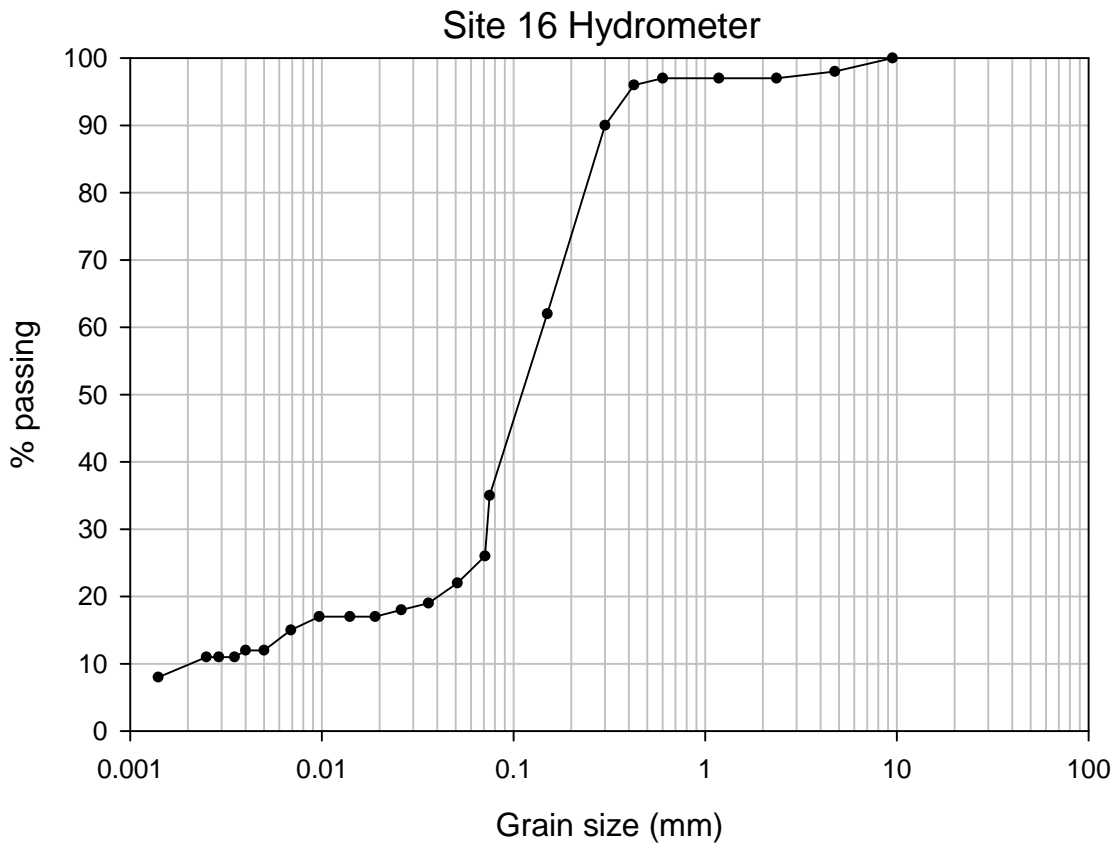
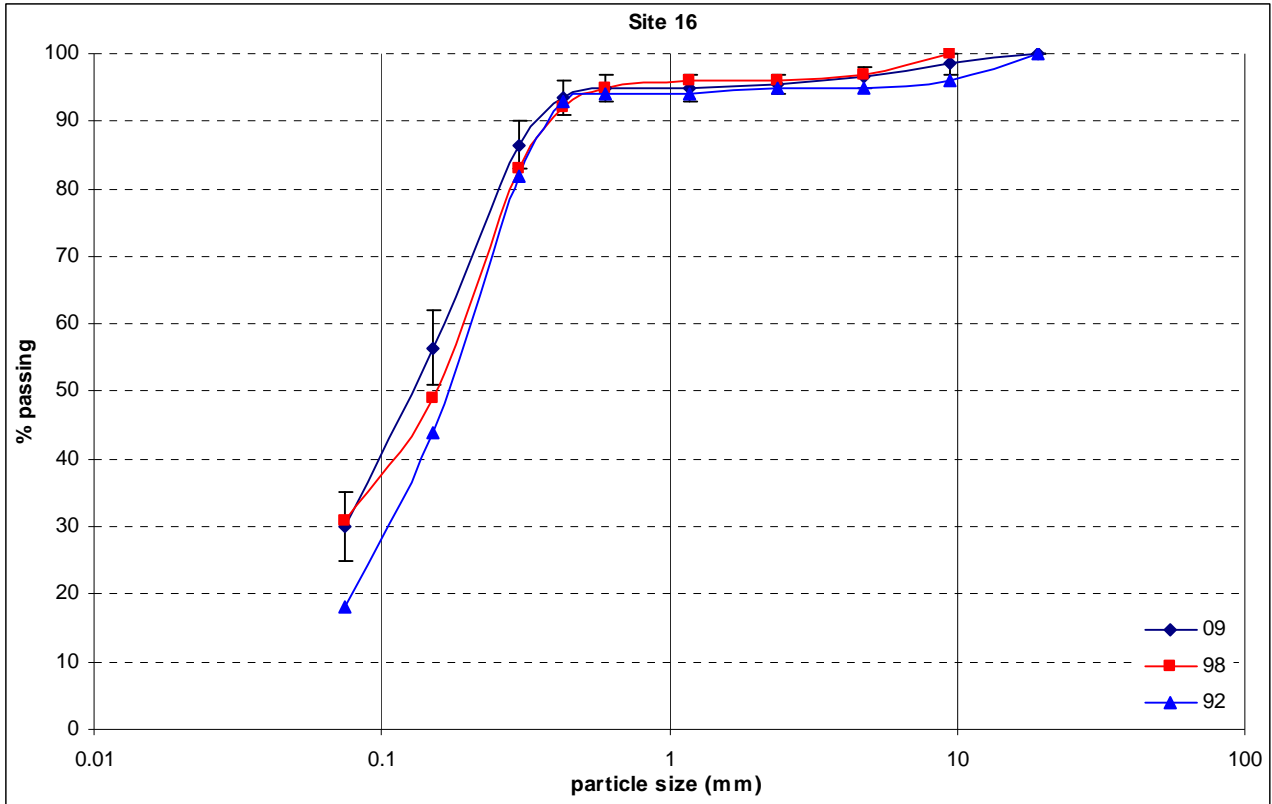


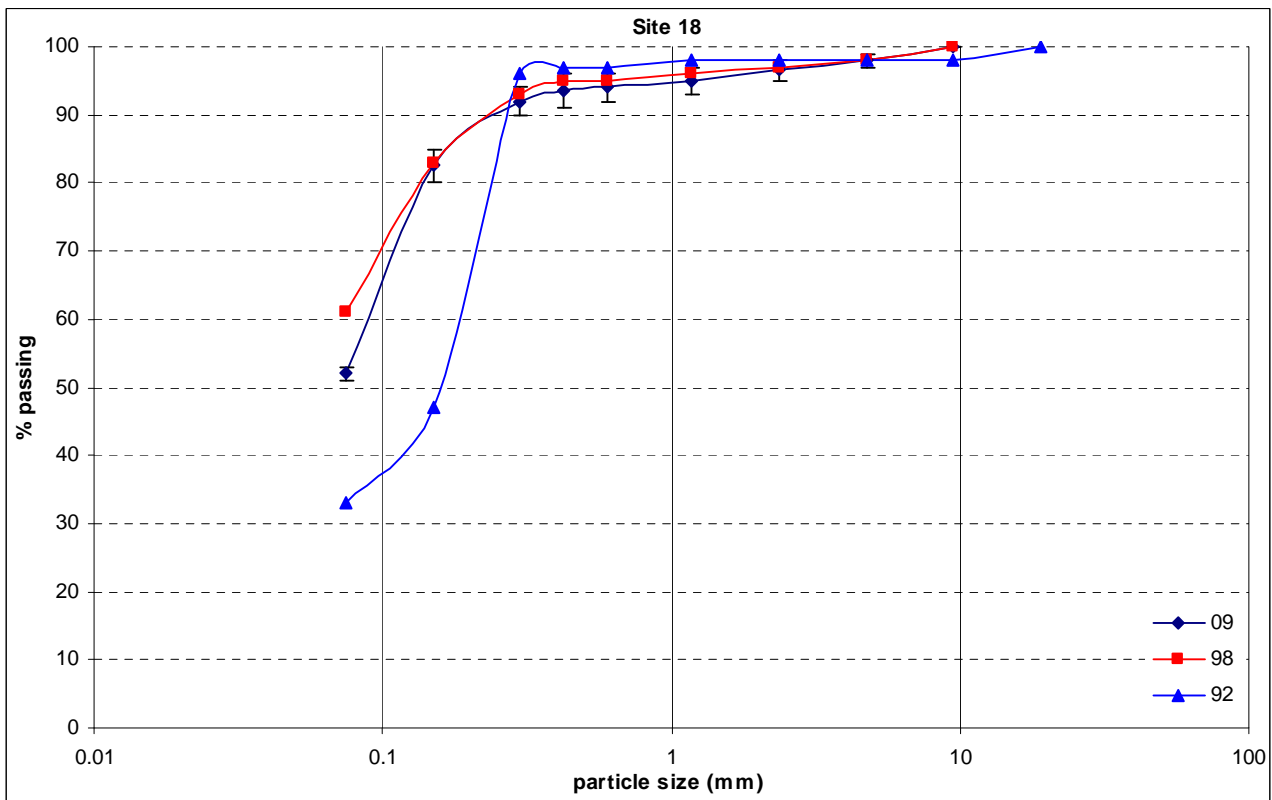
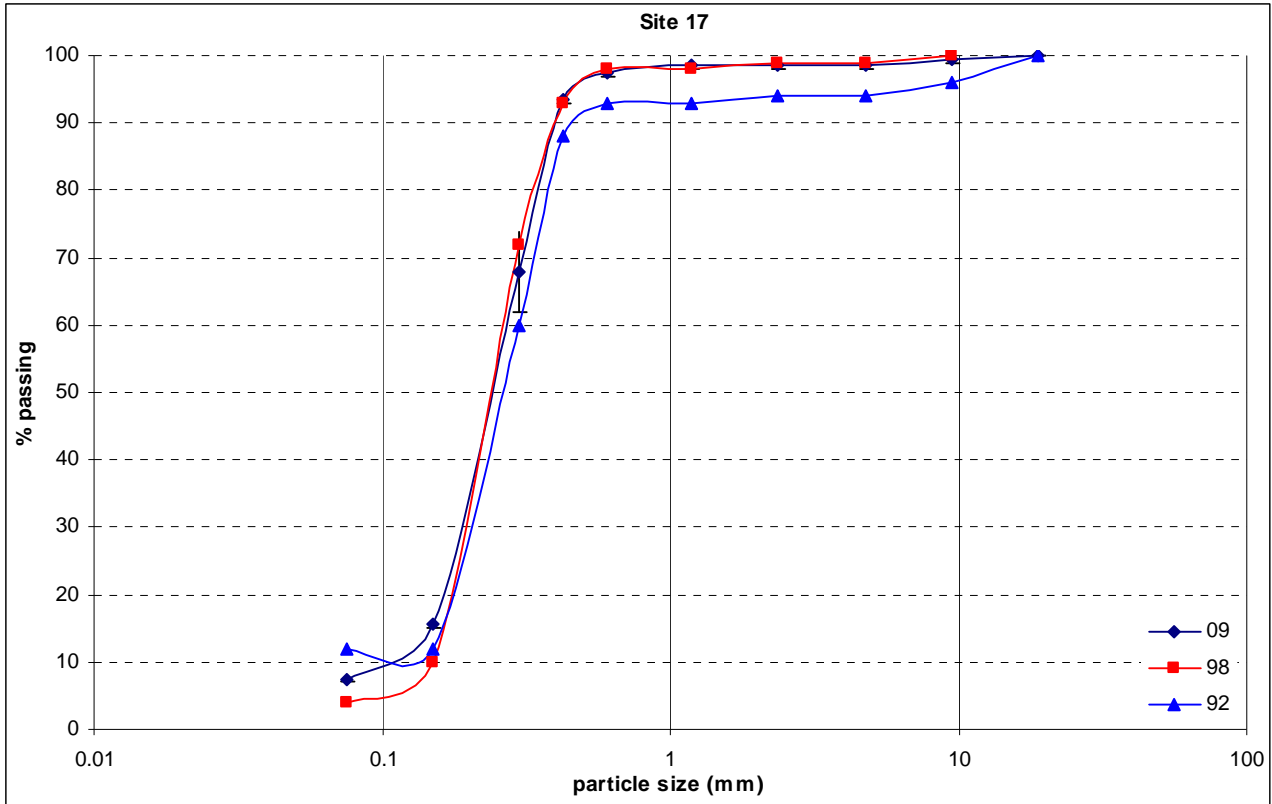


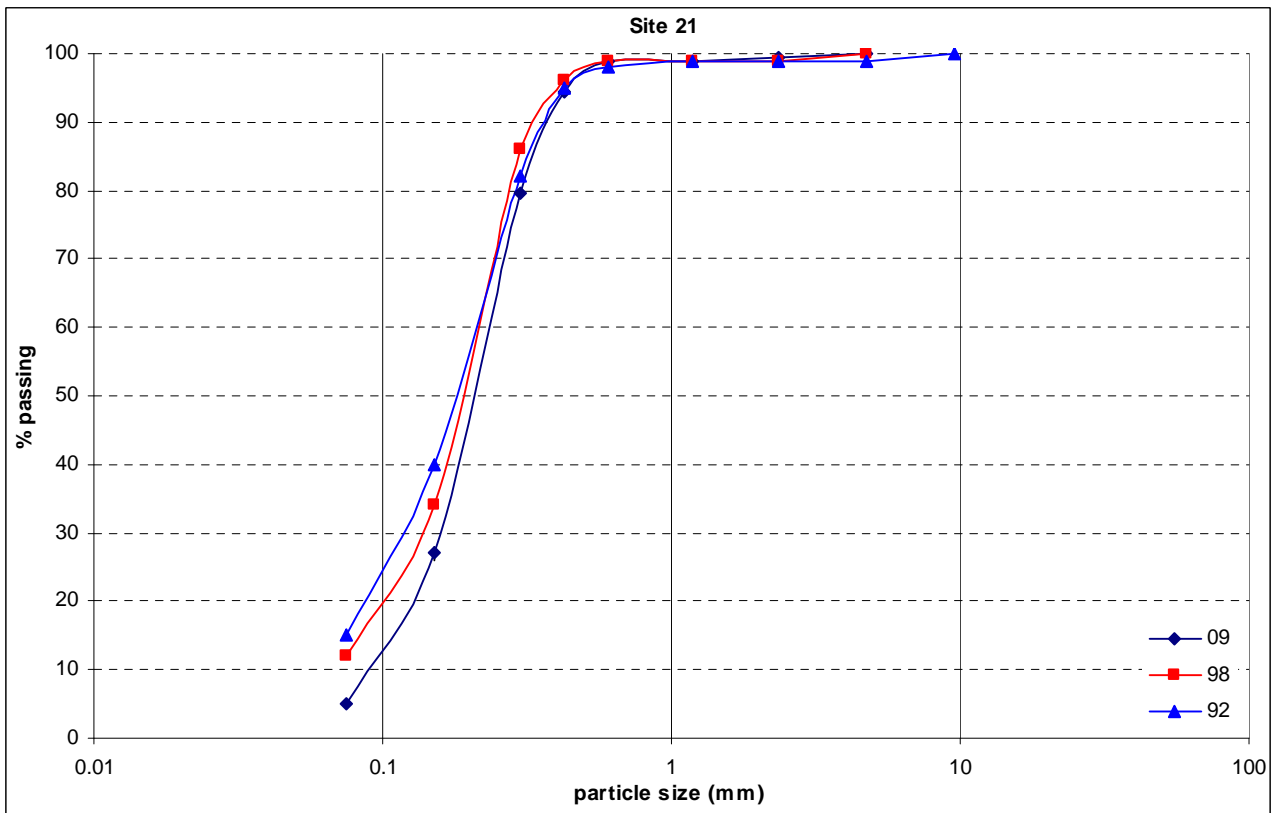
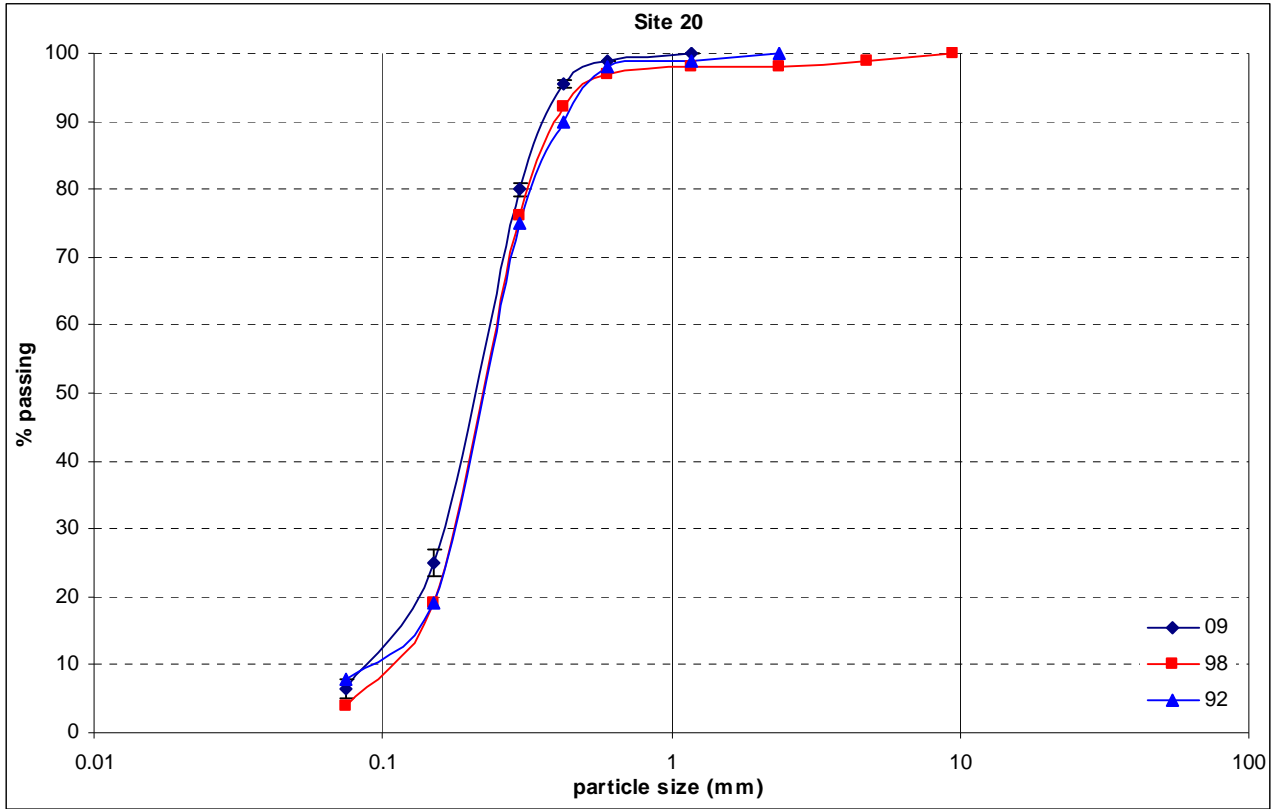


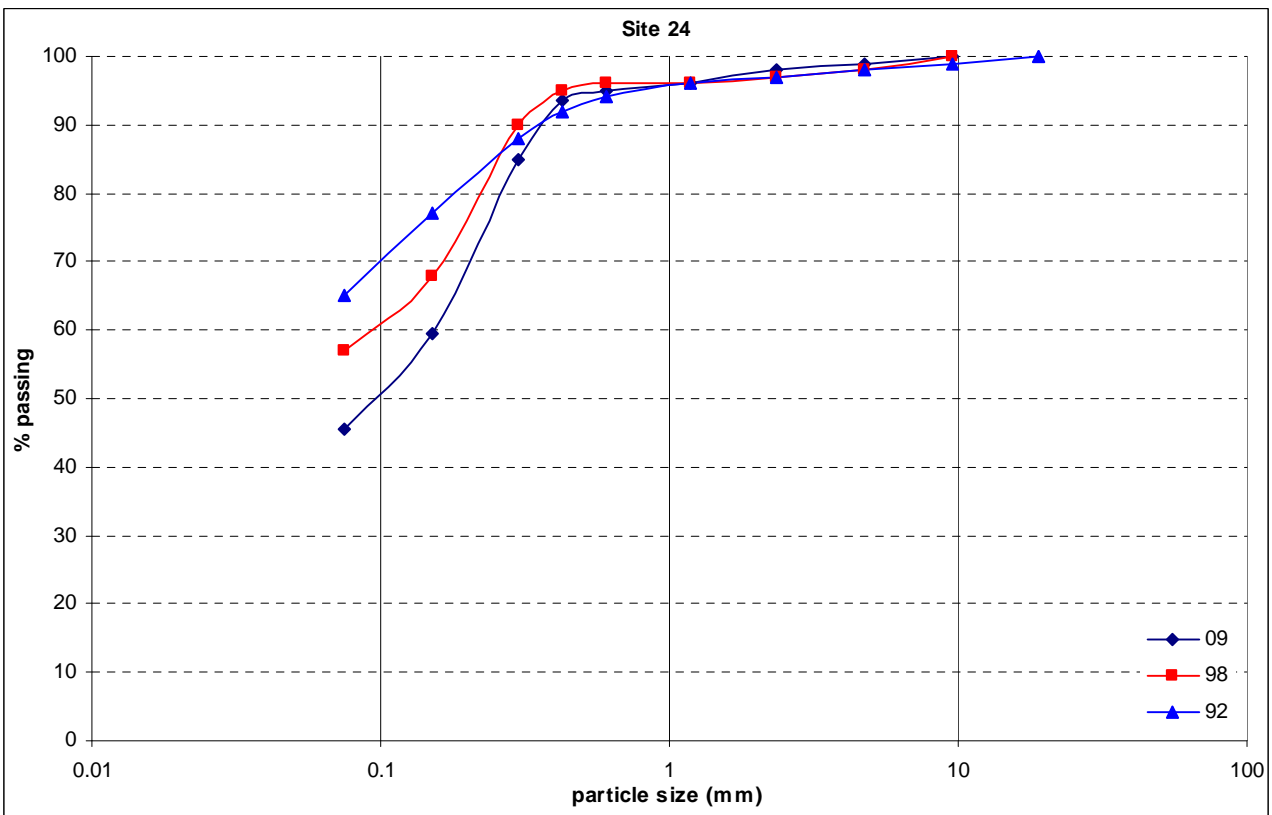
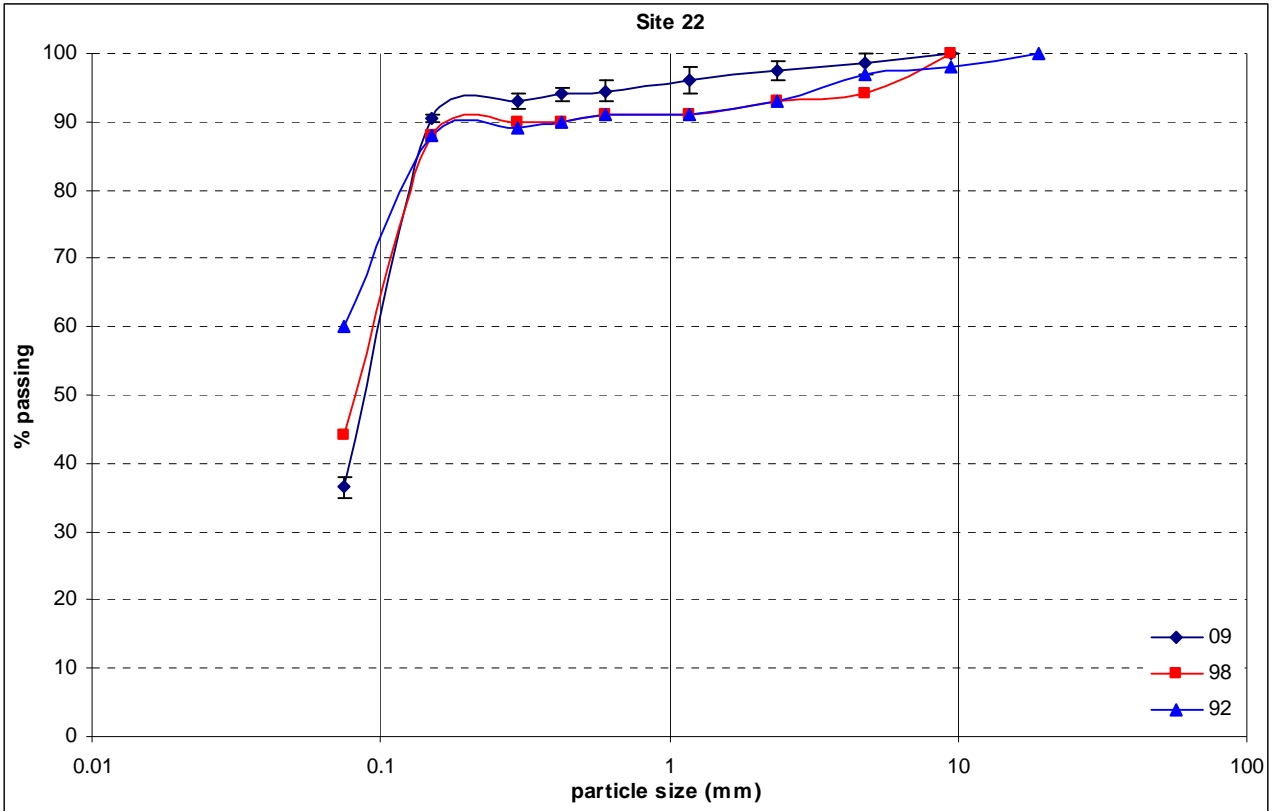


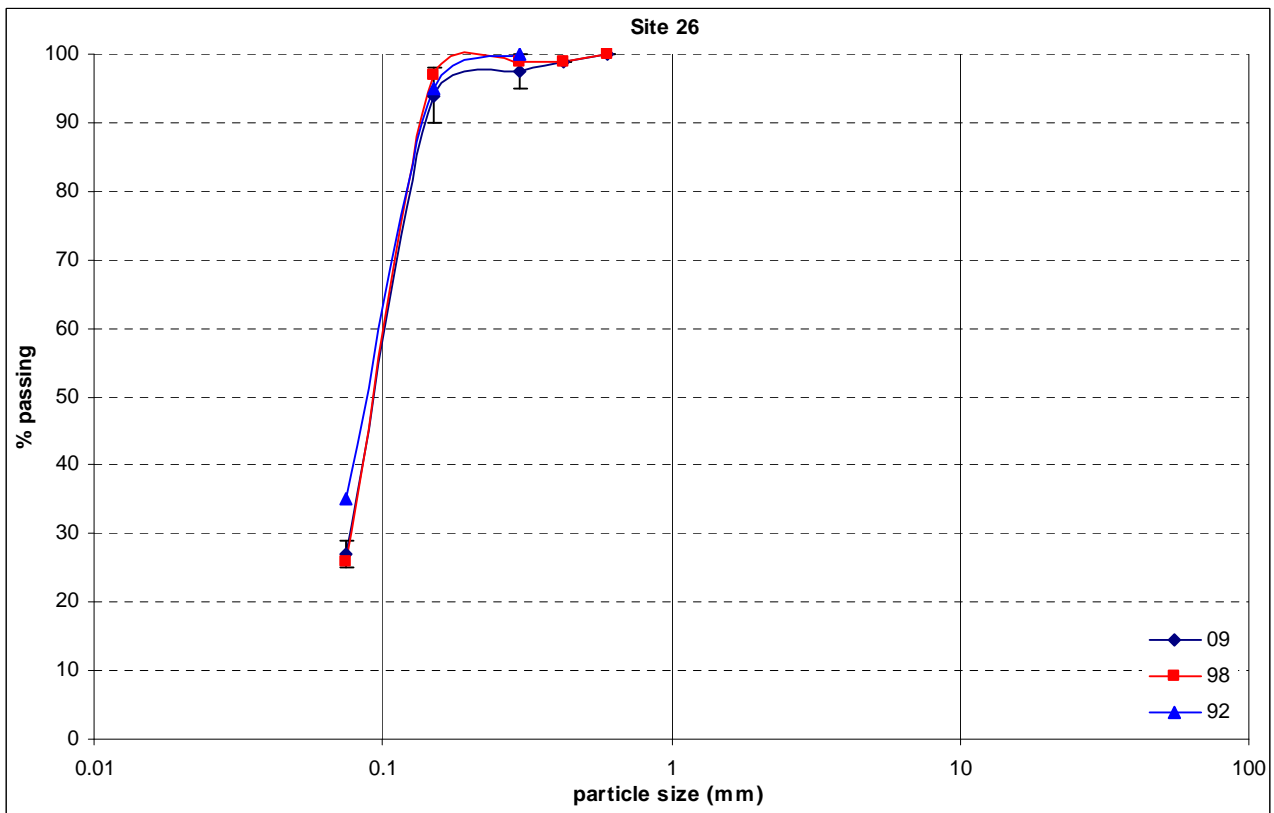
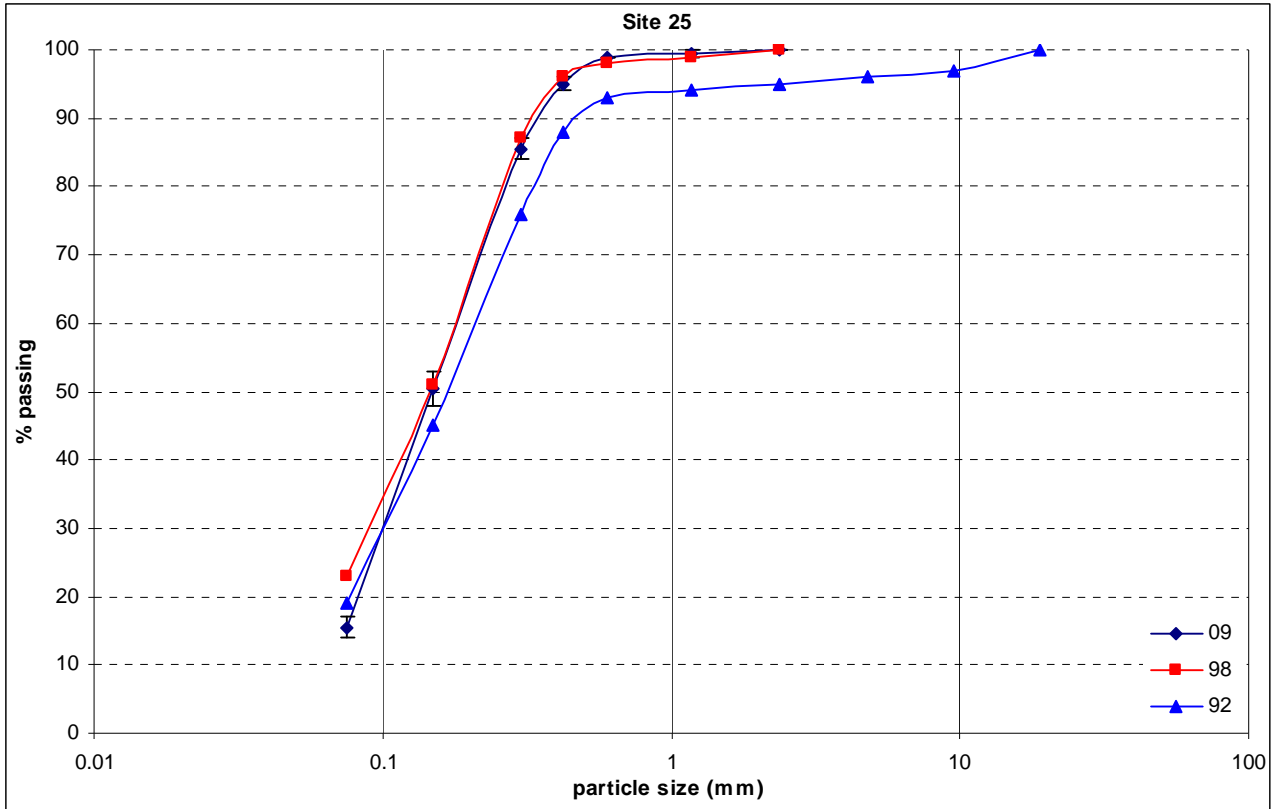


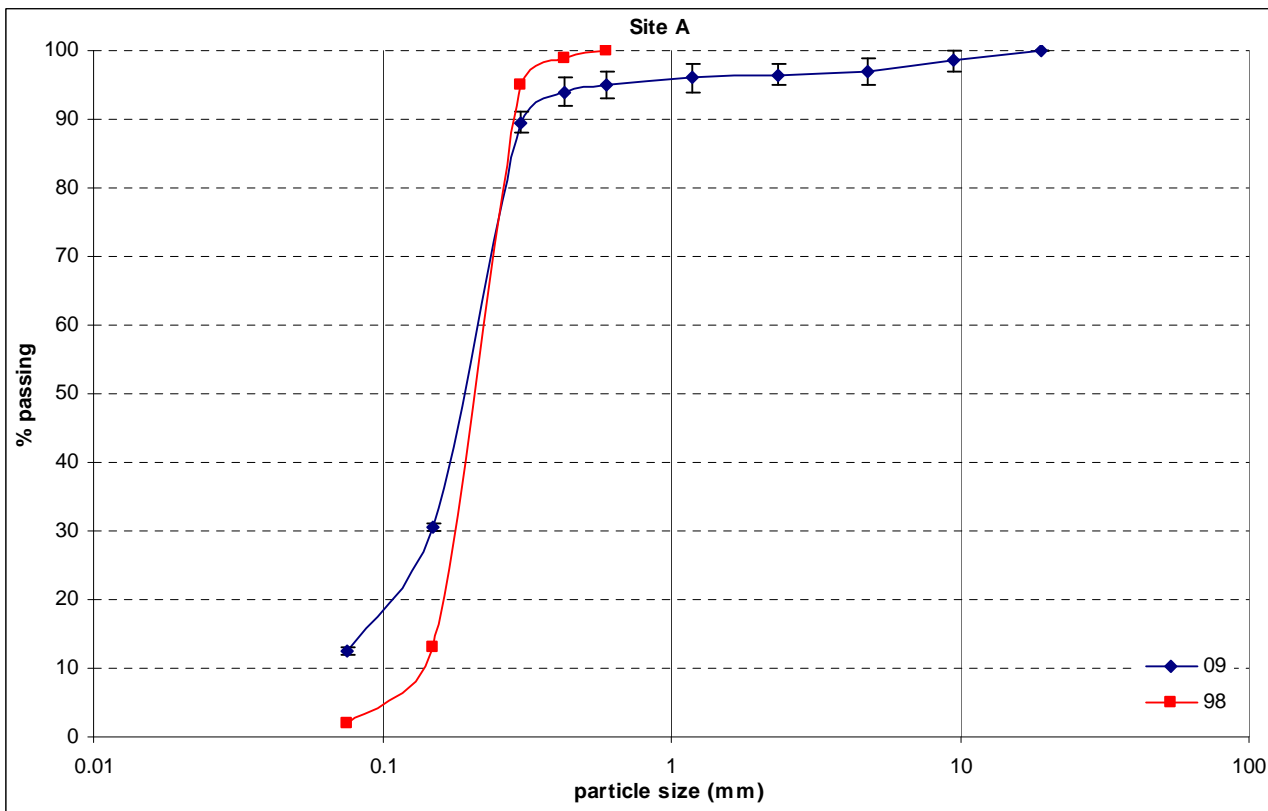
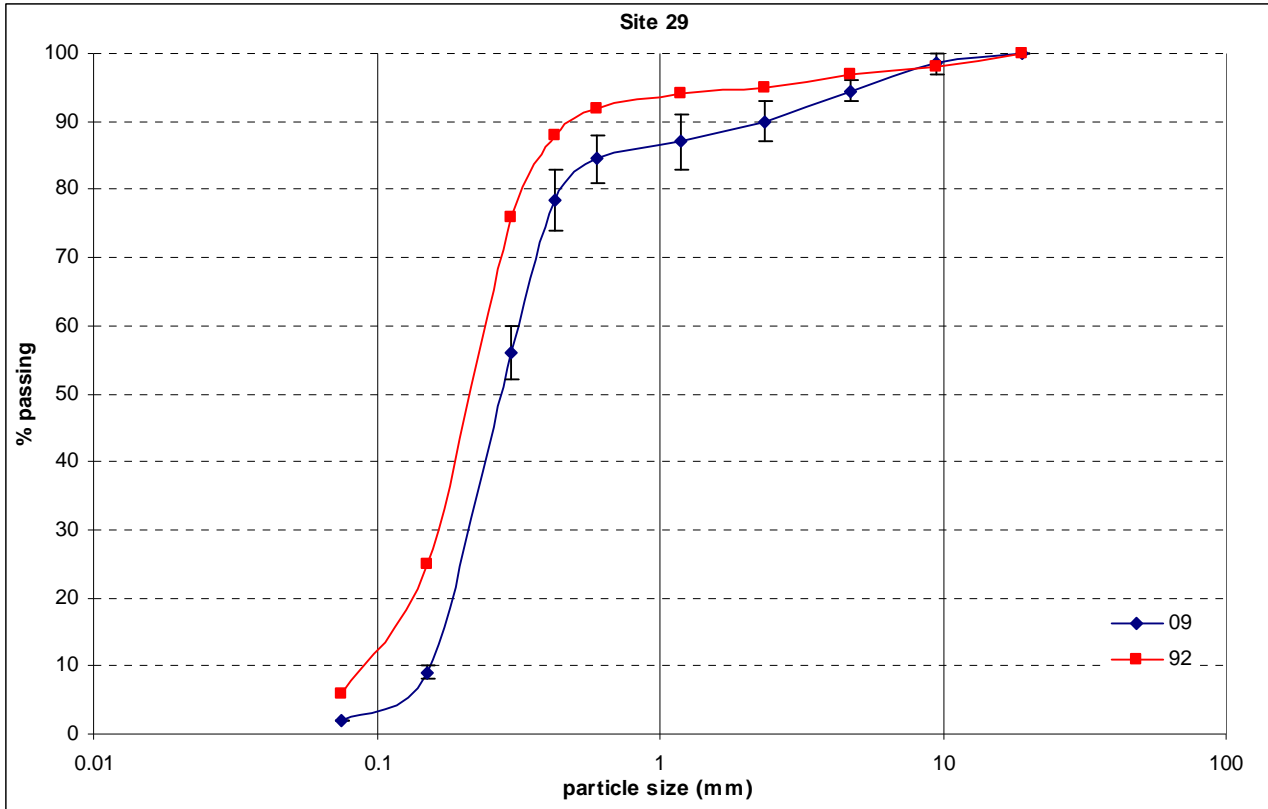


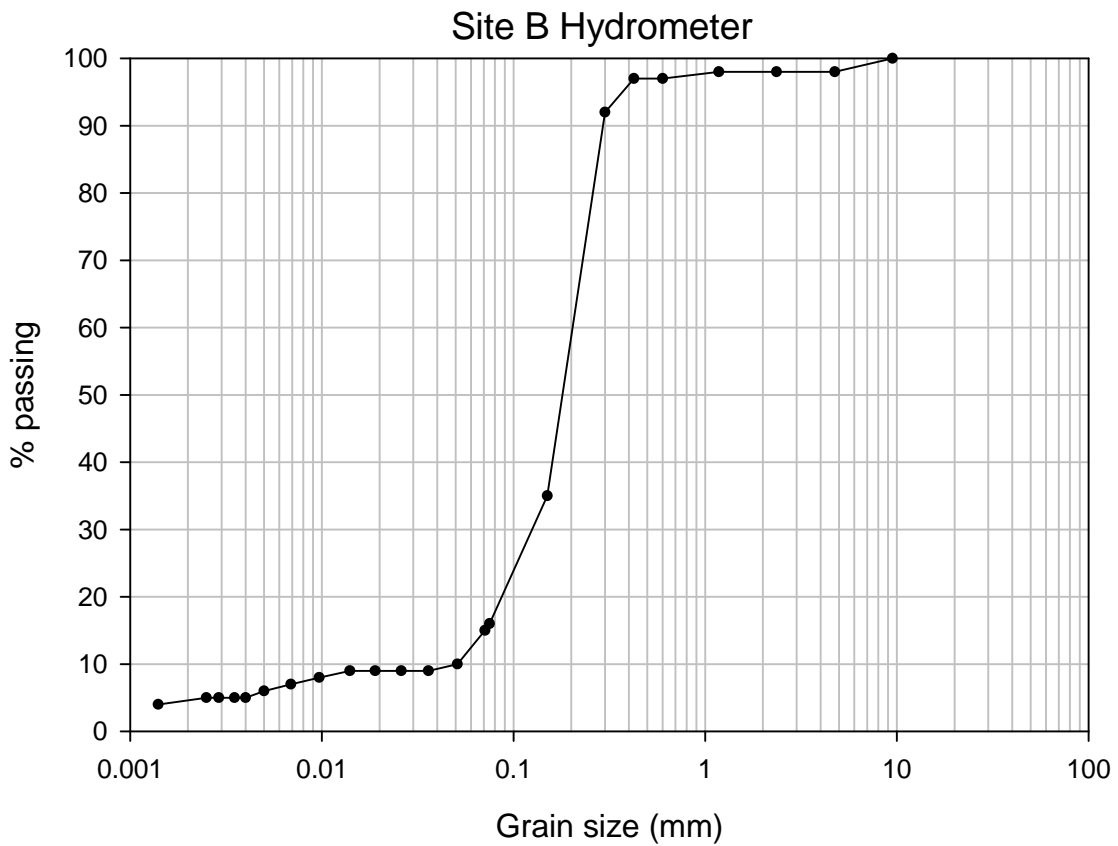
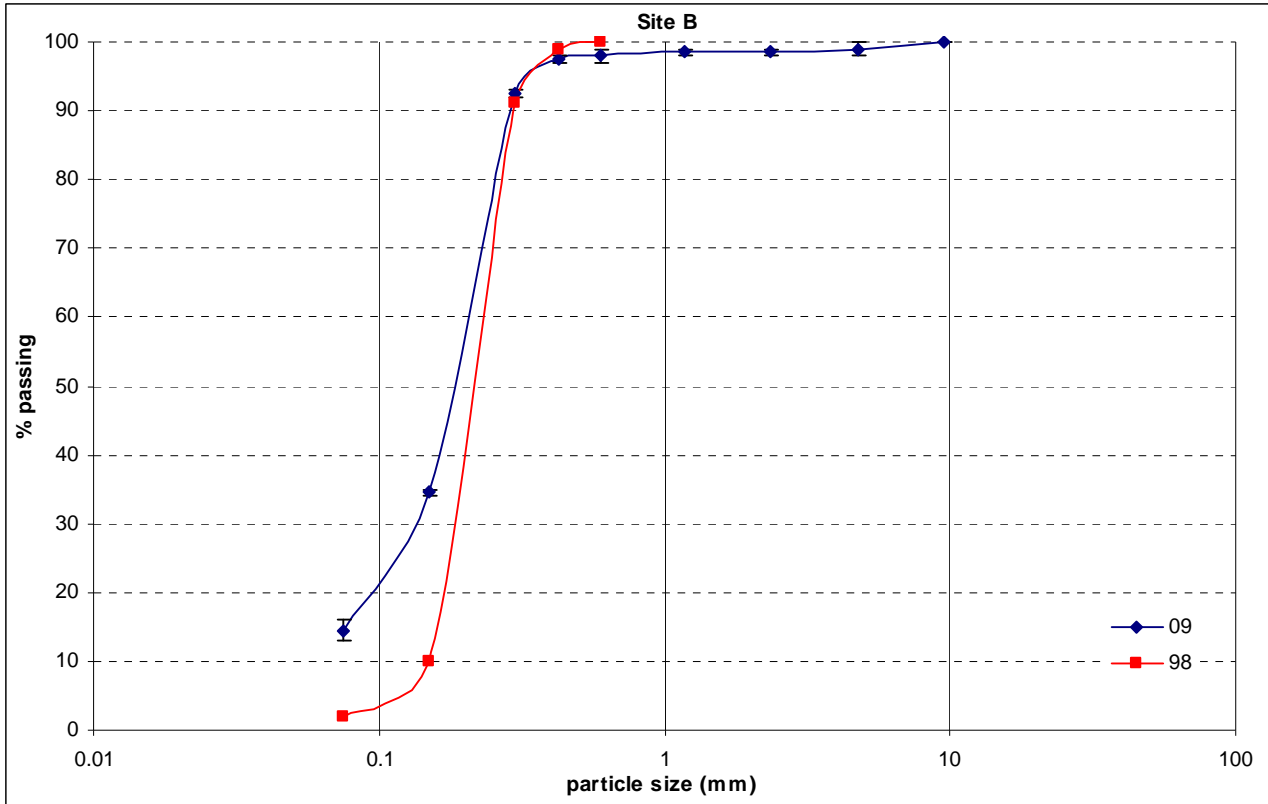


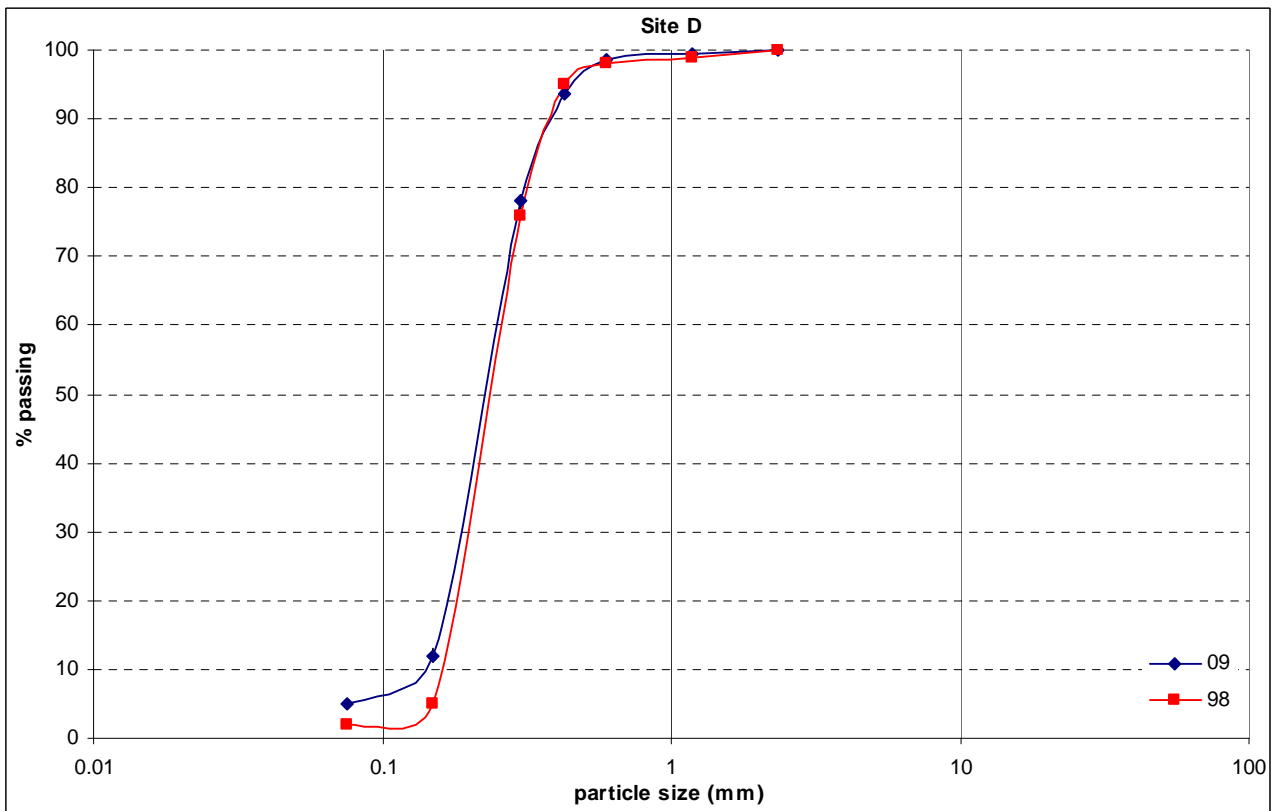
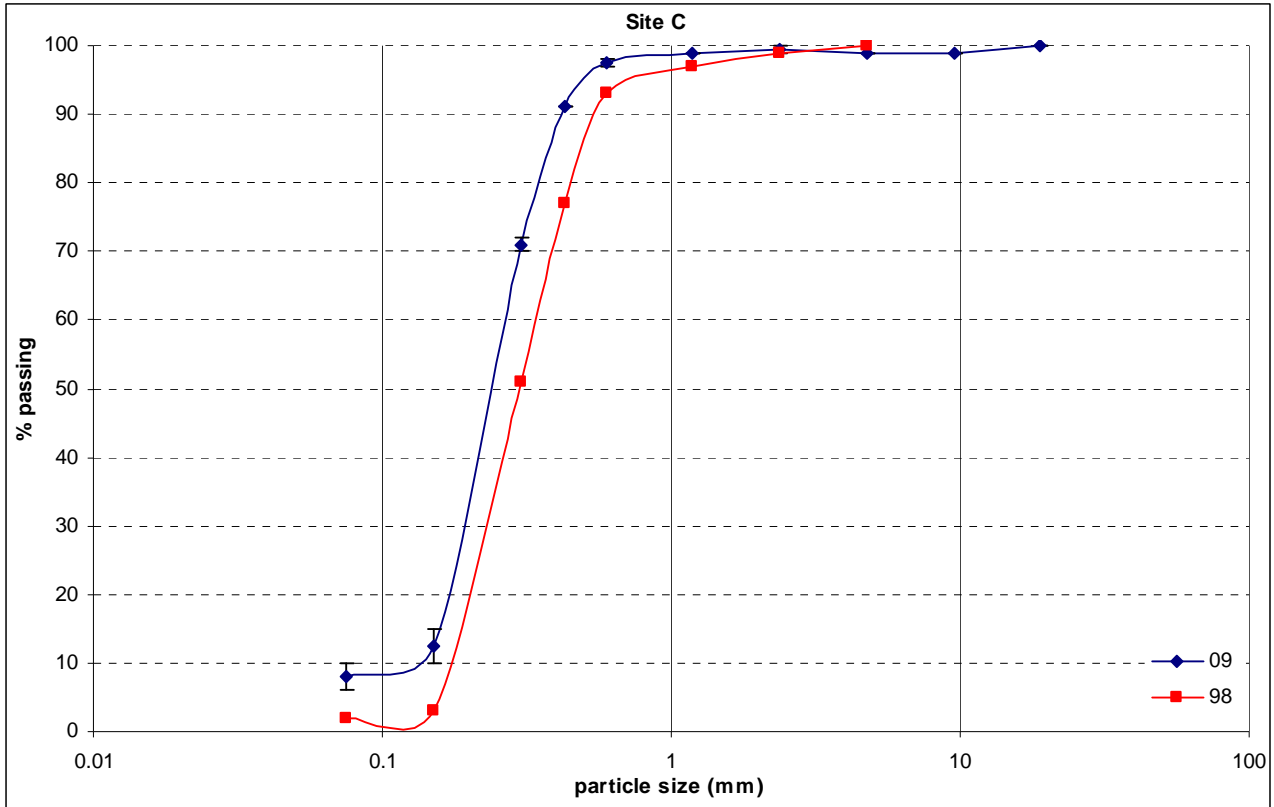


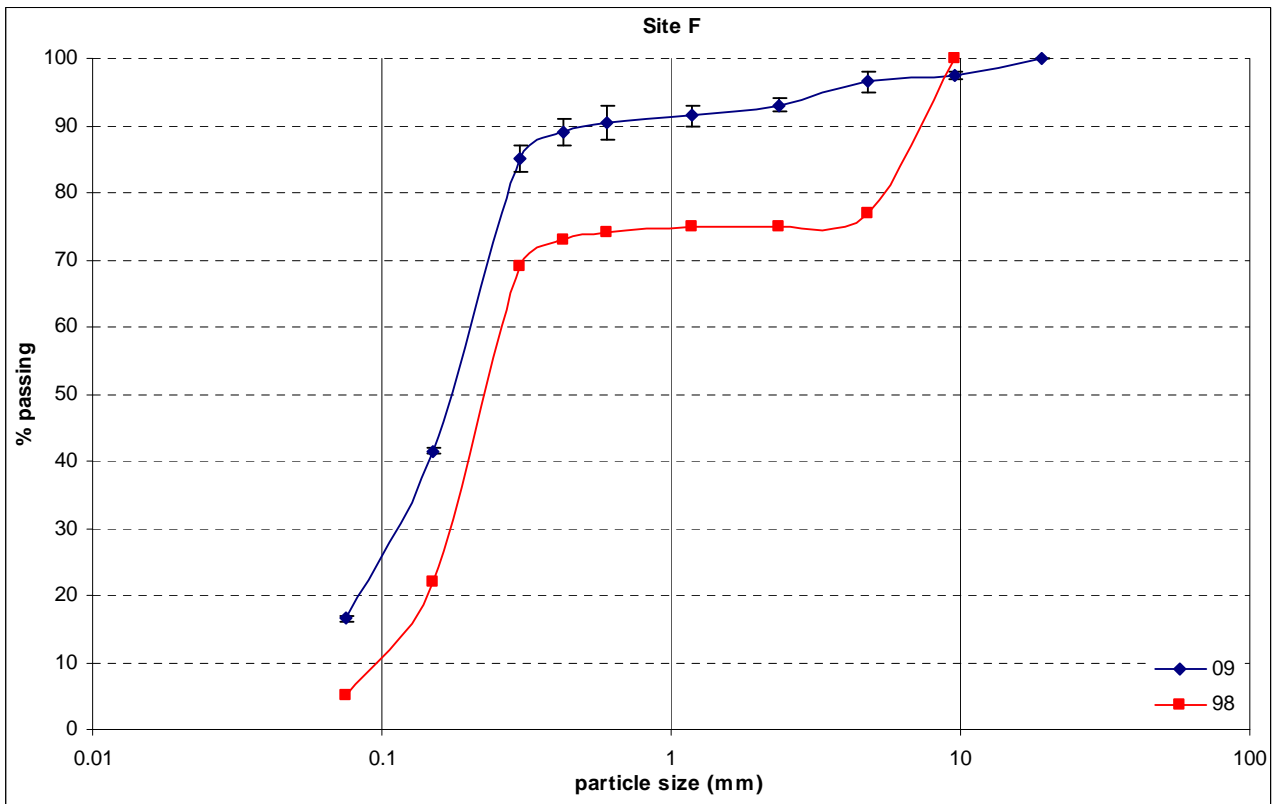
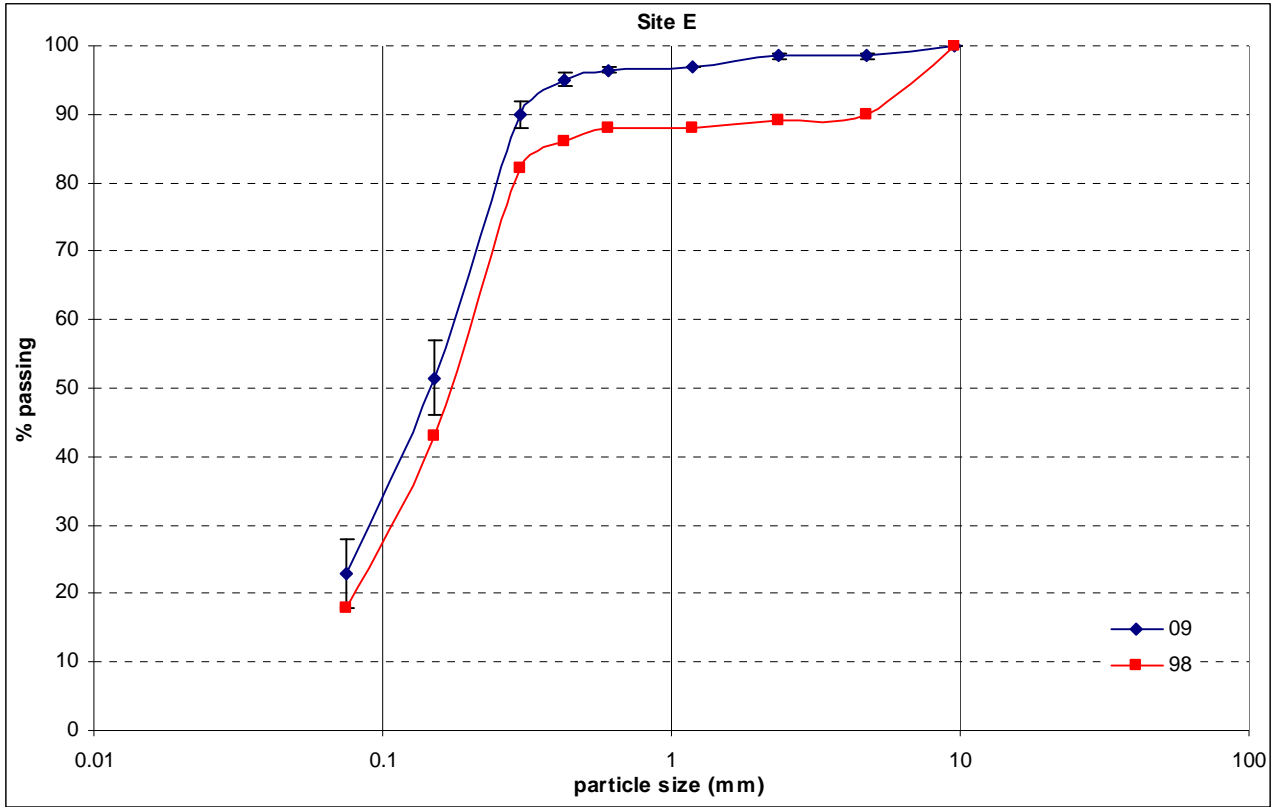


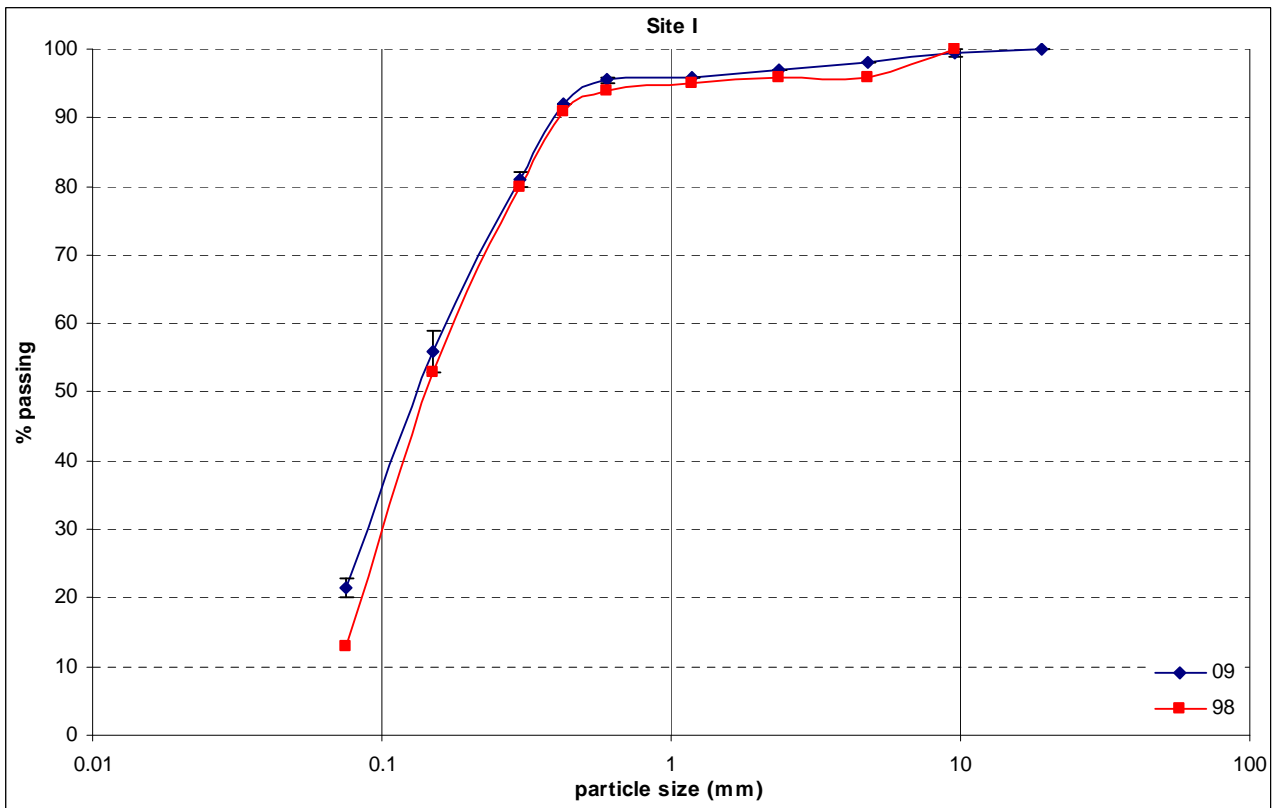
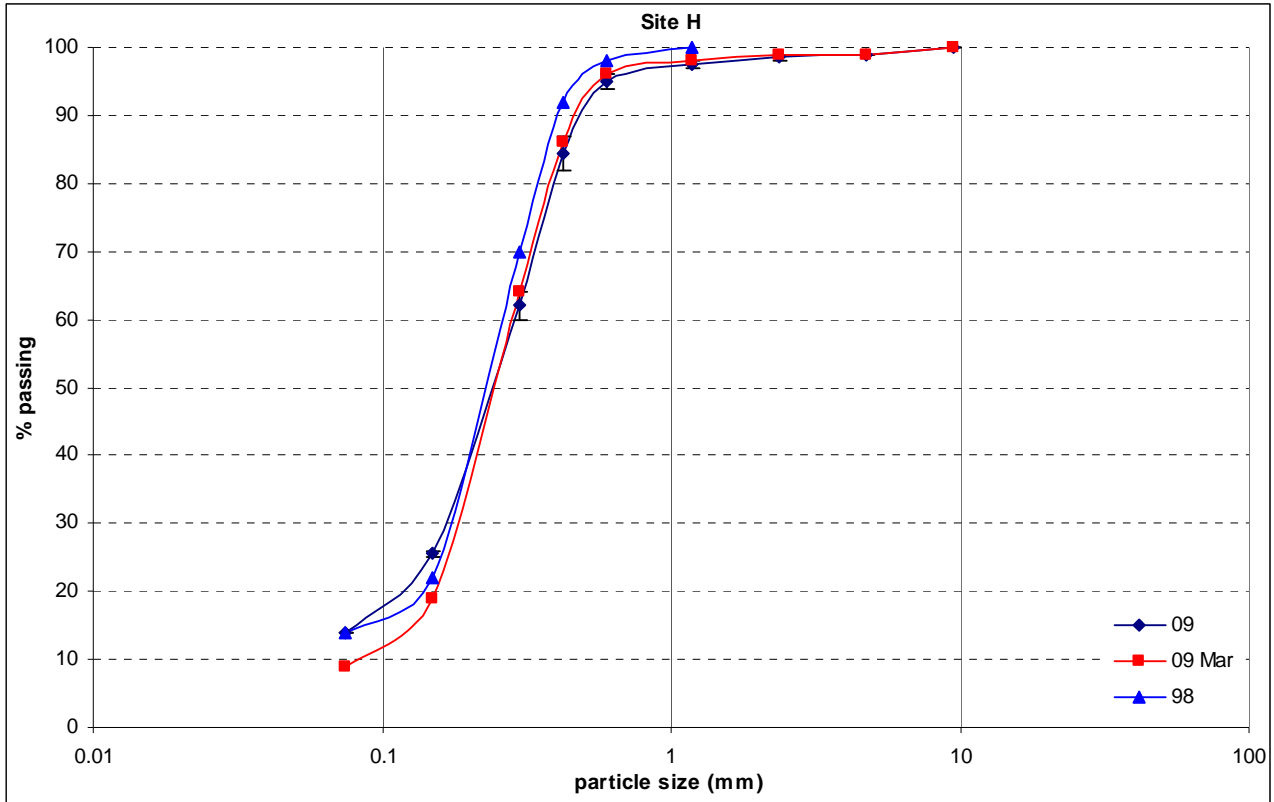


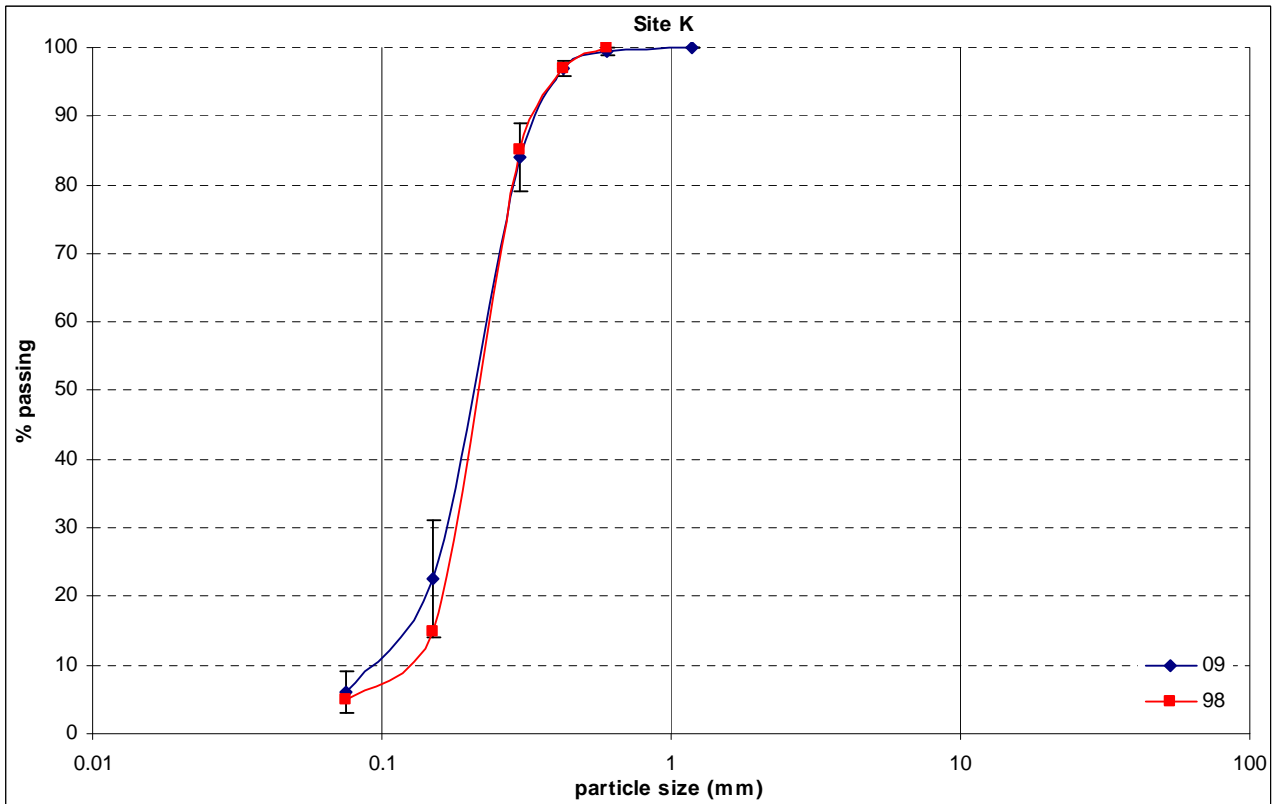
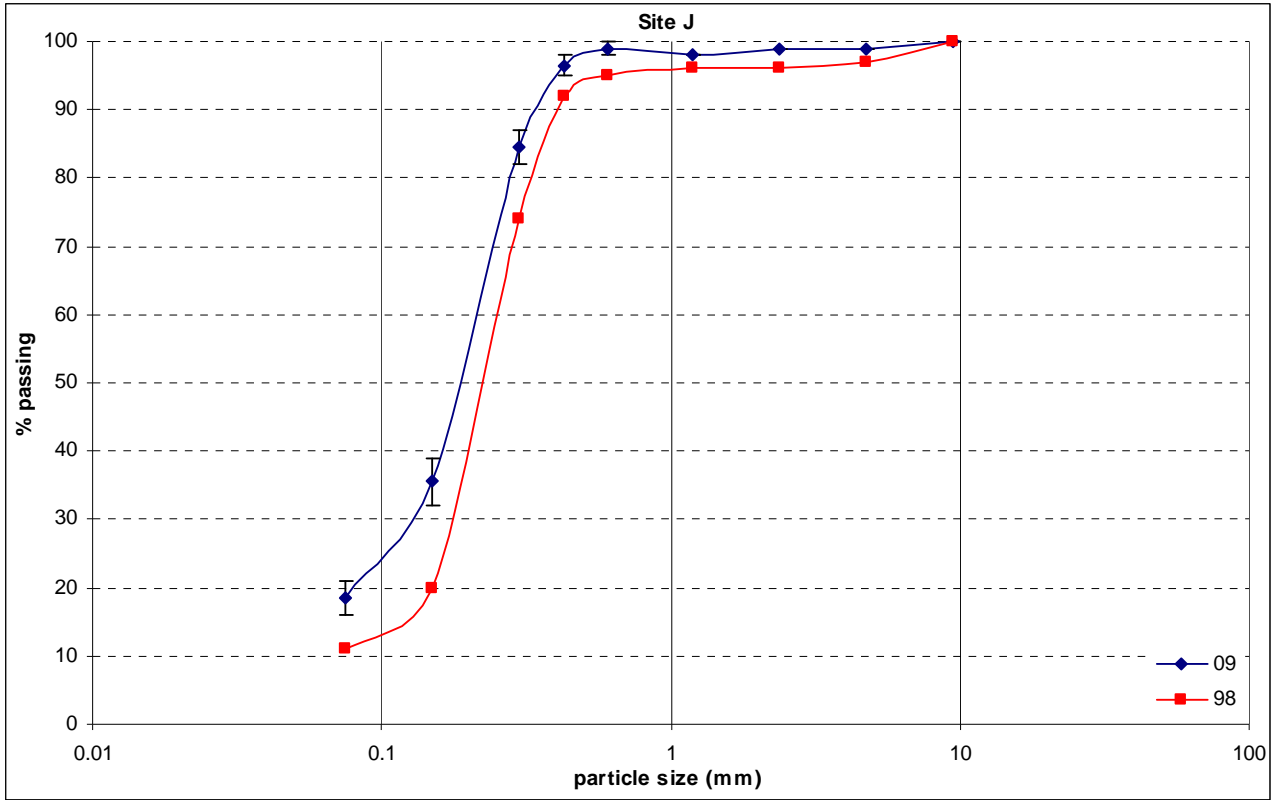


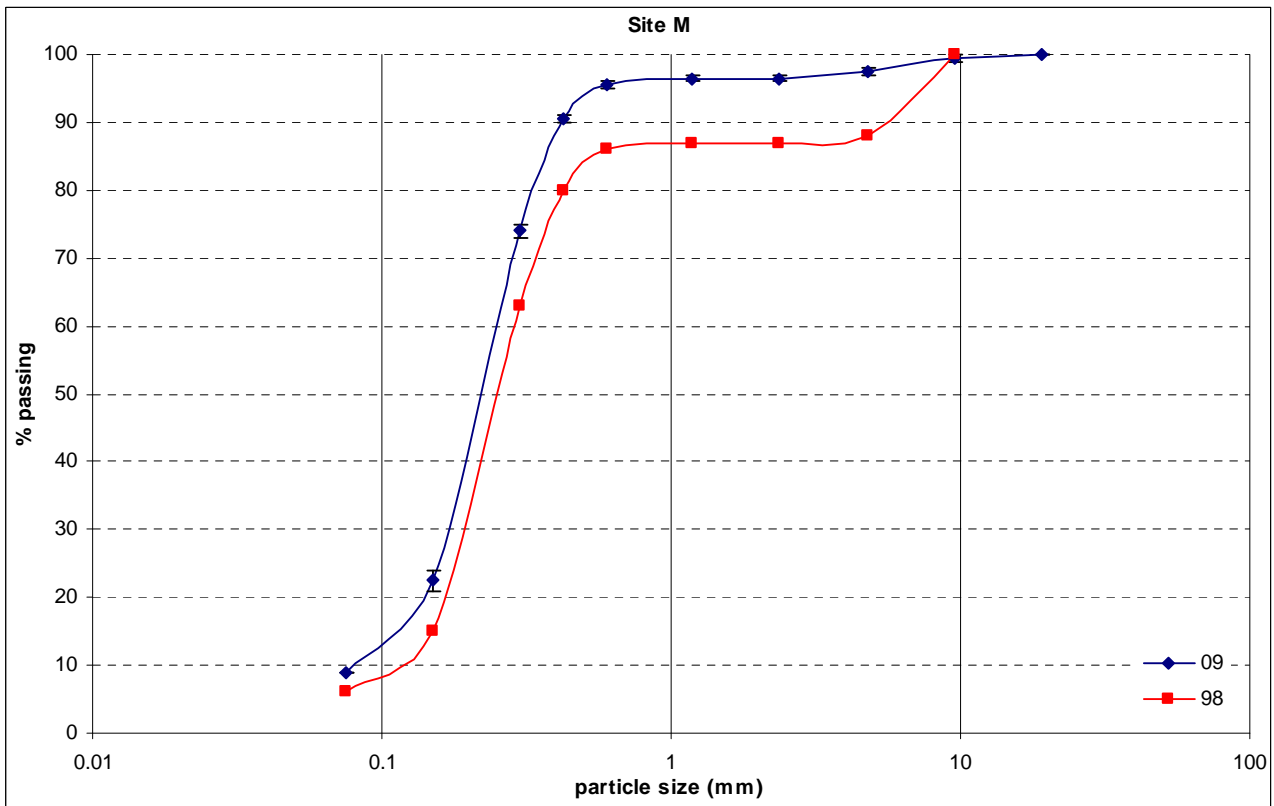
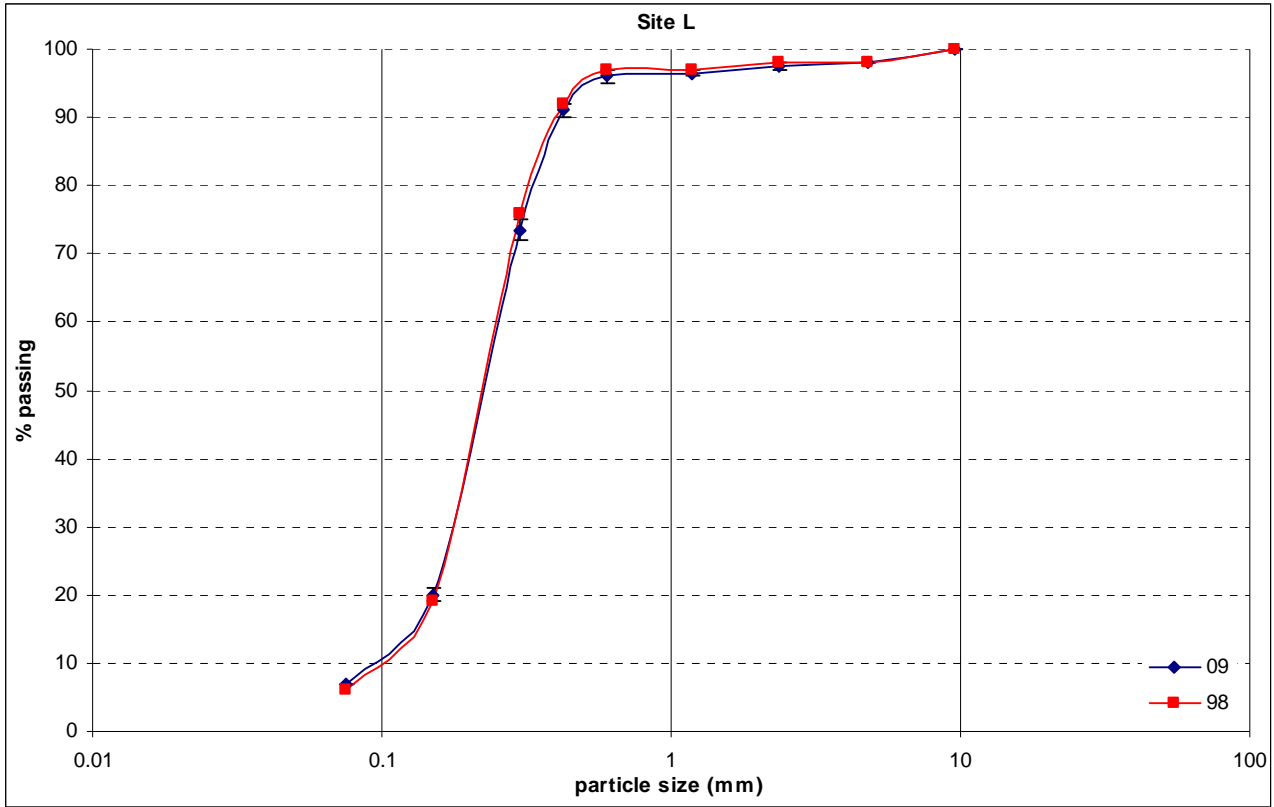


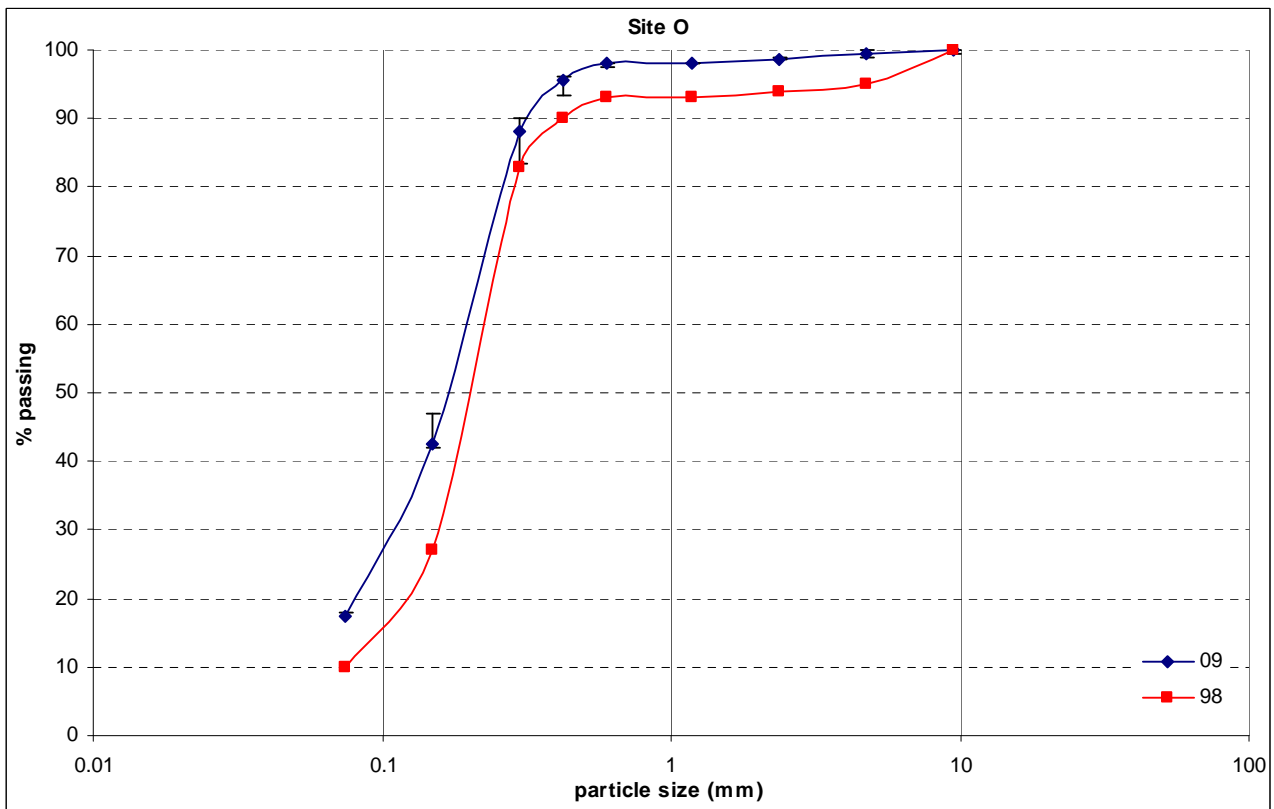
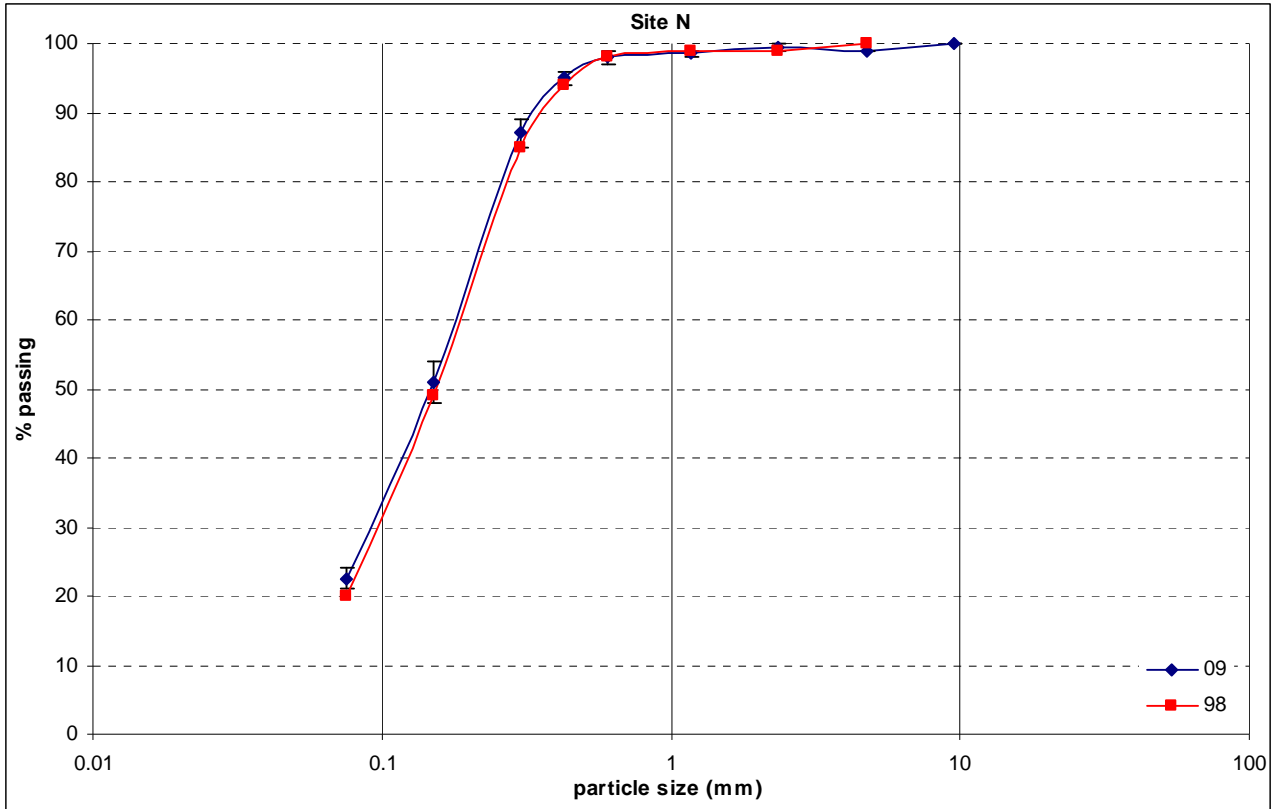


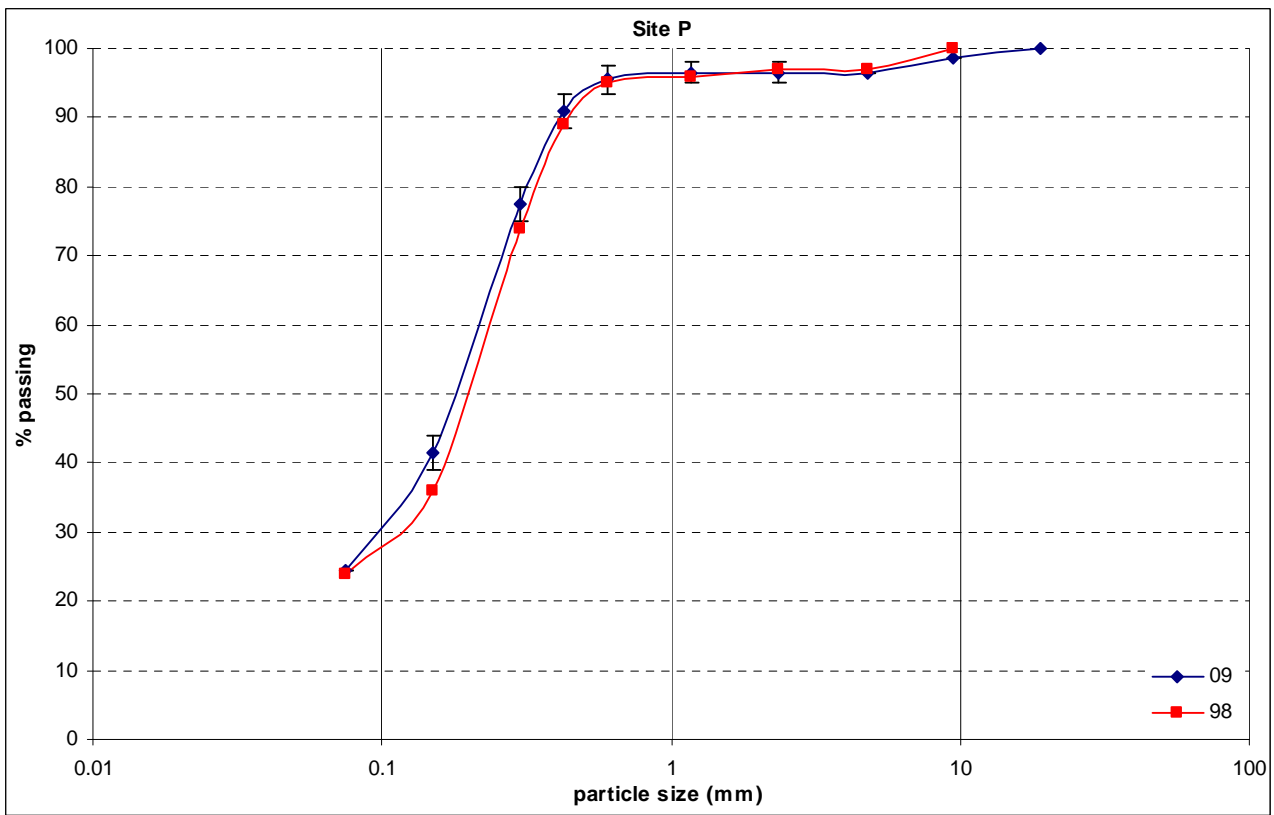
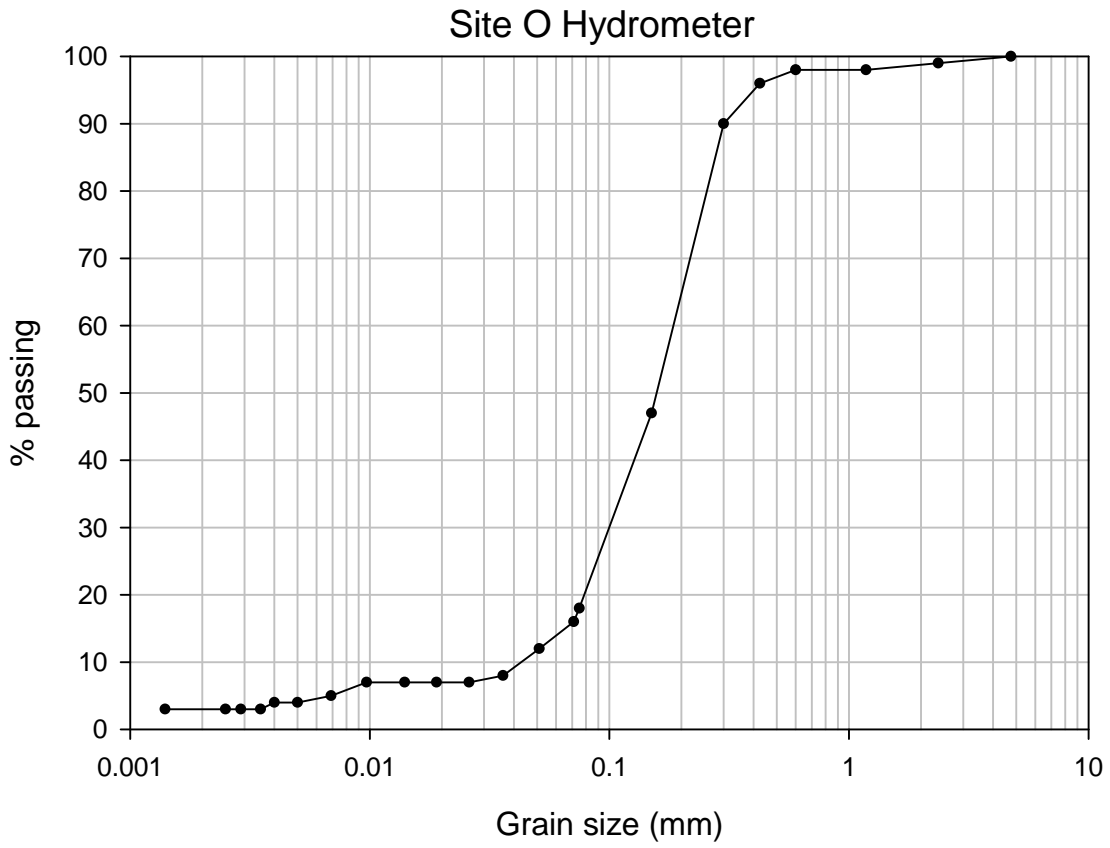


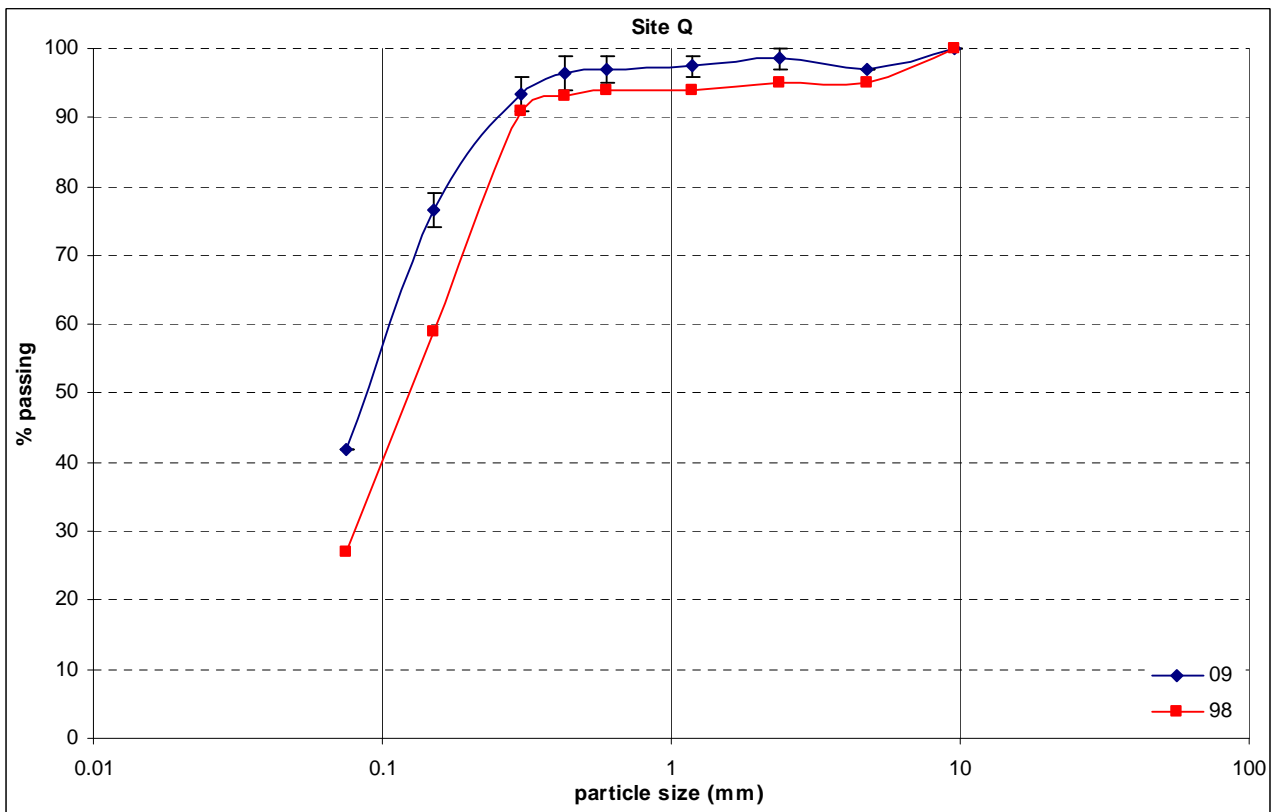
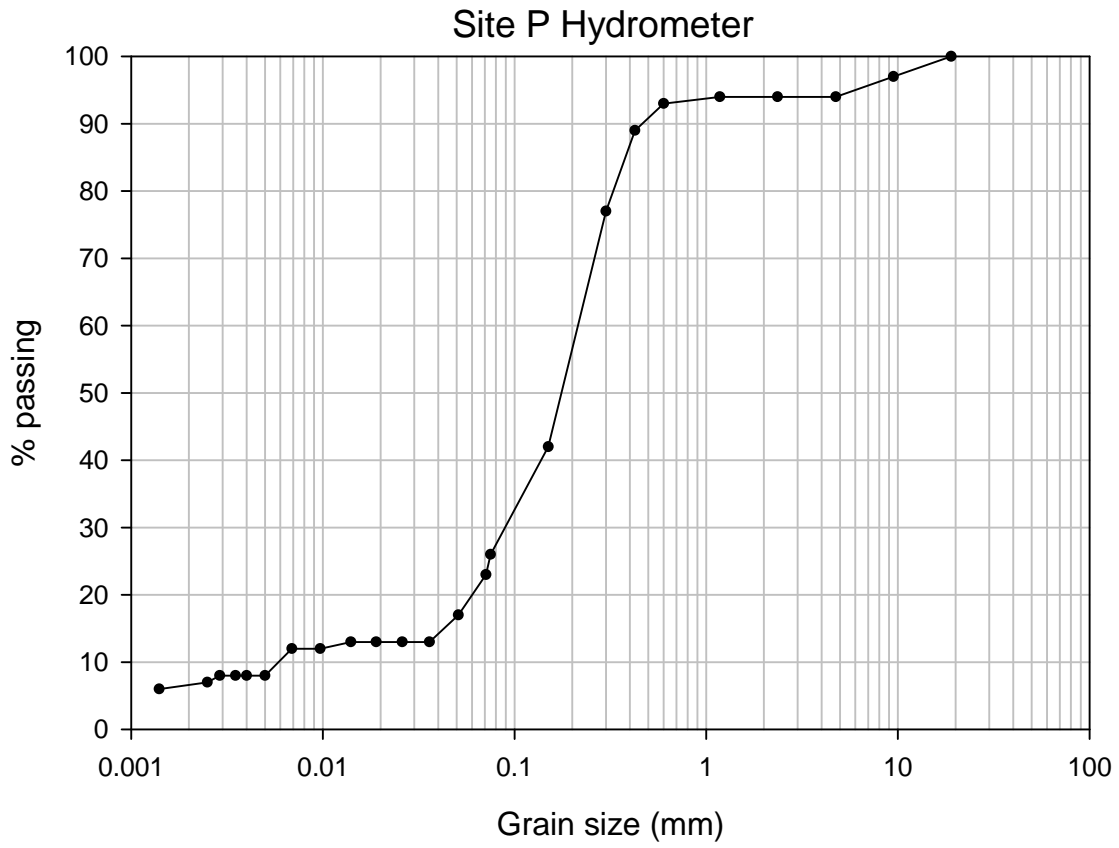


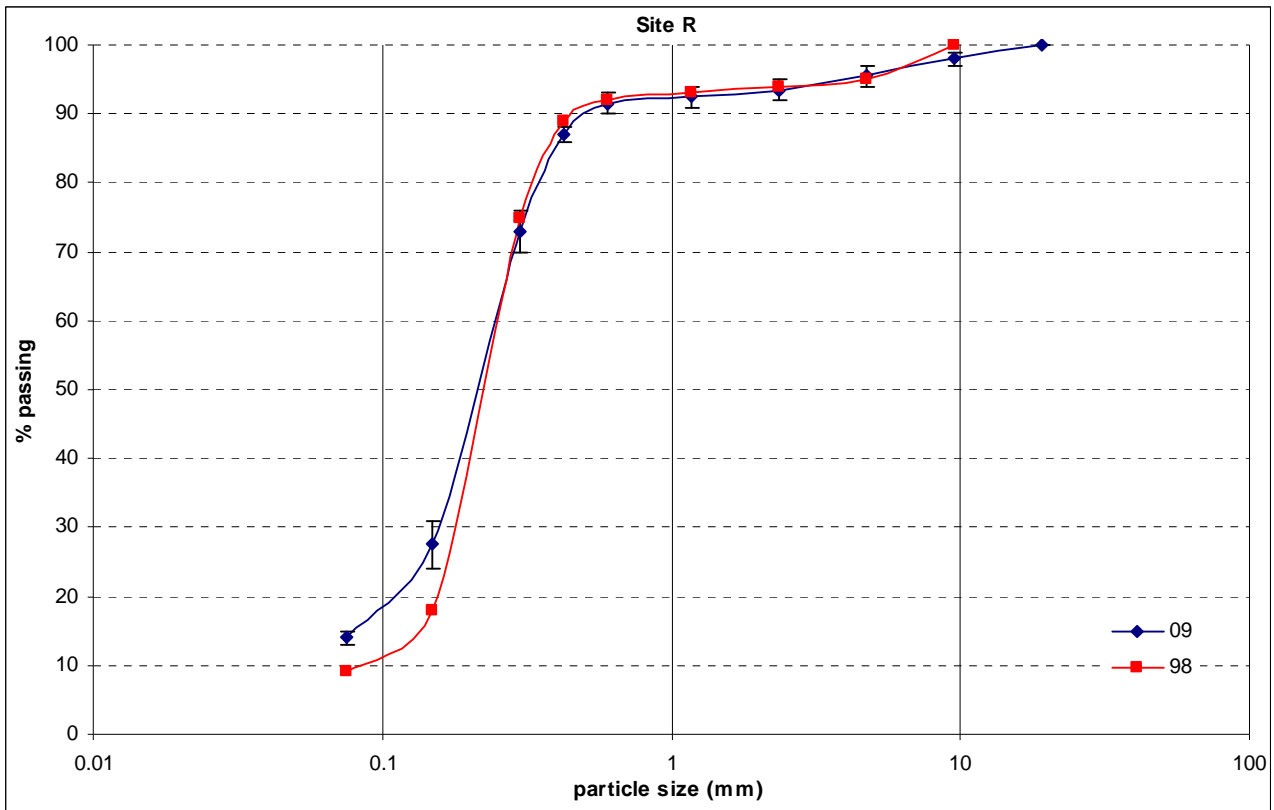












APPENDIX D: SAMPLING LOCATIONS

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