Supplementary Information

Microplastics in Latin America Ecosystems: A Critical Review of the Current Stage and Research Needs

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Table S1. Abundance of microplastics in water compartments across Latin America (n = 41 studies)

Location	Compartment	Sampling method	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Reference
Continental shelf and marine protected area, Argentina	marine surface water	manta trawl net (350 µm)	0.14 ± 0.08 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope with a polarizer	na	1
Patagonia, Argentina	marine bottom water	niskin bottle	10,500 items m^{-3}	microscope (50×), SEM-EDS	na	2
Río de la Plata, Argentina	estuary subsurface	plankton net (36 µm)	5-110 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR-ATR	3
Southwestern Atlantic Estuary, Argentina	estuary water column	nansen net (60 µm)	ni	stereomicroscope	na	4
Rio de la Plata, Argentina	estuary subsurface water	plankton net (36 µm)	139 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope (5.6×)	na	5
Bahía Blanca, Argentina	estuary water column	van dorn bottle and plankton net (60 µm)	5,900 to 782,000 item m^{-3} (bottle)-42.6 to 113.6 item m^{-3} (net)	stereomicroscope	na	6
Langueyú stream, Argentina	freshwater surface	bucket	23.6×10^6 items m^{-3}	optical microscope	Raman	7
Bahía Blanca, Argentina	estuary surface water	bottle	3000-11500 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope, SEM-EDX, XRD	FTIR	8
La Salada Lake, Argentina	freshwater surface	bucket	40-143.3 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	9

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Location	Compartment	Sampling method	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Reference
Patagonia, Argentina	freshwater surface	net (38 µm)	0.9 ± 0.6 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	Raman	10
Equatorial Atlantic, Brazil	marine subsurface water	plankton net (300 µm)	0.01 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope (5×)	na	11
Western Tropical Atlantic Ocean, Brazil	marine surface water	plankton net (300 µm)	0.03 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope (5×)	na	12
Guanabara Bay, Brazil	marine surface water	plankton net (150 µm)	16.4 items m^{-3}	microscope (56×)	na	13
Guanabara Bay, Brazil	marine surface and subsurface water	plankton net (64 and 200 µm)	0.6-11 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	14
Guanabara Bay, Brazil	marine surface water	plankton net (64 and 300 µm)	0.6-11 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR-ATR	15
Western equatorial Atlantic, Brazil	marine subsurface water	plankton net (120 and 300 µm)	0.02 ± 0.01-0.14 ± 0.11 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	16
Guanabara Bay, Brazil	marine surface water	plankton net (120 µm)	1.01-56.33 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope, SEM-EDS	FTIR-ATR	17
Bahía Blanca Estuary, Argentina	estuary surface	nansen net (60 µm)	1820-33,373 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	18
Porto Alegre, Brazil	freshwater surface	zooplankton net (60 µm)	11.9-61.2 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope (5 and 10×)	µFTIR and Raman	19

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Location	Compartment	Sampling method	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Reference
Sinos River, Southern Brazil	freshwater surface and drinking water	bottle	330,000 items m^{-3} (freshwater); 105,800 items m^{-3} (drinking water)	fluorescence microscopy	na	20
Pernambuco State, Brazil	estuary and marine surface	plankton net (300 µm)	ni	Zooscan device	FTIR	21
Brazilian coast, Brazil	marine surface	manta trawl (330 µm)	ni	visual	FTIR	22
Acaraí Lagoon, Brazil	freshwater	plankton net (300 µm)	0.014-0.034 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	23
Martínez-Baker channels, Chile	estuary surface water	tucker trawl (300 µm)	1-7 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope (0.67 to 4×)	FTIR-ATR	24
South Pacific, Chile	marine surface water	manta trawl (333 µm)	26,898 pieces km^{-2}	microscope	na	25
Easter Island, Chile	marine surface water	epineuston net (300 µm)	0.06 ± 0.008 items m^{-3}	microscope binocular	FTIR-ATR; µFTIR	26
Albuquerque atoll, Caribbean Sea, Colombia	marine surface water	plankton net (80 µm)	0.009 and 0.244 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	27
Magdalena River, Colombia	freshwater surface	neuston net (20 µm)	97-135 items m^{-3}	optical microscopy (100×), SEM	na	28

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Location	Compartment	Sampling method	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Reference
Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, Colombia	marine surface	plankton net (500 µm)	0.01-8.96 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	29
Atrato River, Colombia	freshwater surface	mini bongo net (300 µm)	0.91 items m^{-3}	microscope	na	30
Eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, Costa Rica	marine water column	plankton net (200 µm)	ni	microscope (60×)	na	31
Guayllabamba River Basin, Ecuador	freshwater	drift net	0.73-1584.23 items m^{-3}	microscope	na	32
Isla Santay, Ecuador	estuary	bottle	26,000 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	33
Tropical Eastern Pacific and Galápagos archipelago, Ecuador	marine surface	plankton net (300 and 500 µm)	ni	microscope	na	34
Kingston Harbour's mangrove, Jamaica	marine surface	manta trawl (355 µm)	0.76 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	35
Rio Lagartos coastal lagoon, Mexico	estuary surface	net tow (200 µm)	0.14-1.51 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	36
Tecolutla Estuary, Mexico	estuary column	bottle	151,000 items m^{-3}	microscope, SEM, EDX	FTIR	37

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Location	Compartment	Sampling method	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Reference
La Paz Bay, Mexico	marine surface	manta trawl	0.0-0.14 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	38
Veracruz-Boca del Río, Mexico	freshwater and marine surface	ni	ni	microscope	na	39
Todos Santos Bay, Mexico	marine surface water	manta trawl (333 µm)	0.01-0.70 items m^{-3}	trinoocular stereoscopy (5×)	FTIR-ATR	40
Banderas Bay, Mexico	marine surface water	zooplankton net (333 µm)	0.013 ± 0.028 items m^{-3} (dry season)-0.044 ± 0.064 items m^{-3} (hurricane season)	microscope (8-30×)	µFTIR-ATR	41

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Table S2. Abundance of microplastics in sediments/soils across Latin America (n = 68 studies)

Location	Compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Setúbal Lake, Argentina	terrestrial	704 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment	42
Paraná River, Argentina	terrestrial	4,654 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	film and fiber	43
Argentina coastline	marine	182.85 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	1
Paraná River, Argentina	beach	2,864-88,224 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fiber	44
Pampean and North Patagonian, Argentina	estuary	0-1,030 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment	45
Rio de la Plata, Argentina	estuary	23-263 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fiber	3
Río de la Plata, Argentina	estuary	ni	microscope	na	fragment	46
Aruba coastline	beach	ni	visual	na	pellet	47
Grussaí Beach, Brazil	beach	400 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	48
Boa Viagem Beach, Brazil	beach	0,000029 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	na	fragment	49
São Paulo State beaches, Brazil	beach	5.90-530 items m^{-3}	visual	Raman	pellet	50

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Location	compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Guanabara bay, Brazil	beach	3-1,300 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	na	fragment	51
Boa Viagem Beach, Brazil	beach	642.6 items m^{-2} (protected area) and 130.6 items m^{-2} (exposed area)	stereomicroscope	na	fragment	52
Guanabara bay, Brazil	marine	160-1,000 items kg^{-1} or 4,367-25,794 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fiber	53
Vitória Bay, Brazil	marine	0-126.6 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope and SEM	na	fiber	54
Rio de Janeiro continental shelf, Brazil	marine	100 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	55
Corvina beach Brazil	beach	492.5 items m^{-3}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	56
Fernando de Noronha beaches, Brazil	beach	33.3-266.6 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	57
Amazon rivers, Brazil	freshwater	417-8,178 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	58
Poá city centre, Brazil	terrestrial	57,542 items kg^{-1}	microscope	FTIR	fragment	59
Ponta do Sul, Brazil	marine	ni	visual	na	pellet	60

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Location	Compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Mansa Beach, Brazil	marine	ni	visual	na	pellet	61
Jurujuba and Itaipu Embayment, Brazil	beach and marine	166.50 items kg^{-1} beach and 20.74 items kg^{-1} marine sediment	stereomicroscope and SEM	FTIR	beach (fragment) marine (fiber)	17
Fernando de Noronha beaches, Brazil	beach	ni	visual	na	pellets	62
São Paulo state coast, Brazil	beach	ni	visual	na	pellets	63
São Paulo state coast, Brazil	beach	ni	visual	na	pellet	64
São Paulo state coast, Brazil	beach	ni	visual	na	pellet	65
Santos Bay, Brazil	beach	ni	visual	na	pellets	66
Brazilian coast	beach	2.4-30.4 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment	67
Fernando de Noronha, Brazil	beach	0.6-1,059.3 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	na	fragment	68
Água Branca Basin, Brazil	freshwater	ni	stereomicroscope	na	ni	69

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Location	Compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Tecolutla estuary, Brazil	estuary	121 items kg^{-1}	microscope, SEM and EDX	FTIR	fiber	37
Trindade Island, Brazil	beach	ni	visual	FTIR	pellet	70
Northeast Brazil	beach	ni	visual	FTIR	ni	71
Salvador beaches, Brazil	beach	23.26 items m^{-2}	ni	na	pellet	72
Lenga Beach, Chile	marine	ni	visual	FTIR-ATR	pellets	73
Chile's Región Metropolitana, Chile	terrestrial	306 items kg^{-1} (croplands) and 184 items kg^{-1} (pastures)	visual	FTIR	fiber	74
Mellipilla county, Chile	terrestrial	1,000-3,500 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	75
Continental coast, Chile	beach	27 items m^{-2}	microscope	na	fragment	76
Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta, Colombia	freshwater	31-2,863 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	film	77
Santa Marta beaches, Colombia	beach	32-103 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment	78
Colombian beaches	beach	3-1387 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment	79

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Location	Compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Magdalena River, Colombia	freshwater	10.4-102.4 items kg^{-1}	microscope and SEM	Raman	fiber	28
South Cay, Colombia	beach	99-141 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	na	fragment	27
Caribbean Coast, Colombia	beach	ni	SEM	FTIR	pellet	80
Colombian beaches	beach	ni	stereomicroscope	FTIR	pellet	81
Cartagena, Colombia	beach	ni	stereomicroscope	FTIR	pellet	82
Guayllabamba river, Ecuador	freshwater	14.0-186.5 items kg^{-1}	microscope	na	fiber	32
Isla Santay, Equador	beach	660 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment	33
El Quetzalito, Guatemala	beach	279 items m^{-2}	stethoscope	FTIR	foam	83
Beaches of Lesser Antilles	beach	261 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	84
Campeche, Mexico	marine	104-1,004 items m^{-2}	visual	na	fragment	85

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Location	Compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Todos Santos bay, Mexico	marine	850-24,940 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	fragment and fiber	40
Baja California Peninsula, Mexico	beach	135 items kg^{-1}	visual	FTIR	fiber	86
Mexican shoreline beaches	beach	31.7-545.8 items m^{-2}	visual	FTIR	fragment	87
Atoyac River basin, Mexico	freshwater	4,500 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope, MEV and EDX	na	film	88
San Juan Cotzocon, Mexico	terrestrial	1,490-1,530 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	89
Campeche, Mexico	terrestrial	870 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fragment	90
Huatulco Bay, Mexico	beach	ni	SEM	FTIR	fiber	91
Rio Lagartos Lagoon, Mexico	freshwater	0-328.1 items kg^{-1}	stereomicroscope	na	fiber	36
Veracruz-Boca del Río, Mexico	beach	ni	visual	na	ni	39
Mexican coast	Beach	31.7-545.8 items m^{-2}	visual	FTIR	fragment	92

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Location	Compartment	Microplastic abundance	Physical characterization	Chemical characterization	Most abundant shape	Reference
Panama coast	beach	28-420 items m^{-2}	visual	FTIR	fragment	93
Lima coast beaches, Peru	beach	16.67-489.7 items m^{-2}	stereomicroscope	FTIR	foam	94
Porto Rico coast	beach	3-17 items kg^{-1}	microscope	FTIR	fiber	95
Barra del Chuy and La Coronilla beaches, Uruguay	beach	ni	microscope	FTIR	fiber	96
Punta del este beaches, Uruguay	beach	25 items m^{-2}	Raman microscope	Raman	fragment	97
Uruguay	beach	0.6-170.8 items m^{-2}	visual	FTIR	pellet	98

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Table S3. Abundance of microplastics in the biota across Latin America (n = 75 studies)

Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Bahía Blanca Estuary, Argentina	estuary	crab	gastrointestinal tract and gills	ni	100	4
Bahía Blanca Estuary, Argentina	estuary	fish	gastrointestinal tract	12.1 items ind^{-1}	100	99
Bahía Blanca Estuary, Argentina	estuary	bivalve	entire body	4.2, 2, and 0.5 items ind^{-1}	100	6
Argentinean coastline of the RLP estuary	estuary	fish	gastrointestinal tract	18.5 items ind^{-1}	100	100
Paraná River, Argentina	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	9.9 items ind^{-1}	100	43
Puerto Madryn, Argentina	marine	mussel and fish	entire body, gastrointestinal tract	1.6 items g^{-1} (fish) and 0.3 items g^{-1} (mussel)	38.5 for fish	2
Río de la Plata estuary, La Plata, Argentina	estuary	mussel	entire body	2.08 items g^{-1}	96	101
Bahía Blanca Estuary, Argentina	estuary	shrimp	abdominal muscle and gastrointestinal tract	1.31 items g^{-1}	90	102
Ushuaia Bay, Argentina	marine	mussel	soft tissue	8.6 items ind^{-1}	100	103

Table S3. Abundance of microplastics in the biota across Latin America (cont.)

Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Northwest Patagonia, Argentina	terrestrial	bird	regurgitated pellets	ni	1.1, 17.3, and 24.5	104
Paraíba do Sul River, Brazil	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	ni	3	105
Coast of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	marine	turtle	stomach	ni	88	106
Camburi Beach, Brazil	marine	coral	tubes and tissue	ni	Ni	107
Tietê River, Brazil	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	3.26±1.75 and 9.37 ± 8.19 items ind^{-1}	72	108
St. Peter and St. Paul's Archipelago, Brazil	marine	fish	stomach	ni	39	109
Cananéia-Iguape, Brazil	estuary	crab	stomach	ni	2	110
Santo Antônio dos Anjos, Brazil	estuary	fish	stomach	ni	26.9 and 9.0	111
Guarapari Islands, Brazil	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	1.67±1.23 items ind^{-1}	12	112

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Paranagua Estuarine System, Brazil	estuary	oyster	entire body	ni	100	113
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	gastrointestinal tract	ni	58	114
Vale do Itajaí, Brazil	marine	seabird	gastrointestinal tract	ni	45.	115
Salvador, Brazil	marine	fish	stomach	2 to 6 items ind^{-1}	22	116
Espírito Santo, São Paulo and Alagoas, Brazil	marine	turtle	gastrointestinal tract	ni	Ni	117
Sorocaba River, Brazil	freshwater	fish	stomach	ni	1.8	118
Balneário Pinhal and Mostardas, Brazil	marine	seabird	gastrointestinal tract	ni	11.4 to 16.9	119
Amazonian coast, Brazil	marine	stingray	stomach	2.4 items ind^{-1}	30.4	120
Ivaí River basin, Brazil	freshwater	fish	stomach	ni	21.4	16

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Guamá river and Acará-Capim basin, Pará, Brazil	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract and gills	ni	98	121
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	stomach	ni	14.4 36.36	122
Southeast Brazilian coast	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	0.06-1.65 items ind^{-1}	13.9	123
Extreme southern coast of Brazil	marine	turtle	gastrointestinal tract	ni	12.8	124
Pará, Brazil	marine	anemone	entire body	1.6 items ind^{-1}	75.6	125
Xingu River, Brazil	freshwater	fish	stomach	ni	80	126
Balneário Pinhal, Brazil	terrestrial	seabird	stomach	294.3 mg ind^{-1}	71	127
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	gastrointestinal tract	1.4 a 6.5 items ind^{-1}	50	128
Costinha and Miramar beaches, Paraíba, Brazil	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	1.3 items ind^{-1}	9.48	129

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Ponta Verde beach, Maceio, Alagoas, Brazil	marine	crab	gastrointestinal tract	ni	47.4	130
Meireles beach, Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil	marine	fish	stomach	0-14 items ind^{-1}	55	131
Amazon river, Brazil	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	8.76 items ind^{-1}	30	132
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	gastrointestinal tract	0-63 items ind^{-1}	51	133
Grussaí Beach Arch, Brazil	marine	crab	gut	1-158 items ind^{-1}	30-54	48
Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	marine	mussel	entire body	16.6-31.2 items ind^{-1}	100	134
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	gut	0.01-0.11 mg ind^{-1}	13.4	135
Santos Estuary, São Paulo, Brazil	estuary	mussel	entire body	ni	75	136
Estaleiro and Estaleirinho Beach, Santa Catarina, Brazil	marine	annelid	gut	ni	–	137

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Pajeú River, Brazil	freshwater	fish	gut	1 a 24 items ind^{-1}	83	138
Paraiba and Mamanguape Estuaries, Brazil	freshwater	fish	stomach	1.06 items ind^{-1}	9	139
Peixe Lagoon, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	marine	turtle	gastrointestinal tract	ni	4 25	140
Coast of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	marine	seabirds	gastrointestinal tract	ni	28	141
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	stomach	ni	18 33 18	142
Goiana Estuary, Brazil	estuary	fish	stomach	0.03 mg	7.9	143
Guafo Island, Northern Chilean Patagonia	marine	seal	feces	2.7-13.35 items g^{-1}	67	144
Coast of Rapa Nui, Chile	marine	fish	gut	2.5 items ind^{-1}	80	26
Santiago, Chile	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	10-61 items ind^{-1}	ni	145

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Southeast Pacific Ocean, Chile	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	0.03-0.1 items ind^{-1}	2.21	146
Coastline of Peru and Chile	marine	otariids	feces	0.04-3.7 items g^{-1}	1-100	147
Biobío River, Chile	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	ni	33.3	148
Rapa Nui Coast, Chile	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract, stomach	1.5 items ind^{-1}	16	149
Huila, Colombia	freshwater and farm	fish	stomach, gill, and flesh	2.1 ± 1.26 items ind^{-1}	44 (farm) and 75 (freshwater)	150
Córdoba, Colombian Caribbean	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	3.45 items ind^{-1}	7	151
Magdalena River, Colombia	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	ni	12.1	152
Province of Puntarenas, Central Pacific of Costa Rica	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	36 items ind^{-1}	100	153
Guayas River, Ecuador	estuary	crab	muscle tissues	0.50 ± 0.87 to 29.81 ± 18.13 items g^{-1}	ni	33

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Galápagos, Ecuador	marine	fish, crustaceans, and mollusks	gastrointestinal tract and dorsal muscle	ni	69	34
Gulf of Tehuantepec, Mexican Tropical Pacific	marine	fish	stomach	67 items ind^{-1}	24, 22.2, 53.8	154
Atoyac Riverbasin, Mexico	freshwater	fish	gastrointestinal tract	ni	100	155
Campeche Bay, Mexico	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	1.31 items ind^{-1}	42	156
Campeche, Mexico	soil	earthworm and chicken	earthworm casts, chicken gizzard, crop and feces	10.2 items ind^{-1}	ni	90
Gulf of Mexico, Mexico	estuary	fish	gastrointestinal tract	4.71 items ind^{-1}	100	37
Punta Corrientes, Peru	marine	otter	feces	ni	100	157
Los Yuyos and Las Sombrillas Beaches, Peru	marine	mollusk	soft tissues	3.79 items ind^{-1} and 3.15 items g^{-1}	ni	158
Peru-Chile trench	marine	amphipod	hindgut	ni	80	159

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Location	Compartment	Animal	Translocation spot	Abundance	Contamination rate / %	Reference
Uruguayan coast	marine	turtle	gastrointestinal tract	0.05 items ind^{-1}	32	160
Punta del Diablo, Uruguay	marine	fish	gastrointestinal tract	ni	18.7	161
Barra del Chuy and La Coronilla, Uruguay	marine	isopods and polychaeta	entire body	ni	ni	96

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