

Table 2 Concentration of trace metals accumulation ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  dry wt.) is significantly varied among the fin and shell fishes (one way ANOVA  $P < 0.05$ ) in Uppanar and Vellar estuaries

Metals	Uppanar estuary				Vellar estuary			
	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	<i>Penaeus indicus</i>	<i>Crossosstrea madrasensis</i>	<i>Meretrix meretrix</i>	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	<i>Penaeus indicus</i>	<i>Crossosstrea madrasensis</i>	<i>Meretrix meretrix</i>
Cd	0.137 $\pm$ 0.020	0.162 $\pm$ 0.053	0.463 $\pm$ 0.368	0.138 $\pm$ 0.051	0.137 $\pm$ 0.020	0.162 $\pm$ 0.053	0.202 $\pm$ 0.001	0.138 $\pm$ 0.051
Co	0.037 $\pm$ 0.047	0.316 $\pm$ 0.515	0.991 $\pm$ 1.245	0.506 $\pm$ 0.714	0.037 $\pm$ 0.047	0.316 $\pm$ 0.515	0.991 $\pm$ 1.245	0.506 $\pm$ 0.714
Cu	0.103 $\pm$ 0.044	0.165 $\pm$ 0.038	0.315 $\pm$ 0.008	0.145 $\pm$ 0.008	0.071 $\pm$ 0.018	0.165 $\pm$ 0.038	0.265 $\pm$ 0.062	0.145 $\pm$ 0.008
Fe	1.710 $\pm$ 0.233	4.134 $\pm$ 0.676	8.937 $\pm$ 1.293	3.594 $\pm$ 0.083	1.676 $\pm$ 0.276	4.134 $\pm$ 0.676	8.554 $\pm$ 0.751	3.594 $\pm$ 0.083
Mg	29.677 $\pm$ 2.213	18.127 $\pm$ 3.036	20.831 $\pm$ 1.626	11.495 $\pm$ 1.068	29.343 $\pm$ 2.088	18.127 $\pm$ 3.036	20.830 $\pm$ 1.626	10.995 $\pm$ 1.775
Mn	0.552 $\pm$ 0.622	4.072 $\pm$ 6.111	0.253 $\pm$ 0.226	0.154 $\pm$ 0.095	0.519 $\pm$ 0.653	3.739 $\pm$ 5.534	0.253 $\pm$ 0.226	0.154 $\pm$ 0.095
Ni	0.408 $\pm$ 0.518	0.673 $\pm$ 1.080	0.168 $\pm$ 0.188	0.046 $\pm$ 0.040	0.401 $\pm$ 0.525	0.673 $\pm$ 1.080	0.167 $\pm$ 0.186	0.046 $\pm$ 0.040
Pb	0.164 $\pm$ 0.017	0.221 $\pm$ 0.070	0.379 $\pm$ 0.243	0.226 $\pm$ 0.130	0.157 $\pm$ 0.021	0.187 $\pm$ 0.015	0.209 $\pm$ 0.002	0.171 $\pm$ 0.052
Zn	0.847 $\pm$ 0.486	1.394 $\pm$ 0.800	1.523 $\pm$ 0.139	1.313 $\pm$ 0.045	0.847 $\pm$ 0.486	1.061 $\pm$ 0.234	1.523 $\pm$ 0.139	1.313 $\pm$ 0.045
Al	1.739 $\pm$ 0.669	2.109 $\pm$ 0.451	3.824 $\pm$ 0.185	1.415 $\pm$ 0.052	1.706 $\pm$ 0.699	2.109 $\pm$ 0.451	3.774 $\pm$ 0.114	1.415 $\pm$ 0.052
Cr	0.327 $\pm$ 0.079	0.802 $\pm$ 0.354	2.050 $\pm$ 1.218	0.370 $\pm$ 0.036	0.327 $\pm$ 0.079	0.802 $\pm$ 0.354	1.700 $\pm$ 0.723	0.370 $\pm$ 0.036
B	0.314 $\pm$ 0.107	0.408 $\pm$ 0.091	0.258 $\pm$ 0.057	0.236 $\pm$ 0.061	0.340 $\pm$ 0.071	0.375 $\pm$ 0.034	0.258 $\pm$ 0.057	0.186 $\pm$ 0.010