

Supplementary data

Table S1

Results for blanks analyzed with every set of 9 samples (ng ml⁻¹, mean ± SD).

Compound	A	B
	Sediments	Mussels
Naph	79±31	87±35
Acy	2.1±1.0	5.4±3.1
Ace	2.2±0.8	5.1±1.0
Flu	8.6±2.0	12±5.9
Phe	21±9.3	91±16
Ant	0.4±0.2	0.6±0.4
Flt	7.6±3.0	22±4.3
Pyr	11±6.1	5.7±1.3
B(a)A	1.1±0.6	1.1±0.7
Chr	1.9±0.9	8.6±1.4
B(b)F	1.4±0.8	5.0±1.6
B(k)F	0.6±0.2	nd
B(a)P	0.8±0.3	nd
I(cd)P	0.8±0.3	1.2±0.3
DB(ah)A	0.4±0.1	nd
B(ghi)P	1.4±0.8	1.3±0.6

nd - the concentration was below the detection limit.

Table S2

Sediment F < 63 μm fractions: OM content and concentrations of native and alkylated PAHs (ng g⁻¹ dw sediment; mean \pm SD) in selected locations in the southern Baltic Sea (sample codes reflect the collection sites).

Site	Gulf of Gdańsk (GoG)			Bornholm Basin (BB)		Ślupsk Furrow (SF)	
	Z10	P104	P110	BB25	BB45	Z7	Z8
Sampling year	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013
OM (%) ¹	7.7 \pm 0.04	8.4 \pm 0.4 ^{bc}	13 \pm 0.5 ^c	8.9 \pm 0.6 ^b	7.5 \pm 0.2 ^a	6.7 \pm 0.2	5.8 \pm 0.3
Compound							
Naph	9.2	4.8 \pm 0.9 ^{ab}	23 \pm 3 ^c	3.1 \pm 1.0 ^a	7.0 \pm 2.5 ^b	2.8	0.5
C1-Naph	19	7.0 \pm 0.9 ^a	27 \pm 3 ^b	5.0 \pm 2.9 ^a	8.7 \pm 3.2 ^a	4.2	1.1
C2-Naph	26	12 \pm 0.4 ^a	35 \pm 3 ^b	11 \pm 3 ^a	12 \pm 4 ^a	4.5	1.9
Acy	1.6	0.8 \pm 0.1 ^a	2.5 \pm 0.3 ^c	1.6 \pm 0.1 ^b	1.2 \pm 0.4 ^{ab}	0.4	0.1
Ace	3.6	3.4 \pm 0.1 ^b	11 \pm 1 ^c	2.1 \pm 0.1 ^a	2.8 \pm 0.7 ^{ab}	0.6	0.2
C3-Naph	31	13 \pm 1 ^a	36 \pm 3 ^b	13 \pm 3 ^a	13 \pm 4 ^a	6.5	4.4
Flu	7.1	6.3 \pm 0.1 ^b	19 \pm 3 ^c	4.7 \pm 0.6 ^a	4.9 \pm 1.4 ^{ab}	1.3	0.5
Phe	38	26 \pm 1 ^a	66 \pm 8 ^b	31 \pm 3 ^a	29 \pm 7 ^a	9.1	4.0
Ant	9.1	6.1 \pm 0.2 ^b	19 \pm 4 ^c	4.9 \pm 0.4 ^a	5.1 \pm 1.3 ^{ab}	1.4	0.6
C1-DBT	5.5	3.6 \pm 0.2 ^a	10 \pm 1 ^c	4.8 \pm 0.2 ^b	3.5 \pm 0.9 ^a	2.0	1.2
C1-Phe/Ant	63	42 \pm 2 ^a	100 \pm 10 ^b	45 \pm 2 ^a	41 \pm 10 ^a	13	8.8
C2-DBT	8.4	5.4 \pm 0.3 ^a	18 \pm 2 ^c	7.0 \pm 0.2 ^b	4.7 \pm 1.4 ^a	2.8	2.3
Flt	114	85 \pm 4 ^a	216 \pm 25 ^c	92 \pm 4 ^b	97 \pm 13 ^b	31	11
Pyr	91	62 \pm 3 ^a	159 \pm 18 ^c	84 \pm 6 ^b	78 \pm 19 ^{ab}	23	9.1
C2-Phe/Ant	78	51 \pm 2 ^a	131 \pm 15 ^c	55 \pm 2 ^b	47 \pm 11 ^{ab}	22	17
B(a)A	50	33 \pm 2 ^a	85 \pm 11 ^c	44 \pm 3 ^b	40 \pm 10 ^b	12	4.3
Chr	43	29 \pm 2 ^a	71 \pm 10 ^c	40 \pm 3 ^b	36 \pm 8 ^{ab}	14	5.6
B(b)F	80	53 \pm 3 ^a	170 \pm 28 ^c	153 \pm 18 ^{bc}	121 \pm 34 ^b	55	19
B(k)F	59	39 \pm 3 ^a	121 \pm 18 ^c	94 \pm 9 ^b	76 \pm 20 ^b	36	12
B(a)P	88	56 \pm 3 ^a	146 \pm 21 ^c	89 \pm 6 ^b	79 \pm 20 ^b	22	8.1
I(cd)P	99	64 \pm 3 ^a	221 \pm 37 ^b	281 \pm 32 ^c	205 \pm 60 ^b	96	31
DB(ah)A	16	9 \pm 0.3 ^a	32 \pm 6 ^b	35 \pm 4 ^b	27 \pm 9 ^b	10	3.3
B(ghi)P	63	39 \pm 2 ^a	129 \pm 19 ^b	145 \pm 17 ^b	111 \pm 31 ^b	55	18
Σ 3-ring PAHs	59	43 \pm 2 ^a	118 \pm 16 ^b	45 \pm 3 ^a	43 \pm 11 ^a	13	5.4
Σ 4-ring PAHs	300	208 \pm 10 ^a	531 \pm 64 ^c	260 \pm 14 ^b	251 \pm 60 ^{ab}	79	30
Σ 5-ring PAHs	242	158 \pm 9 ^a	469 \pm 72 ^c	371 \pm 35 ^{bc}	302 \pm 82 ^b	123	42
Σ 6-ring PAHs	162	103 \pm 5 ^a	350 \pm 56 ^b	426 \pm 49 ^c	316 \pm 91 ^b	151	48
Σ ₁₆ PAHs ²	772	517 \pm 25 ^a	1490 \pm 205 ^c	1104 \pm 99 ^b	919 \pm 246 ^b	369	126
Σ aPAHs ³	231	134 \pm 6 ^a	358 \pm 35 ^b	140 \pm 11 ^a	130 \pm 35 ^a	55	36
Σ PAHs ⁴	1002	650 \pm 31 ^a	1847 \pm 239 ^c	1244 \pm 108 ^b	1049 \pm 281 ^b	424	162
Σ aPAHs (%) ⁵	23	21 \pm 0.2 ^b	19 \pm 1 ^b	11 \pm 1 ^a	12 \pm 0.4 ^a	13	21
Ant/(Phe+Ant)	0.20	0.19	0.22	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.12
Flt/(Flt+Pyr)	0.56	0.58	0.58	0.52	0.56	0.58	0.54
(C1-Phe/Ant)/Phe	1.67	1.59	1.52	1.45	1.39	1.41	2.22

¹Organic matter content; ²The sum of 16 native PAHs; ³The sum of alkylated PAH derivatives; ⁴The sum of the native and alkylated PAHs; ⁵ Σ aPAH expressed as the percentage (%) of Σ PAHs; ^{a,b,c} ANOVA statistics (and Tukey test) or Kruskal-Wallis test.

Table S3

Correlations between the concentrations of PAHs and the content of fines ($F < 63 \mu\text{m}$) and organic matter (OM) in whole sediments (A and B, respectively), and between PAH concentrations and LOI in the sediment fraction $< 63 \mu\text{m}$ (C).

Compound	A		B		C	
	Whole sediment $F < 63 \mu\text{m}$		Whole sediment OM		Fraction $< 63 \mu\text{m}$ OM	
	R^{2a} or R_s^b	p	R^2 or R_s	p	R^2 or R_s	p
Naph	R_s , 0.25	0.59	R_s , 0.46	0.29	R_s , 0.68	0.09
C1-Naph	R_s , 0.19	0.70	R_s , 0.14	0.76	R^2, 0.64	0.03
C2-Naph	R_s , 0.50	0.25	R_s , 0.75	0.05	R^2, 0.69	0.02
Acy	R^2 , 0.001	0.94	R^2, 0.68	0.02	R^2, 0.76	0.01
Ace	R^2 , 0.02	0.78	R^2 , 0.54	0.06	R_s , 0.75	0.05
C3-Naph	R_s , 0.61	0.15	R_s , 0.50	0.25	R^2, 0.61	0.04
Flu	R^2 , 0.01	0.80	R^2, 0.57	0.05	R_s , 0.75	0.05
Phe	R^2 , 0.05	0.63	R^2 , 0.44	0.10	R^2, 0.87	0.002
Ant	R^2 , 0.02	0.78	R^2 , 0.52	0.07	R^2, 0.88	0.002
C1-DBT	R_s , 0.50	0.25	R_s, 0.75	0.05	R^2, 0.91	0.0008
C1-Phe/Ant	R^2 , 0.0007	0.86	R^2, 0.58	0.04	R^2, 0.83	0.0004
C2-DBT	R_s , 0.46	0.29	R_s , 0.68	0.09	R^2, 0.92	0.0007
Flt	R^2 , 0.006	0.87	R^2, 0.58	0.04	R^2, 0.88	0.002
Pyr	R^2 , 0.01	0.83	R^2, 0.57	0.04	R^2, 0.85	0.003
C2-Phe/Ant	R_s , 0.64	0.12	R_s , 0.71	0.07	R^2, 0.86	0.003
B(a)A	R^2 , 0.003	0.91	R^2, 0.63	0.03	R^2, 0.84	0.004
Chr	R^2 , 0.0006	0.96	R^2, 0.65	0.03	R^2, 0.84	0.004
B(b)F	R^2 , 0.04	0.65	R^2, 0.70	0.02	R^2, 0.61	0.04
B(k)F	R^2 , 0.03	0.72	R^2, 0.70	0.02	R^2, 0.73	0.02
B(a)P	R^2 , 0.001	0.96	R^2, 0.67	0.03	R^2, 0.80	0.007
I(cd)P	R^2 , 0.1	0.47	R^2, 0.63	0.03	R^2 , 0.33	0.18
DB(ah)A	R^2 , 0.07	0.56	R^2, 0.68	0.02	R^2 , 0.44	0.11
B(ghi)P	R^2 , 0.08	0.54	R^2, 0.65	0.03	R^2 , 0.41	0.12
Σ_{16} PAHs	R^2 , 0.008	0.85	R^2, 0.68	0.02	R^2, 0.75	0.01
Σ_a PAHs	R_s , 0.50	0.25	R_s, 0.75	0.05	R^2, 0.81	0.006
Σ PAHs	R^2 , 0.005	0.88	R^2, 0.68	0.02	R^2, 0.80	0.006
Σ 3-ring PAHs	R^2 , 0.03	0.71	R^2 , 0.50	0.08	R^2, 0.90	0.001
Σ 4-ring PAHs	R^2 , 0.005	0.88	R^2, 0.60	0.04	R^2, 0.86	0.003
Σ 5-ring PAHs	R^2 , 0.02	0.75	R^2, 0.70	0.02	R^2, 0.71	0.02
Σ 6-ring PAHs	R^2 , 0.10	0.50	R^2, 0.64	0.03	R^2 , 0.36	0.16

^a R^2 – Pearson correlation; ^b R_s – Spearman correlation. Statistically significant correlations ($p \leq 0.05$) are bold.

Table S4

PCA results. A – whole sediment samples, B – sediment F < 63 µm fractions, C – mussels.

	A			B			C		
	Whole sediment			Sediment fraction < 63 µm			Mussels		
	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC1	PC2	PC3
% of variance	51	34	8.8	69	19	5.5	50	25	11
Eigenvalues	13	8.5	2.2	16.45	4.60	1.32	11.61	5.69	2.50
F<63µm	-0.66	-0.22	0.17	-	-	-	-	-	-
OM (%)	-0.11	-0.28	0.94	0.52	-0.45	0.65	-	-	-
Naph	0.29	0.80	0.44	0.73	-0.24	0.43	0.34	0.08	-0.88
C1-Naph	0.13	0.97	-0.01	0.78	0.03	-0.01	0.69	-0.28	-0.59
C2-Naph	0.14	0.98	0.08	0.92	0.12	-0.13	0.92	-0.33	-0.16
Acy	0.31	-0.28	0.86	0.69	-0.47	-0.25	-0.01	0.64	-0.67
Ace	0.94	-0.17	0.18	0.90	-0.22	0.33	0.36	0.30	0.65
C3-Naph	0.02	0.99	-0.06	0.54	0.76	-0.19	0.87	-0.41	0.23
Flu	0.97	-0.08	0.22	0.92	-0.15	0.33	0.55	0.24	0.30
Phe	0.90	-0.12	-0.31	0.98	-0.07	-0.07	-0.15	0.97	0.003
Ant	0.95	-0.27	0.05	0.97	-0.13	0.18	-0.50	0.79	0.07
C1-DBT	0.13	0.96	0.13	0.26	0.94	0.18	0.73	-0.51	0.38
C1-Phe/Ant	0.91	0.39	-0.08	0.86	0.45	-0.13	-0.16	0.95	0.12
C2- DBT	0.05	0.94	0.25	0.18	0.92	0.28	-0.10	0.75	0.36
Flt	0.92	-0.37	-0.07	0.95	-0.23	0.03	-0.72	-0.61	0.07
Pyr	0.92	-0.31	-0.19	0.94	-0.27	-0.13	-0.87	-0.46	0.12
C2-Phe/Ant	0.32	0.90	0.07	0.41	0.90	0.04	-0.68	-0.22	0.03
B(a)A	0.83	-0.53	0.06	0.93	-0.33	-0.15	-0.90	-0.41	-0.06
Chr	0.81	-0.47	0.04	0.94	0.11	-0.21	-0.92	-0.26	-0.07
B(b)F	-0.93	-0.35	0.13	-0.99	-0.07	0.12	-0.94	-0.02	-0.06
B(k)F	-0.74	-0.63	0.10	-0.95	-0.04	0.21	-0.95	-0.05	-0.03
B(a)P	0.56	-0.79	0.13	0.83	-0.48	-0.25	-0.88	-0.36	-0.05
I(cd)P	-0.99	-0.11	-0.01	-0.99	-0.12	0.03	-0.94	-0.01	0.01
DB(ah)A	-0.97	0.01	0.02	-0.88	-0.43	-0.05	-0.67	0.66	-0.10
B(ghi)P	-0.98	-0.17	0.02	-0.99	-0.02	0.03	-0.92	-0.20	0.08