

Supplementary Information

Organic matter concentration and characteristic dynamics in surface waters post-bushfires and cyclone: fDOM sensor for environmental monitoring and control

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Table A1 Number of samples collected from each site

State	Site name	Site code	No. of samples	Samples collection period	Extreme climate event	Event date
ACT	Orroral River	P01	25	2020/03/03 to 2021/11/03	Canberra Bushfire	2020/01/27 to 2020/02/27
QLD	Leslie Harrison Dam	P03	3	2019/09/24 to 2020/12/10	Cyclone Uesi, QLD	2020/02/04 to 2020/02/14
	Herring Lagoon	P05	3	2020/02/28 to 2020/12/08	Cyclone Uesi, QLD	2020/02/04 to 2020/02/14
SA	Middle River	P11	20	2020/02/07 to 2021/10/26	Kangaroo Island Bushfire	2019/12/20 to 2020/02/06
		Total	51			

Table A2 The indices extracted from HPSEC data in the case of two sites that experienced a cyclone and a bushfire

Site	P05 site						P11 site					
	UVA260			Fl-Hu			UVA260			Fl-Hu		
	01	03	Ratio ¹	01	03	Ratio ¹	01	03	Ratio ¹	01	03	Ratio ¹
WAMW² (kDa)	3.21	2.31	1.4	1.88	1.73	1.1	2.05	2.58	0.8	1.12	1.49	0.8
LMW³	0.045	0.002	21.1	21.84	4.81	4.5	0.05	0.02	2.6	207.53	62.05	3.3
Building_blocks⁴	0.100	0.008	12.5	70.48	12.33	5.7	0.16	0.06	2.7	501.03	164.81	3.0
Humics⁵	1.82	0.06	29.9	906.99	41.64	21.8	1.99	1.08	1.8	1989.84	1107.05	1.8
Biopolymers⁶	0.08	0.01	14.1	4.35	5.25	0.8	0.05	0.07	0.7	7.08	5.31	1.3
full_DOM_range⁷	2.17	0.08	27.7	1005.46	65.79	15.3	2.26	1.24	1.8	2706.73	1339.94	2.0
PP-P1⁸	0.0944	0.0064	14.8	55.3	9.7	5.7	0.1524	0.0537	2.8	432	140	3.1
PP-P2	0.1174	0.0099	11.8	36.2	5.1	7.1	0.2177	0.0859	2.5	197	61.1	3.2
PP-P3	0.2435	0.0115	21.2	119	11	10.5	0.3830	0.1841	2.1	527	201	2.6
PP-P4	0.5160	0.0173	29.8	258	10	24.7	0.6100	0.3689	1.7	675	351	1.9
PP-P5	0.5340	0.0173	30.8	451	15	30.1	0.5899	0.3401	1.7	604.66	483.3	1.3
PP-P6	0.3464	0.0050	69.8	41	1.7	24.2	0.1696	0.0933	1.8	41.91	30.73	1.4

Site	P05 site						P11 site					
	UVA260			Fl-Hu			UVA260			Fl-Hu		
Parameters	01	03	Ratio ¹	01	03	Ratio ¹	01	03	Ratio ¹	01	03	Ratio ¹
PP-P7	0.0300	0.0014	21.3	0.56	1.05	0.5	0.0351	0.0406	0.9	1.25	1.06	1.2

¹Ratio of the WAMW (kDa) values of impacted samples to control samples in each studied site

$${}^2WAMW = \frac{\sum UVA260 \times MW}{\sum UVA260}$$

³Low molecular range weight (0.1 to 0.3 kDa)

⁴(0.3 to 1 kDa)

⁵(1 to 10 kDa)

⁶(20 to 100 kDa)

⁷(0.100 to 100 kDa)

⁸Peak 1: The decomposed (identified) MW peak (component) area in the studied samples AMW profile using the peak fitting approach

Table A3 Coefficient of variation (CV) values determined using triplication of the selected sample's analyses

Water quality index	Myponga River						Murray River					
	S-1	S-2	S-3	Mean	SD	CV	S-1	S-2	S-3	Mean	SD	CV
A ₂₅₄	1.026	1.044	1.036	1.035	0.007	0.7	0.221	0.224	0.214	0.220	0.004	1.9
True colour (HU)	189	204	206	199.7	7.65	3.8	45	53	40	46.0	5.55	12.1
TOC (mg L ⁻¹)	23.1	24.2	24.4	23.9	0.7	2.9	8.74	8.05	8.32	8.4	0.3	4.2
DOC (mg L ⁻¹)	22.3	20.5	20.9	21.2	0.9	4.5	6.21	6.32	6.5	6.3	0.1	2.3
Turbidity (NTU)	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.1	1.1	86.7	87.8	86.6	87.0	0.5	0.6
pH	6.89	7.17	7.24	7.10	0.15	2.1	7.36	7.38	7.40	7.38	0.02	0.2

S: samples

Table A4 The correlation coefficients (r) between fDOM_s and DOC, A₂₅₄ (as benchmark) and colour as well as A₂₅₄ and DOC and colour.

Site	N	fDOM _s			fDOM _{s,III}			fDOM _{s,IV}			A ₂₅₄	
		DOC	A ₂₅₄	Colour	DOC	A ₂₅₄	Colour	DOC	A ₂₅₄	Colour	DOC	Colour
Orroral River (P01)	22	.978**	.980**	.812**	.983**	.985**	.822**	.987**	.999**	.827**	.995**	.907**
Middle River (P11)	17	.700**	.683**	.024	.920**	.884**	.372	.952**	.957**	.620**	.954**	.791**
Leslie Harrison Dam (P03)	3	.997*	.996	.982	.983	>.999*	.996	.953	.989	.999*	.987	.994
Herring Lagoon (P05)	3	.978	.971	.962	.967	.959	.948	>.999**	.999*	.999*	.999*	.999*

*Correlation is significant at the .05 level (2-tailed).

**Correlation is significant at the .01 level (2-tailed).

Table A5 The results of the elemental analysis of the samples

Element	P01_01	P11_01	P05_01	P03_02	Element	P01_01	P11_01	P05_01	P03_02
Zinc - Total	0.0006	0.002	0.0018	0.0126	Lithium - Total	0.0008	0.0069	0.0008	0.0016
Zinc - Soluble	0.0003<	0.0005	0.0015	0.01	Lithium - Soluble	0.0009	0.0053	0.0008	0.0009
Vanadium - Total	0.001	0.0032	0.0001	0.0045	Lanthanum - Total	0.0002	0.0011	0.0001<	0.0023
Vanadium - Soluble	0.0006	0.0011	0.0001	0.0004	Lanthanum - Soluble	0.0001<	0.0003	0.0001<	0.0008
Uranium - Total	0.0015	0.0004	0.0001<	0.0002	Potassium	6.86	17.6	1.08	2.99
Uranium - Soluble	0.0014	0.0003	0.0001<	0.0001<	Mercury - Total	0.00003<	0.00006	0.00006	0.00003<
Thallium - Total	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	Mercury - Soluble	0.00003<	0.00003<	0.00003<	0.00003<
Thallium - Soluble	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	Iron - Total	0.5347	1.533	0.9343	3.141
Titanium - Total	0.003	0.0286	0.0011	0.0655	Iron - Soluble	0.1213	0.412	0.7194	0.2537
Titanium - Soluble	0.0005	0.0011	0.0008	0.0038	Copper - Total	0.0003	0.0027	0.0004	0.0573
Strontium - Total	0.2121	0.3138	0.0182	0.0414	Copper - Soluble	0.0002	0.0016	0.0003	0.0366
Strontium - Soluble	0.2194	0.258	0.0163	0.0366	Chromium (VI)	0.01<	0.01<	0.01<	0.01
Tin - Total	0.0005<	0.0005<	0.0005<	0.0005<	Chromium (VI) - Soluble	0.0002<	0.0011<	0.0004<	0.0019

Element	P01_01	P11_01	P05_01	P03_02	Element	P01_01	P11_01	P05_01	P03_02
Tin - Soluble	0.0005<	0.0005<	0.0005<	0.0005<	Chromium - Total	0.0002	0.0011	0.0004	0.0019
Selenium - Total	0.0001<	0.0009	0.0001	0.0006	Chromium - Soluble	0.0001<	0.0003	0.0003	0.0006
Selenium - Soluble	0.0001<	0.0005	0.0001<	0.0003	Cobalt - Total	0.0005	0.0017	0.0002	0.0042
Antimony - Total	0.0005<	0.0009	0.0011	0.0016	Cobalt - Soluble	0.0003	0.0009	0.0002	0.0001
Antimony - Soluble	0.0005<	0.0005<	0.0006	0.0008	Cadmium - Total	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001
Lead - Total	0.0001<	0.0006	0.0001	0.0059	Cadmium - Soluble	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001
Lead - Soluble	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	0.0001<	Calcium	39.6	34.3	1.6	4.1
Phosphorus - Total	0.083	0.257	0.028	0.131	Beryllium - Total	0.0003<	0.0003<	0.0003<	0.0003
Phosphorus - Soluble	0.029	0.067	0.005<	0.006	Beryllium - Soluble	0.0003<	0.0003<	0.0003<	0.0003
Nickel - Total	0.0009	0.0023	0.0002	0.0029	Barium - Total	0.0514	0.0561	0.0071	0.0483

Table A4 (continued)

Element	P01_01	P11_01	P05_01	P03_02	Element	P01_01	P11_01	P05_01	P03_02
Nickel - Soluble	0.0008	0.0015	0.0001	0.0016	Barium - Soluble	0.0503	0.0418	0.0065	0.0399
Sodium	13.8	137	16.3	18.8	Boron - Soluble	0.02<	0.125	0.02<	0.031
Molybdenum - Total	0.0011	0.0013	0.0001<	0.0003	Arsenic - Total	0.0006	0.0021	0.0005	0.0028
Molybdenum - Soluble	0.0011	0.001	0.0001<	0.0001	Arsenic - Soluble	0.0006	0.0014	0.0005	0.0008
Manganese - Total	0.2044	0.1188	0.0282	1.094	Aluminium - Total	0.053	0.714	0.086	2.567
Manganese - Soluble	0.0031	0.0037	0.0255	0.0246	Aluminium - Soluble	0.007	0.046	0.067	0.223
Magnesium	10.8	32.9	2.37	3.28	Silver - Total	0.00003<	0.00003<	0.00003<	0.00004
					Silver - Soluble	0.00003<	0.00003<	0.00003<	0.00003

Table A5 The indices extracted from fEEM in the case of two sites that experienced cyclone and bushfire

Site	P05			P11												
Sample	01	02	03	01	02	03	04	07	09	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
P1*	2.02	15.60	11.70	1.57	2.31	2.17	1.87	1.12	1.40	2.24	2.03	2.26	2.13	2.42	1.73	1.97
P2	6.37	21.06	16.41	18.5	16.2	14.6	14.4	14.4	13.3	14.2	15.5	15.7	14.1	14.3	12.5	13.6
FA	54.67	37.17	43.04	50.3	51.4	51.4	51.1	54.6	53.0	54.7	56.6	52.0	53.8	51.5	54.2	53.2
SMP	4.55	10.33	10.53	7.8	7.5	7.8	7.7	5.9	6.5	6.9	6.2	7.7	7.2	7.2	6.1	7.0
HA	32.39	15.84	18.32	21.8	22.6	24.1	24.9	24.0	25.7	22.0	19.8	22.4	22.8	24.7	25.5	24.2
HIX ²	0.98	0.86	0.85	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.96
BIX ³	0.30	0.42	0.48	0.76	0.64	0.62	0.59	0.58	0.56	0.51	0.55	0.58	0.54	0.53	0.47	0.50
Peak T ⁴	0.03	0.24	0.04	0.60	0.40	0.33	0.25	0.16	0.17	0.21	0.23	0.32	0.24	0.17	0.13	0.15
Peak A ⁵	1.31	0.74	0.23	4.92	4.17	3.31	2.62	2.61	2.49	2.47	2.87	3.10	2.48	1.86	1.97	1.83
Peak M ⁶	0.67	0.38	0.11	4.32	3.21	2.35	1.86	1.63	1.63	1.39	1.66	1.99	1.55	1.11	1.09	1.07
Peak C ⁷	1.00	0.48	0.14	3.90	3.22	2.63	2.11	1.90	1.87	1.59	1.85	2.16	1.78	1.29	1.36	1.23
A:T ⁸	21.70	3.18	4.81	7.3	9.8	9.7	11.1	16.1	14.0	12.4	14.2	10.2	10.2	11.6	16.6	13.3
C:A ⁹	0.70	0.59	0.58	0.74	0.71	0.74	0.74	0.69	0.71	0.58	0.58	0.63	0.67	0.67	0.65	0.61
C:M ¹⁰	2.38	1.78	1.76	0.99	1.25	1.35	1.45	1.59	1.55	1.51	1.43	1.34	1.56	1.56	1.81	1.51
C:T ¹¹	15.20	1.89	2.80	5.4	6.9	7.2	8.2	11.1	10.0	7.2	8.3	6.4	6.8	7.8	10.8	8.1

NI¹²	1.48	1.00	1.00	5.8	4.9	3.8	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.6	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.1	*Weighted average percentage values for P1, P2, FA, SMP and HA indices.
EXO_fDOM¹³	2.02	15.60	11.70	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.7	
PAR_P1¹⁴	0.47	1.90	1.51	4.70	3.91	3.00	2.46	2.21	2.22	1.82	2.12	2.50	2.06	1.49	1.49	1.38	¹ Ratio of the fluorescence index value in the raw sample to a sample treated with \geq EnD.
PAR_P2	0.20	1.21	0.61	1.80	1.45	1.17	0.87	1.18	0.96	0.81	0.95	1.04	0.98	0.73	0.92	0.69	
PAR_P3	0.21	0.41	0.49	2.61	1.60	1.12	0.85	0.72	0.66	0.49	0.63	0.87	0.64	0.43	0.38	0.37	² Humification index (HIX _{250nm}): An indicator of humic substance content or extent of humification ¹ ; ³ Biological index
PAR_P4	0.28	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.33	0.34	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.69	0.78	0.66	0.35	0.32	0.35	0.42	
PAR_P5	0.09	0.03	0.16	0.10	0.16	0.15	0.12	0.06	0.08	0.15	0.15	0.23	0.22	0.10	0.09	0.10	

(BIX): An indicator of autotrophic productivity where >1 values correspond to recently produced DOM of autochthonous origin ²); ⁴Peak T: An indicator of tryptophan like part of protein like compounds; ⁵Peak A: An indicator of humic Like compounds.; ⁶Peak M: An indicator of marine humic Like compounds; ⁷Peak C: An indicator of Humic Like compounds ^{3,8}Peaks ratios (A:T): Indicator of the amount of humic-like (recalcitrant) vs. fresh-like (labile) fluorescence ⁴); ⁹Peaks ratio (C:A): An indication of the amount of humic-like vs. fulvic-like compounds; ¹⁰Peaks ratio (C:M): An indication of the amount of diagenetically altered (blue-shifted) fluorescence in a sample ^{5,6}; ¹¹Peaks ratios (C:T): Indicator of the amount of humic-like (recalcitrant) vs. fresh-like (labile) fluorescence ⁴); ¹²New index: Proposed to be an indicator for humification; ¹³EEM_fDOM: Is the normalized signal collected from benchtop machine output EEM spectra at the same ex-em paired wavelength which the EXO_fDOM sensor use.¹⁴Peak 1: The decomposed (identified) EEM peak (component) area in the studied samples EEM spectra using PARFAC approach.

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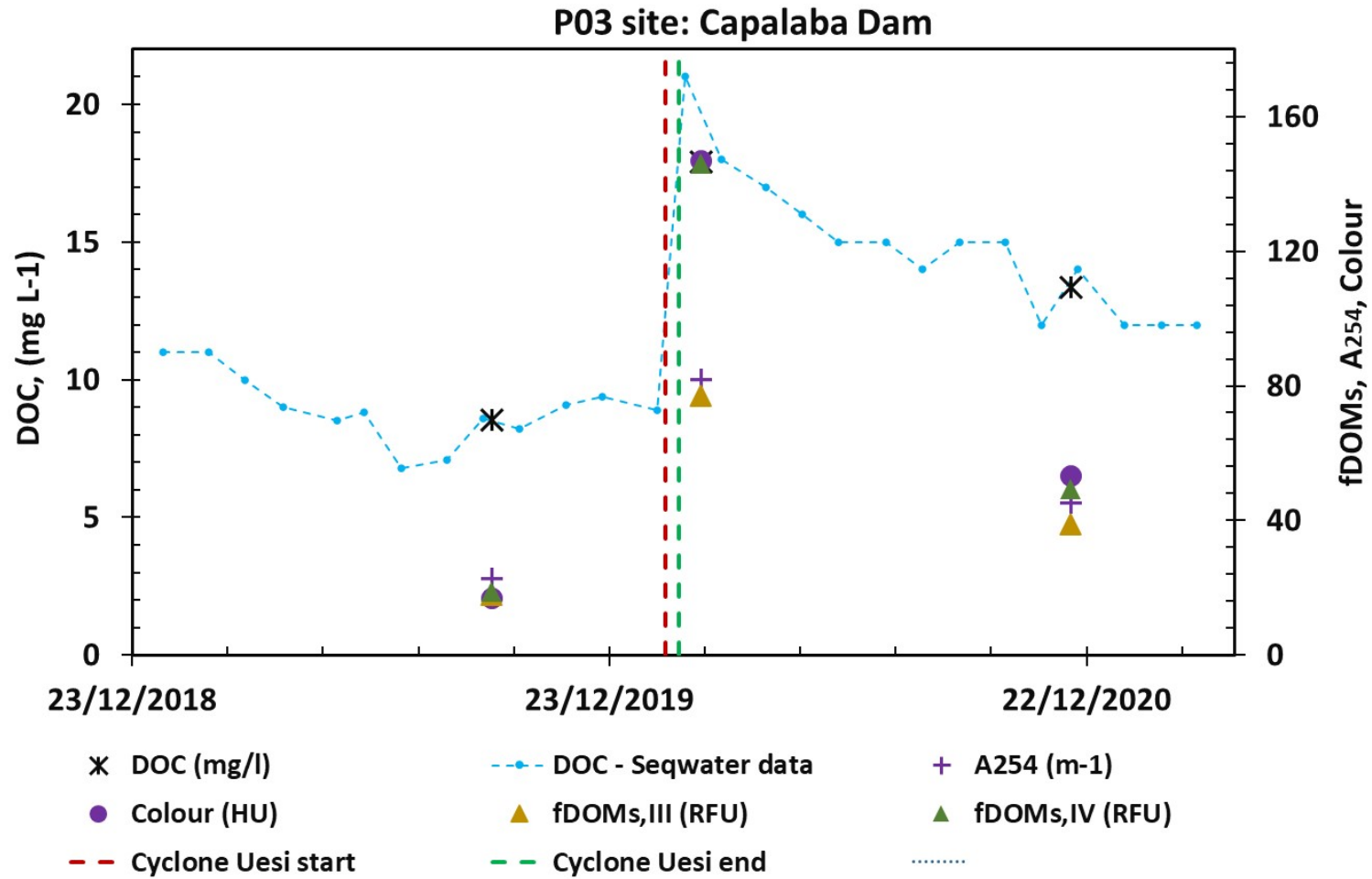


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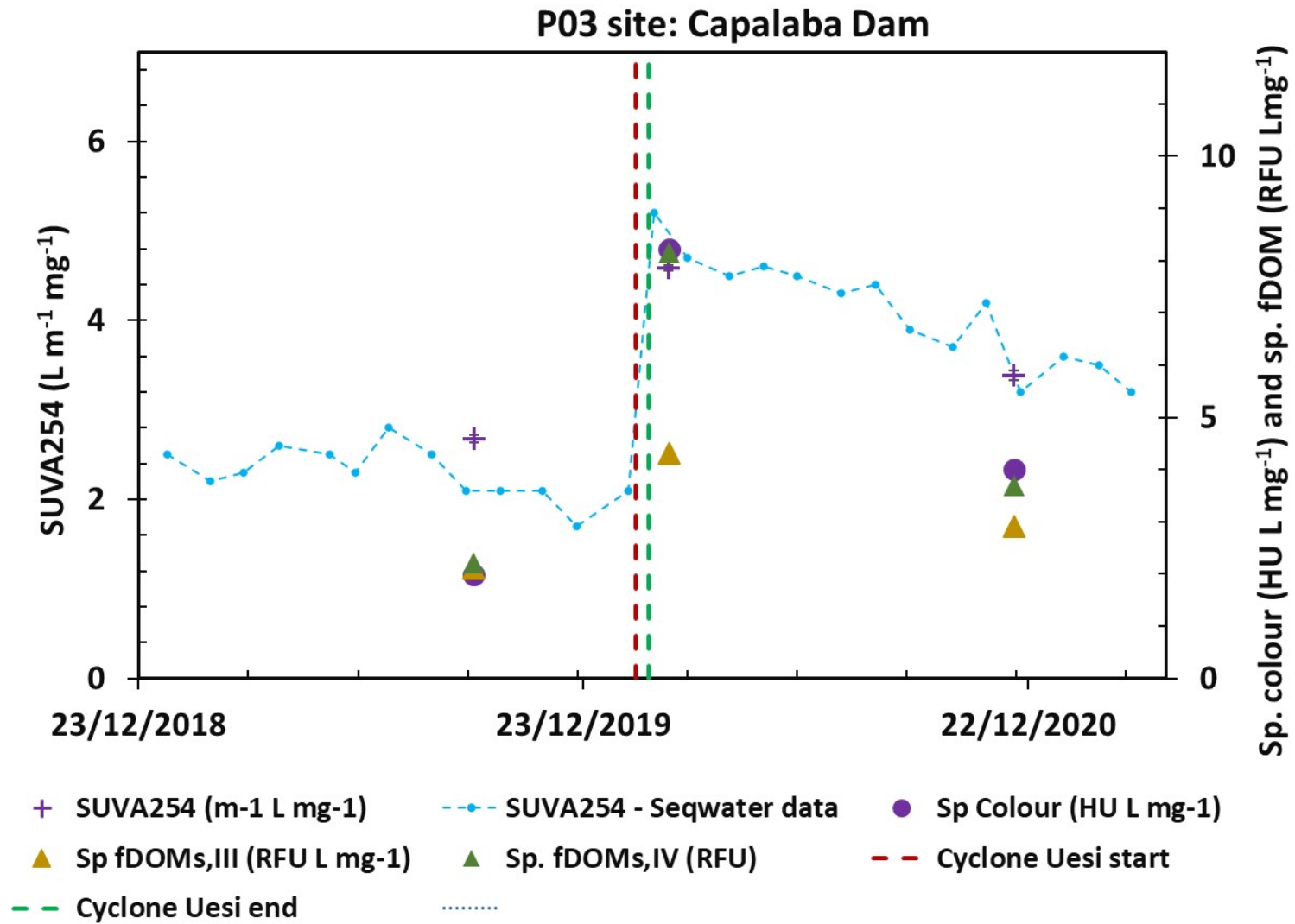


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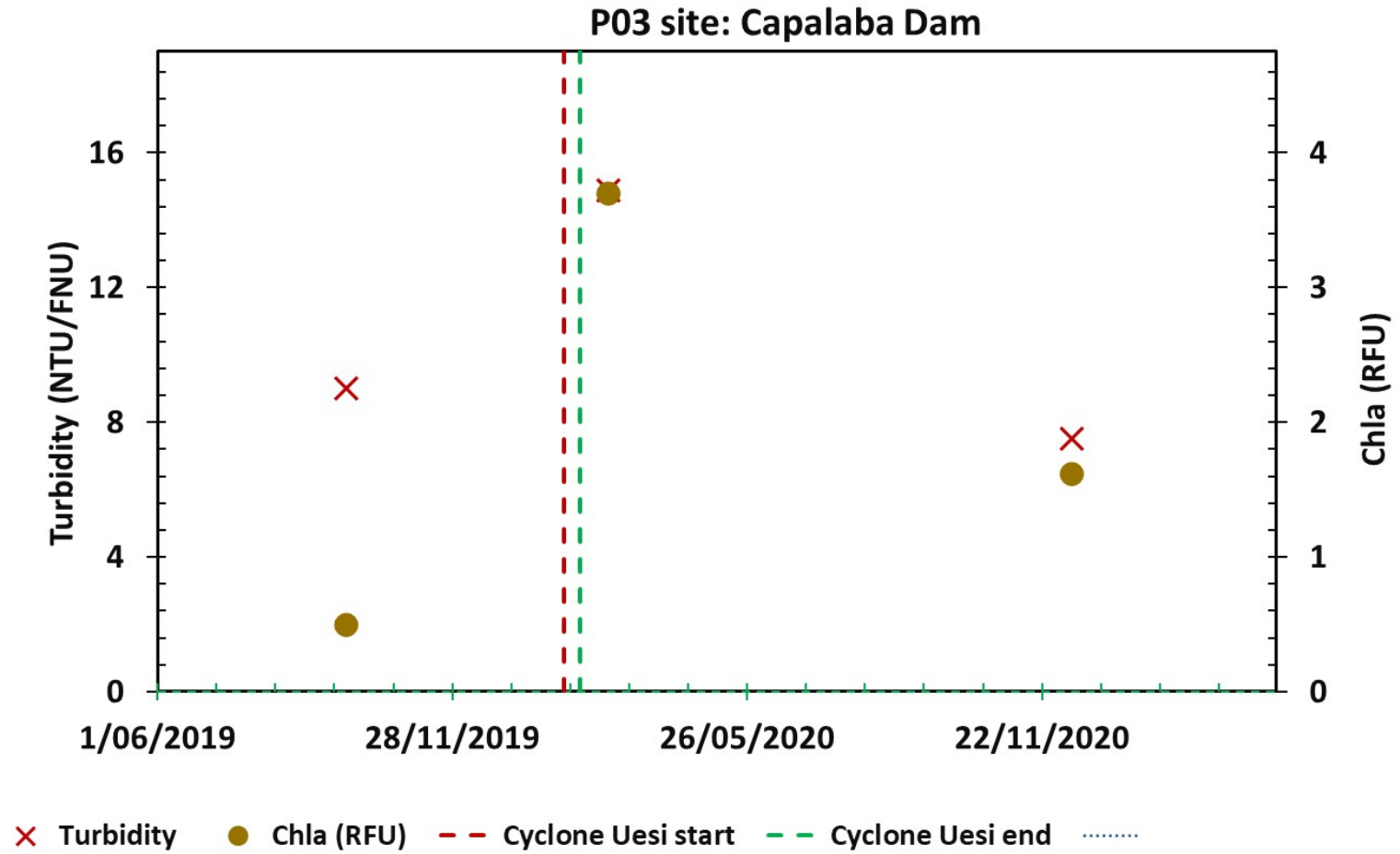


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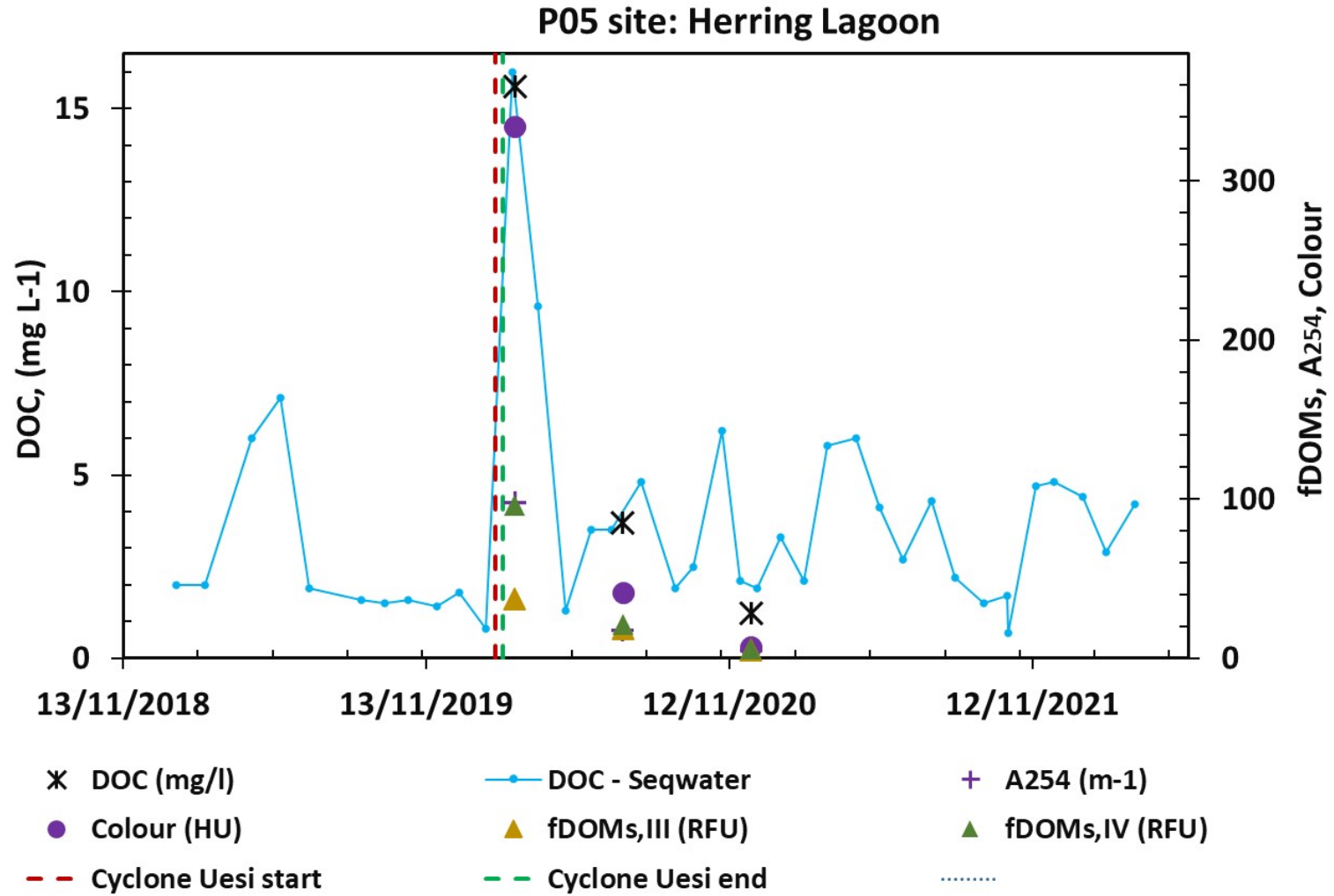


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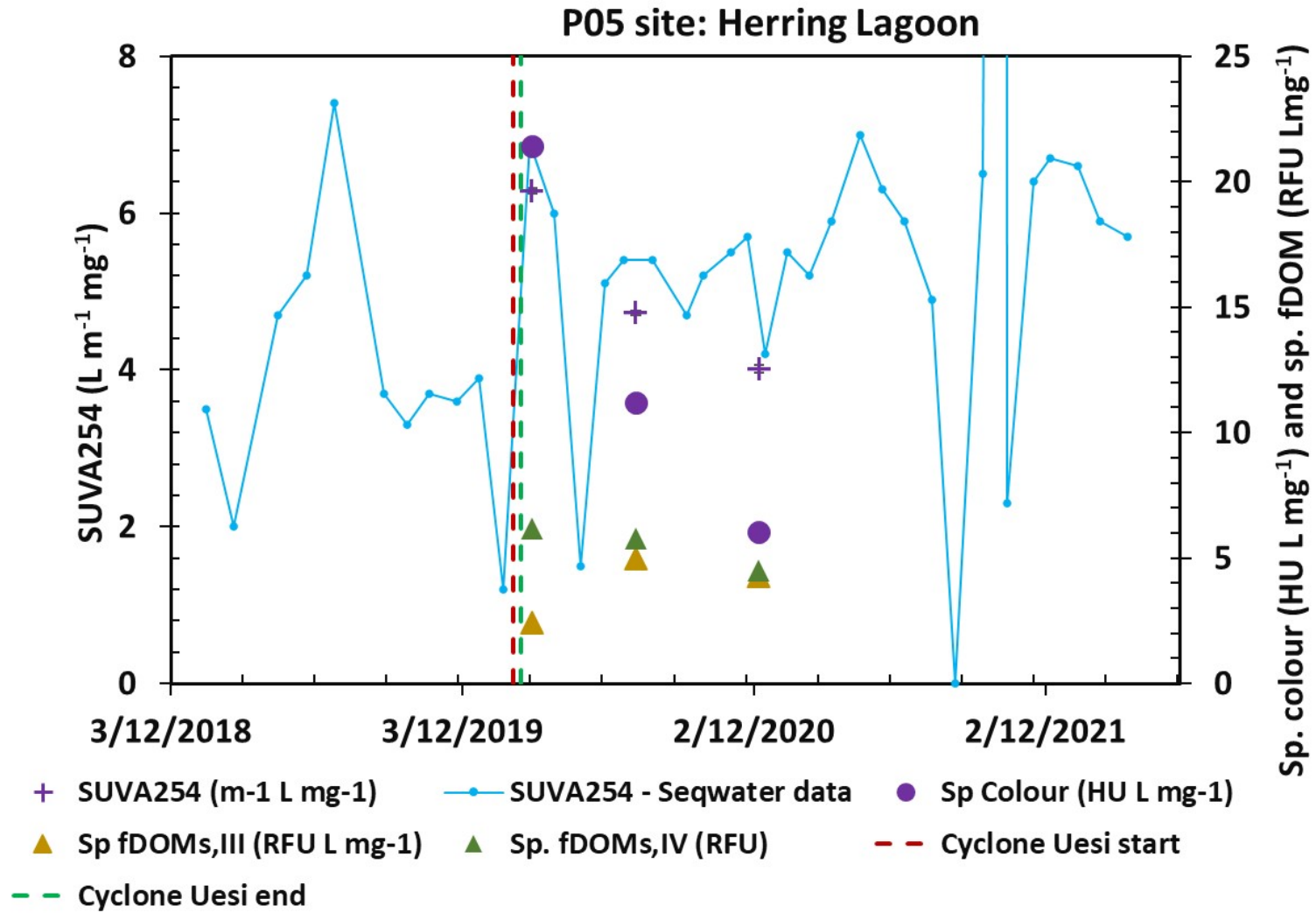


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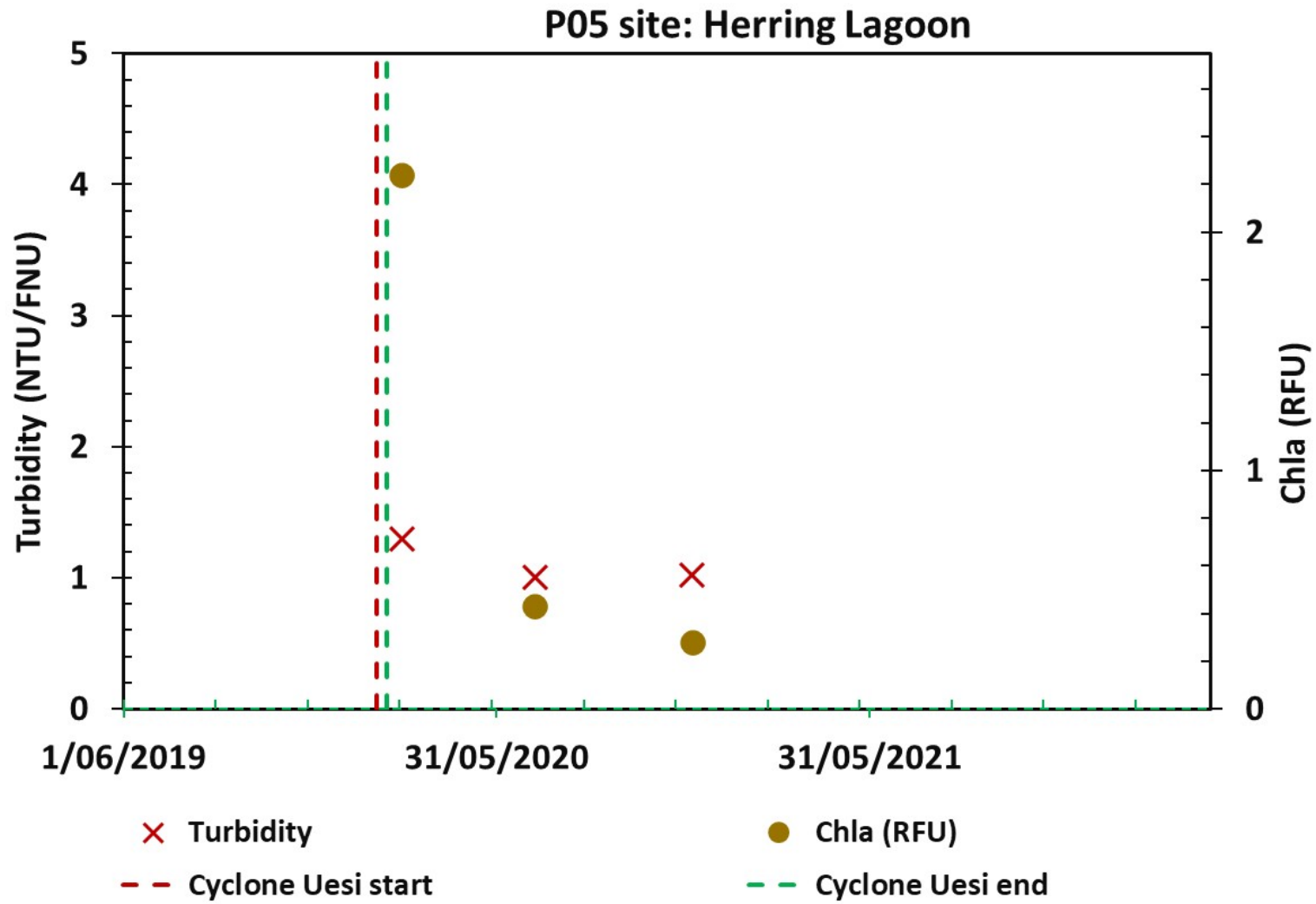


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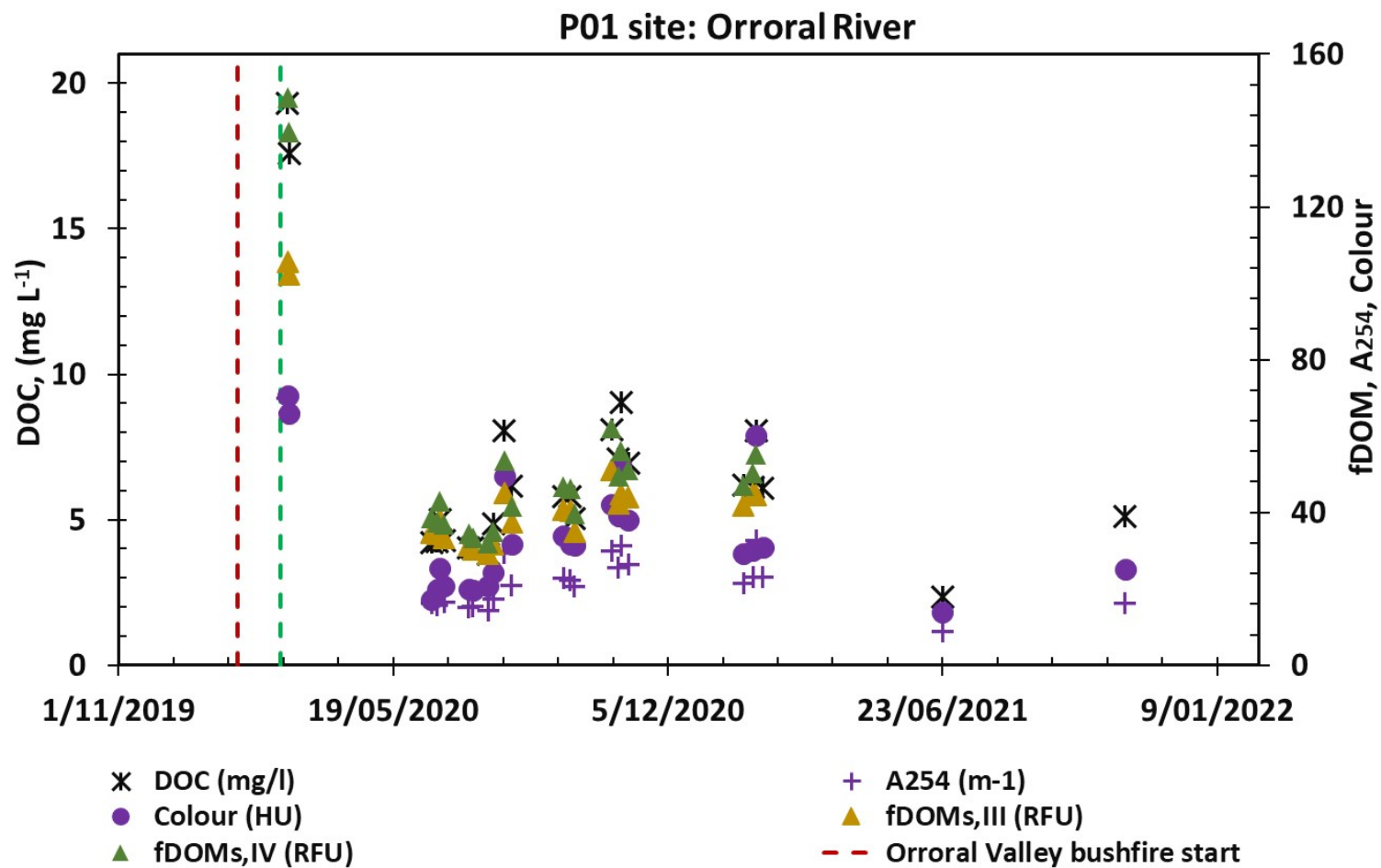


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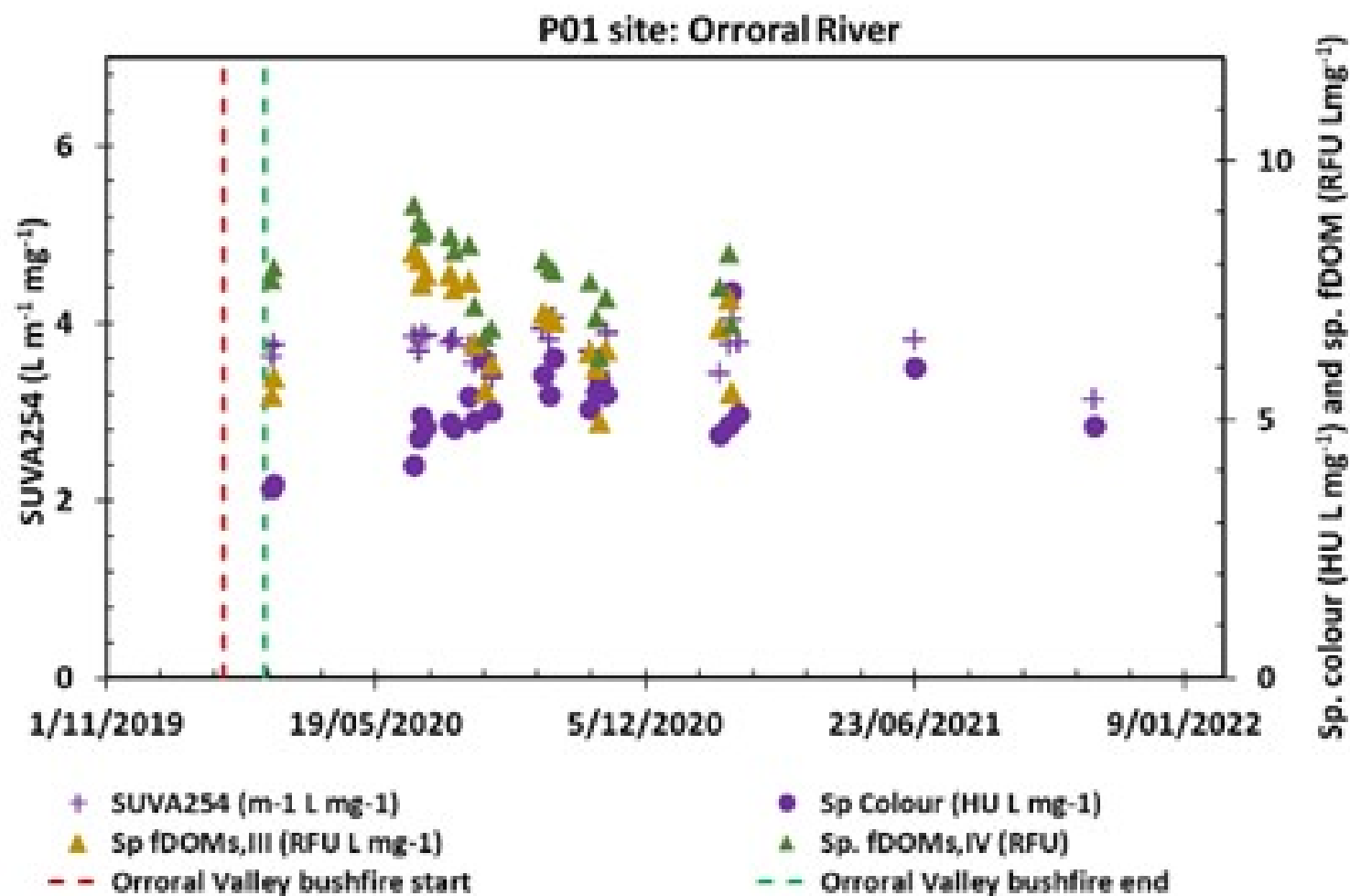


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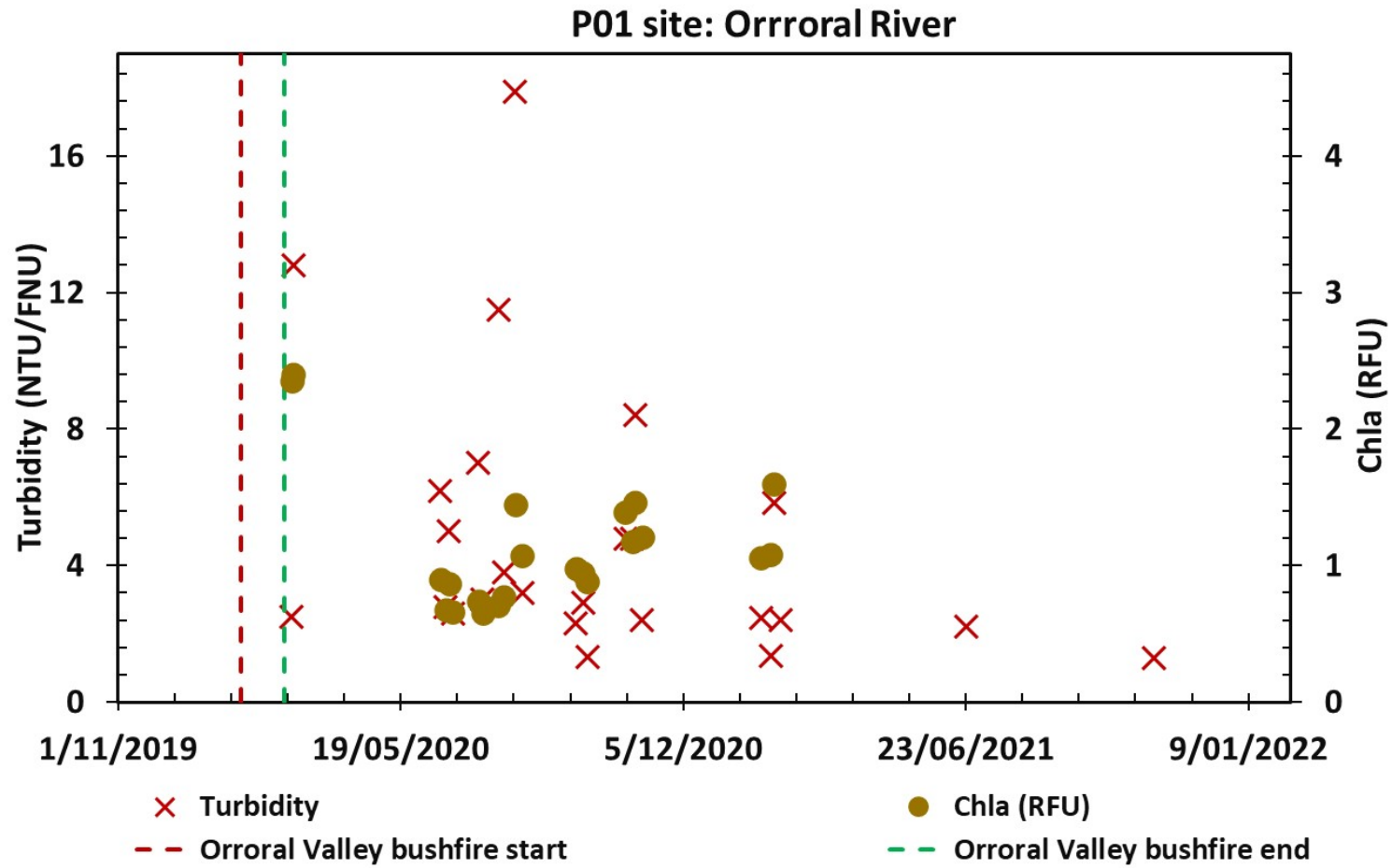


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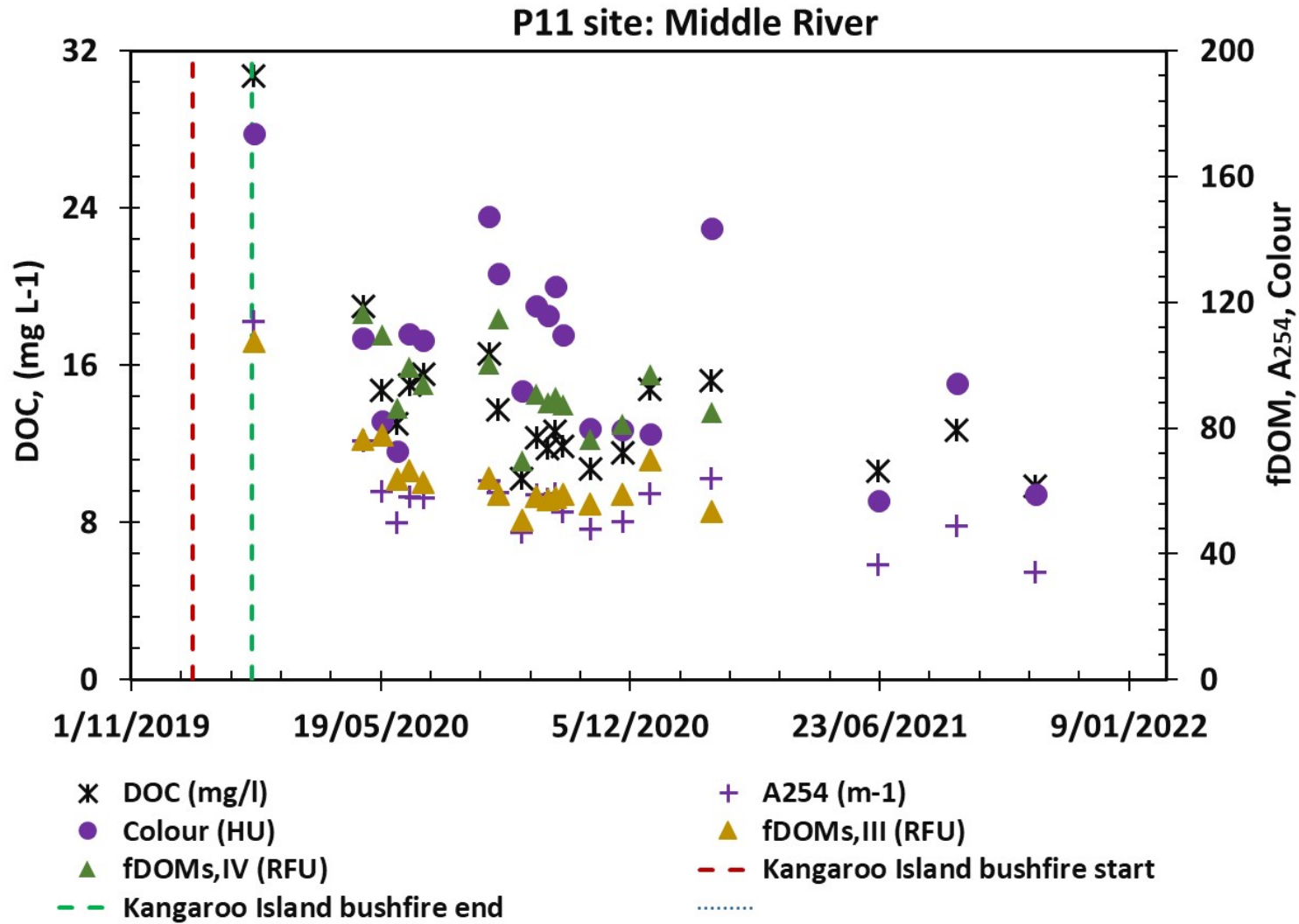


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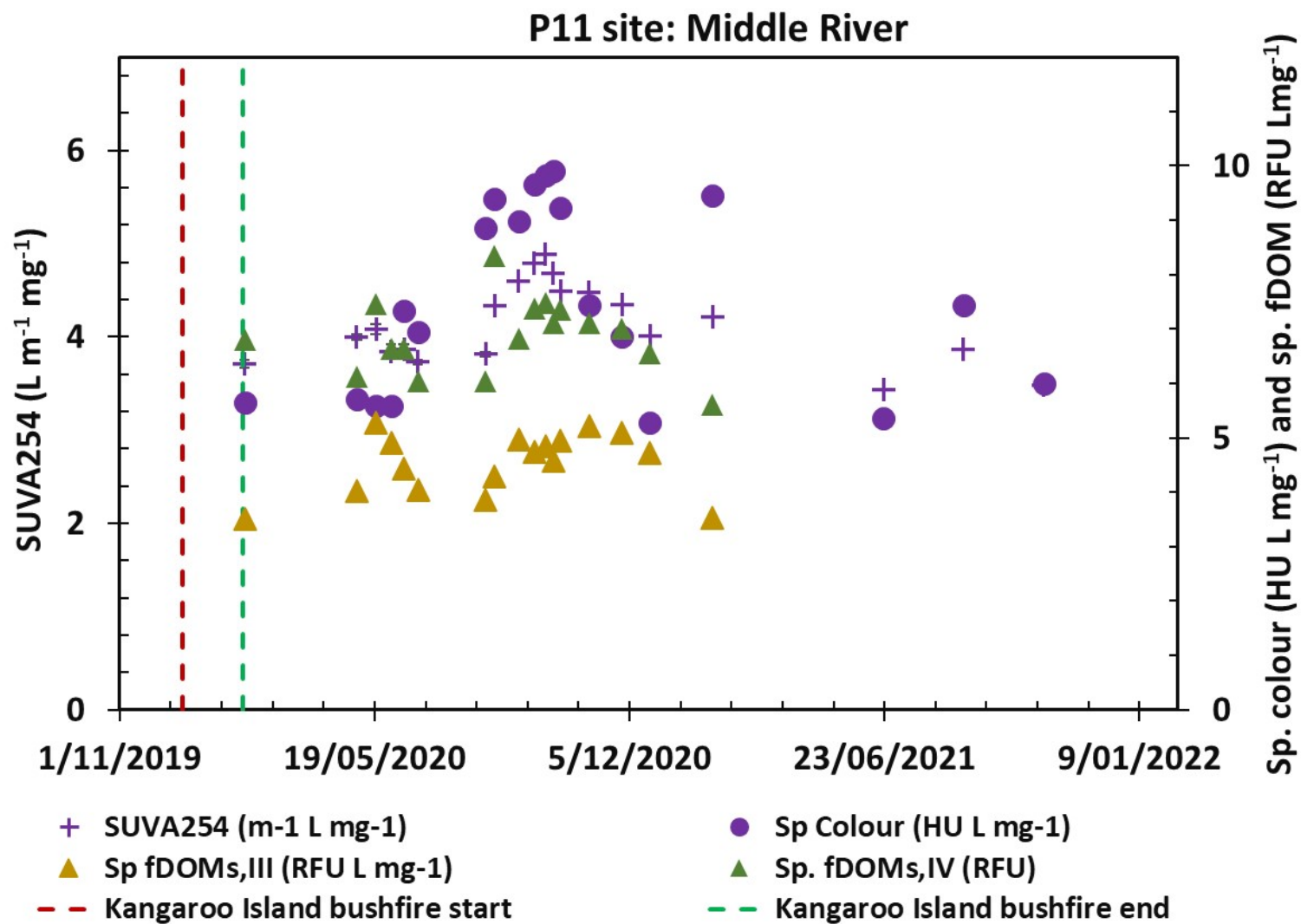


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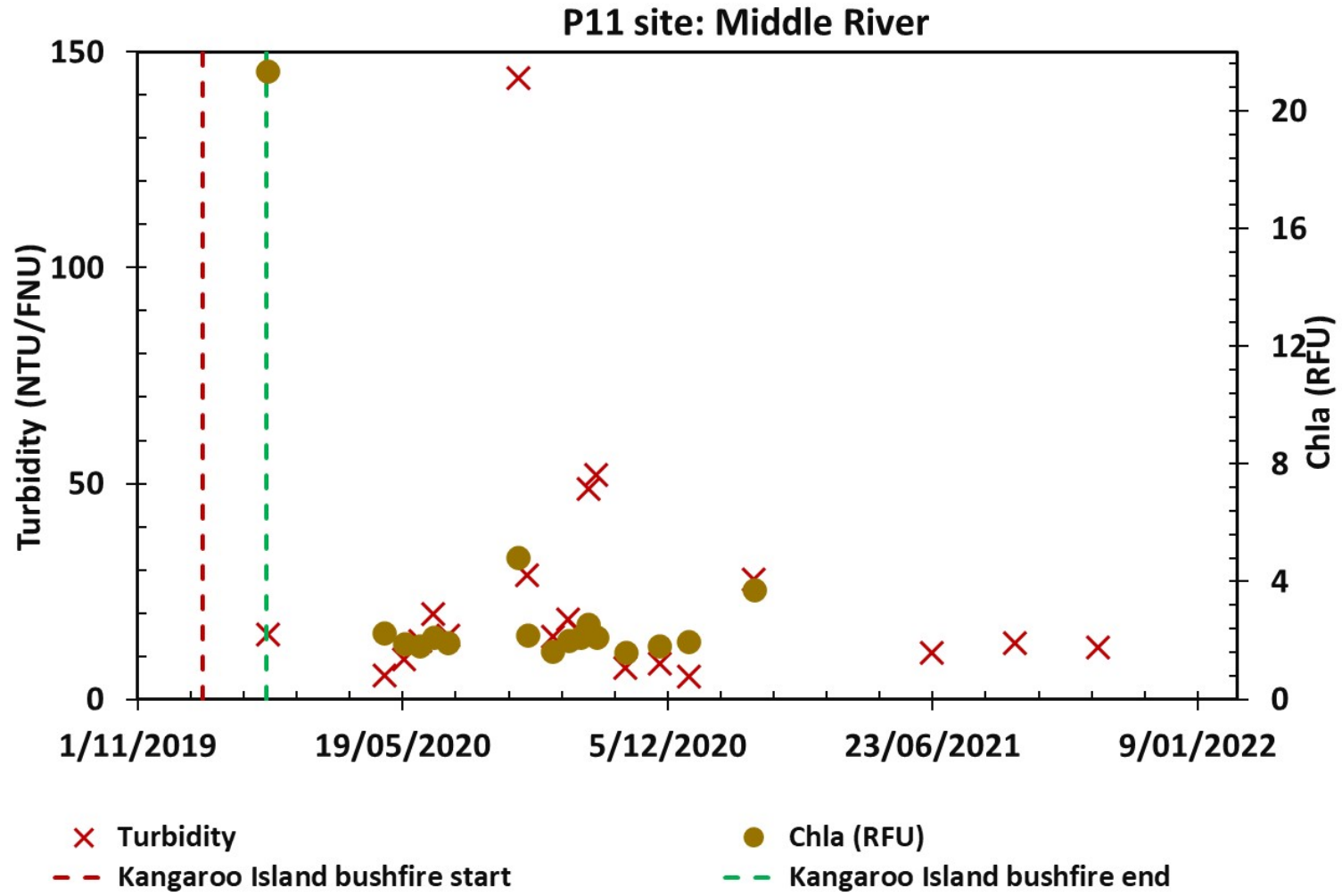


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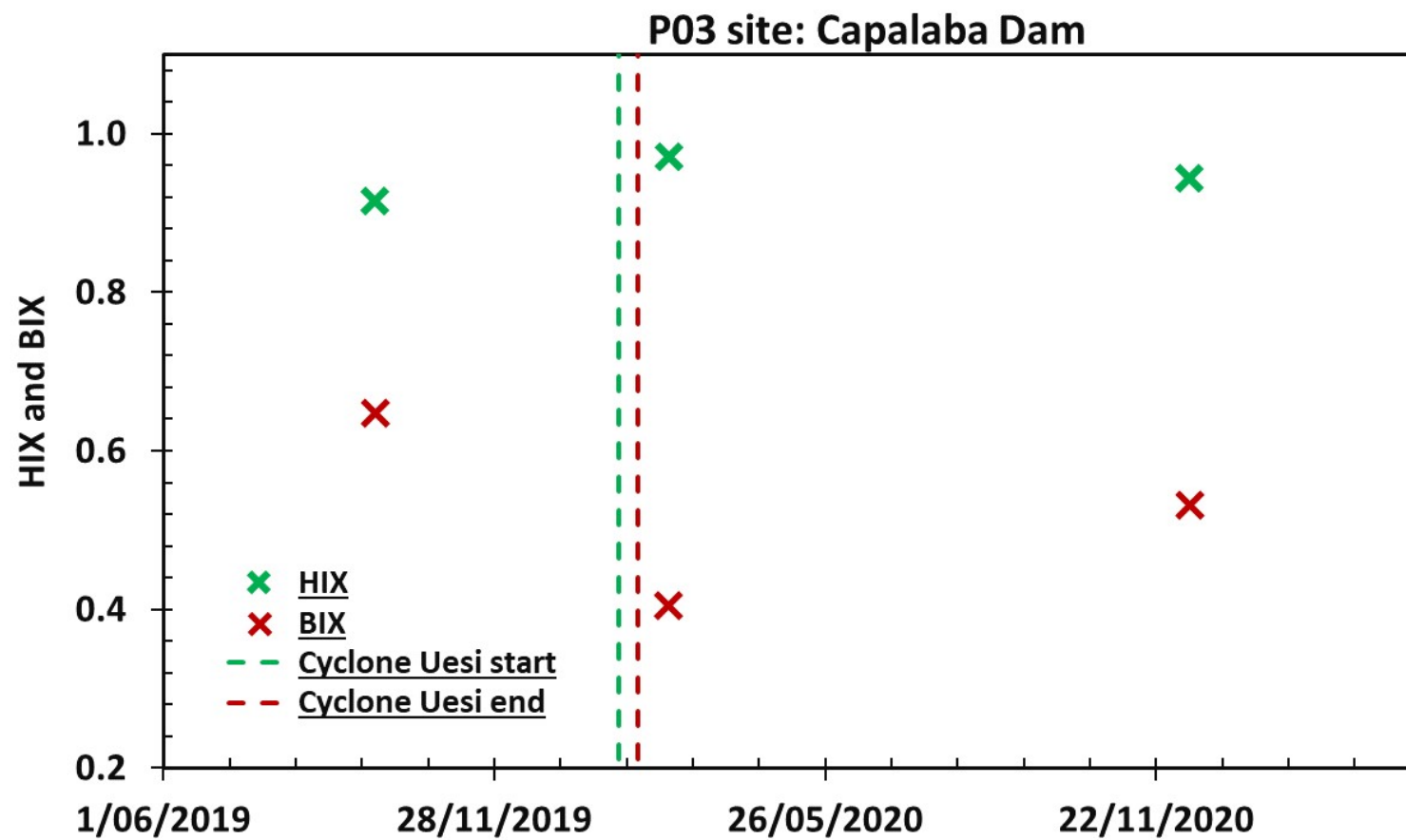


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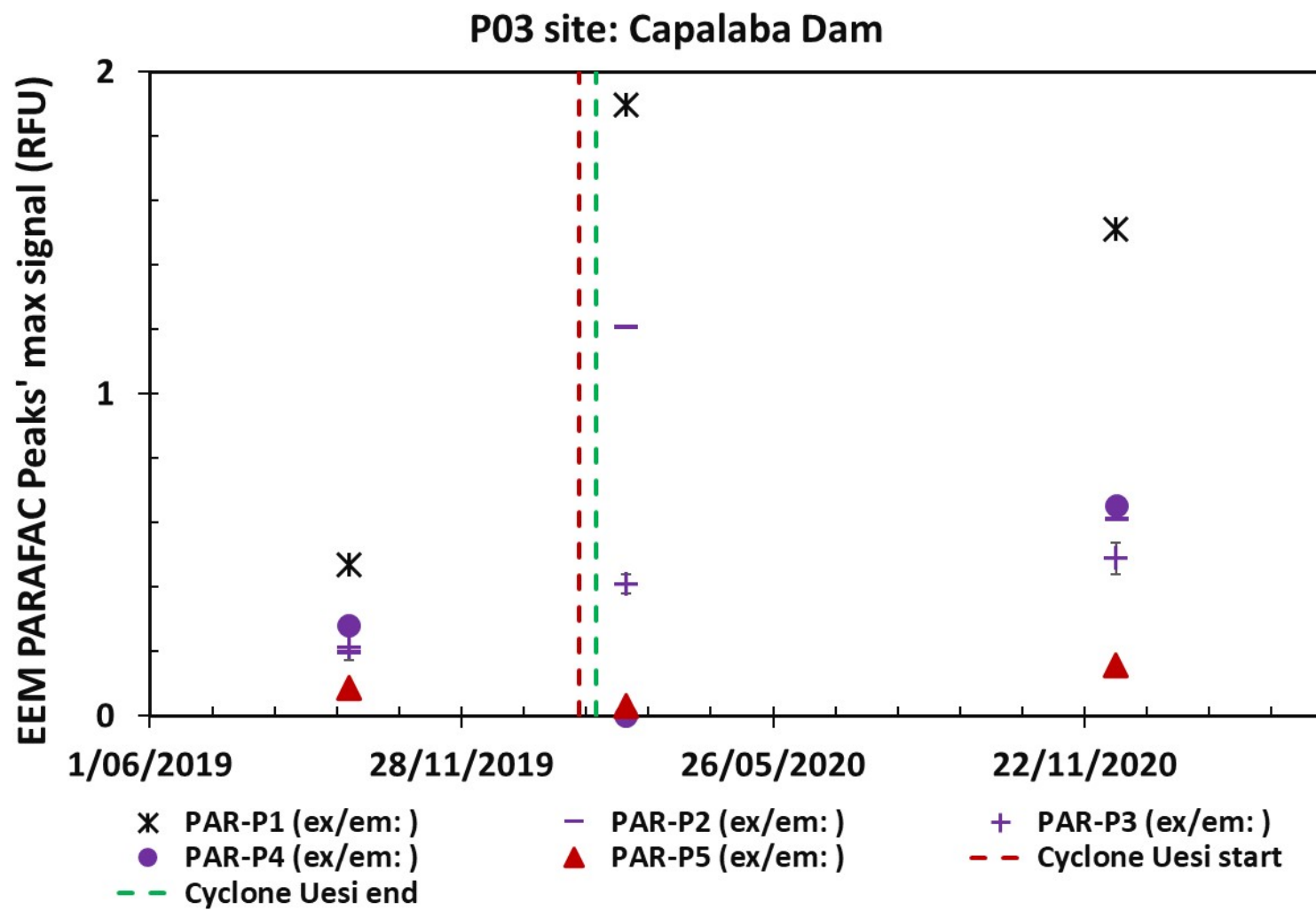


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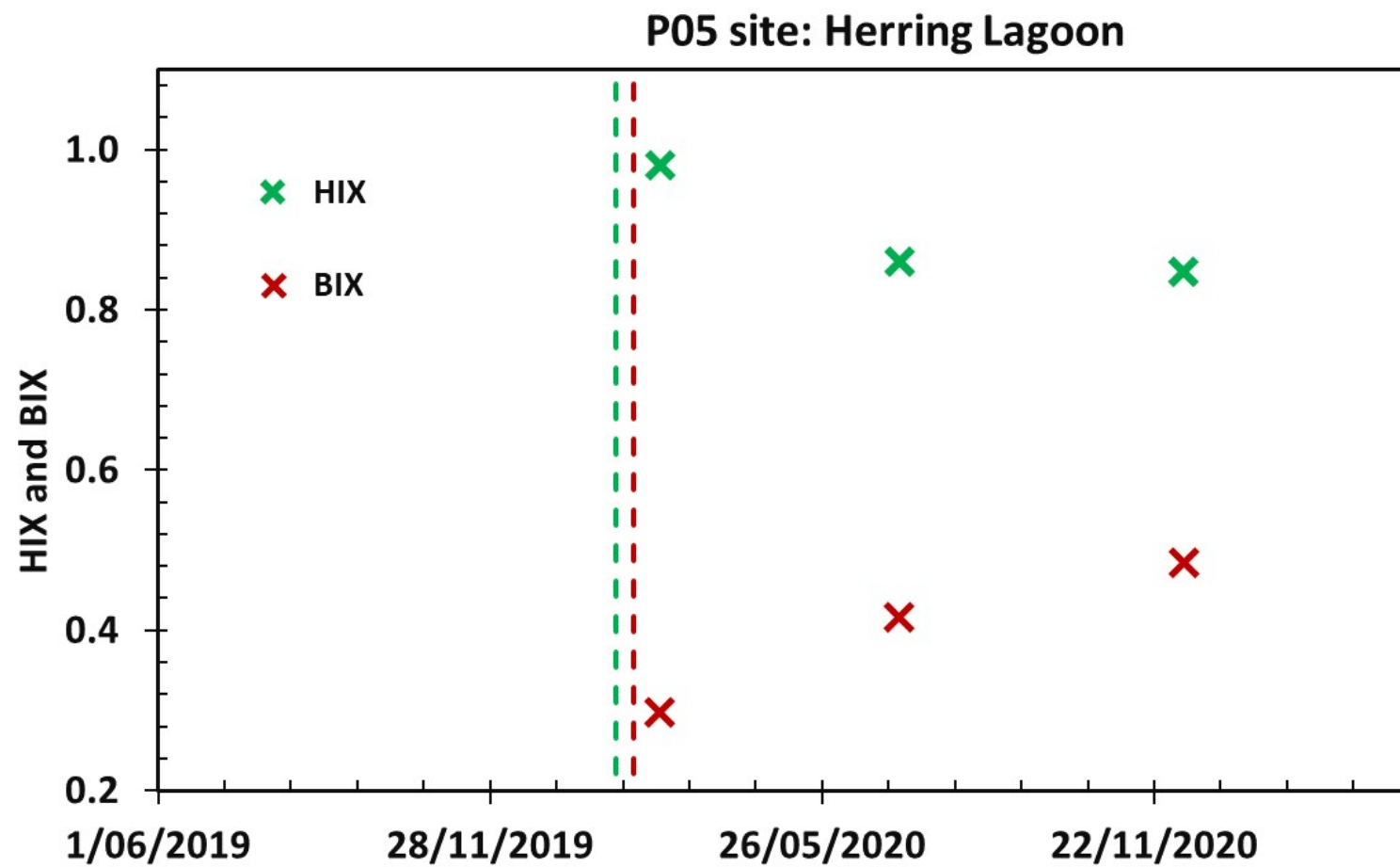


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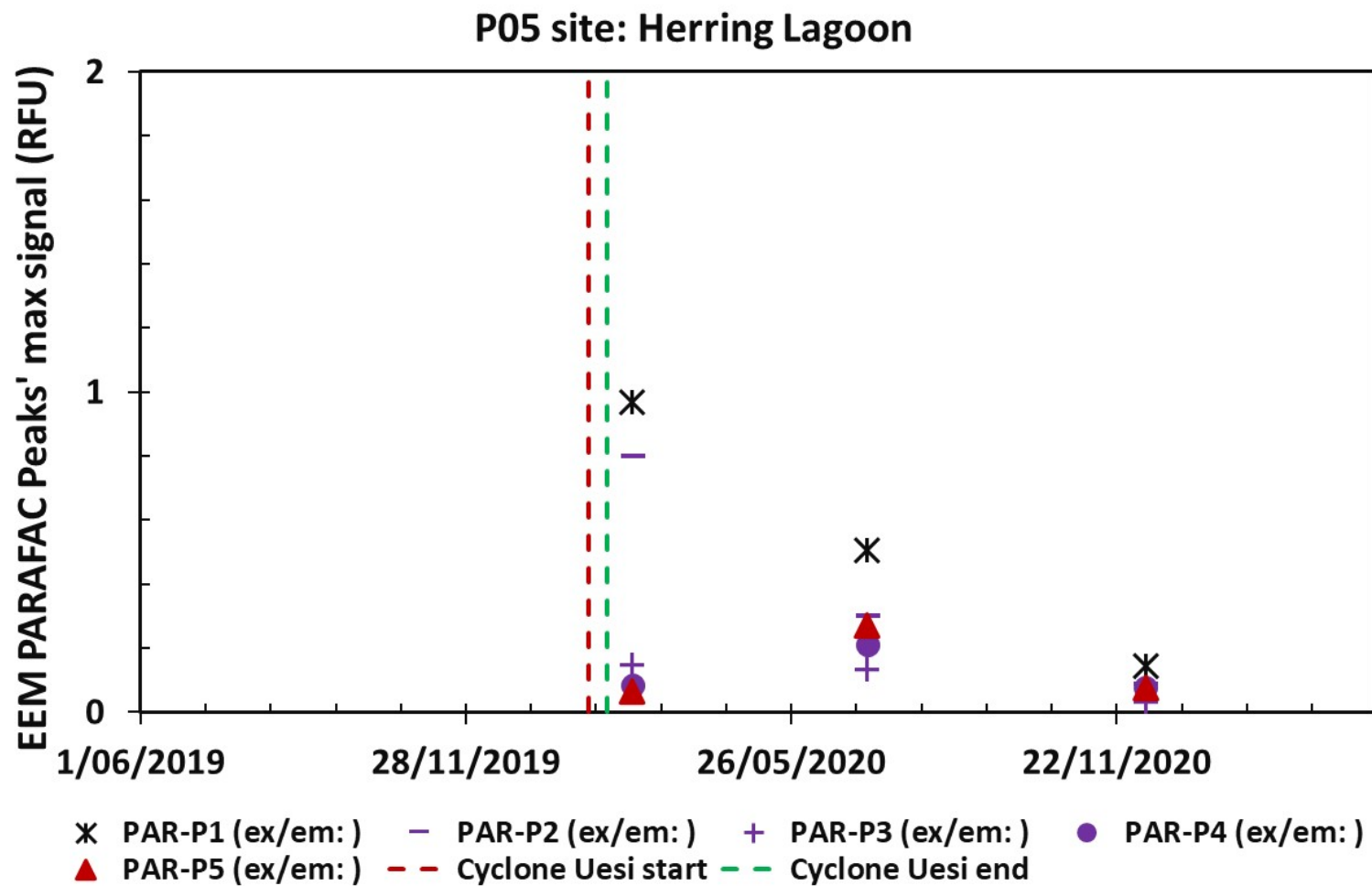


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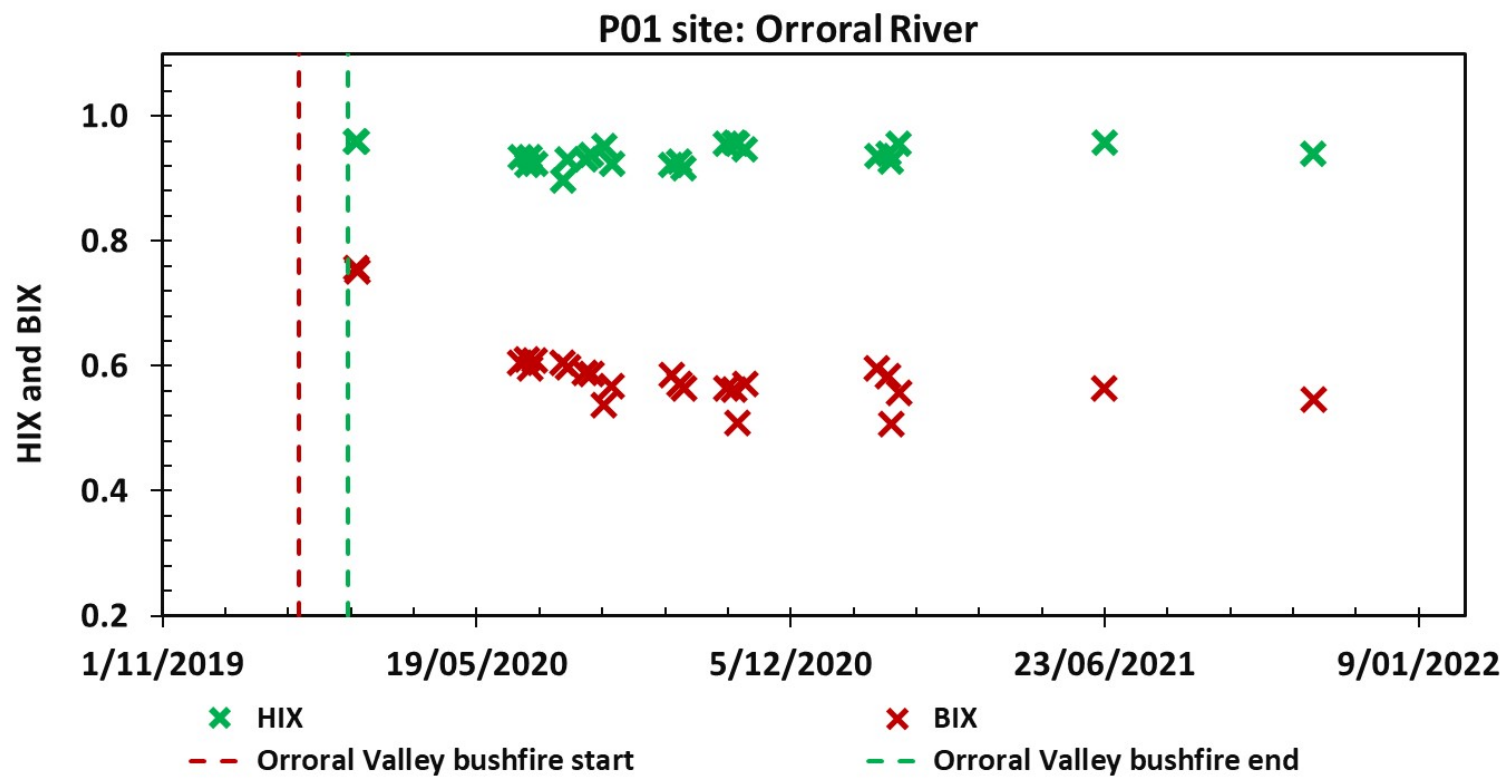


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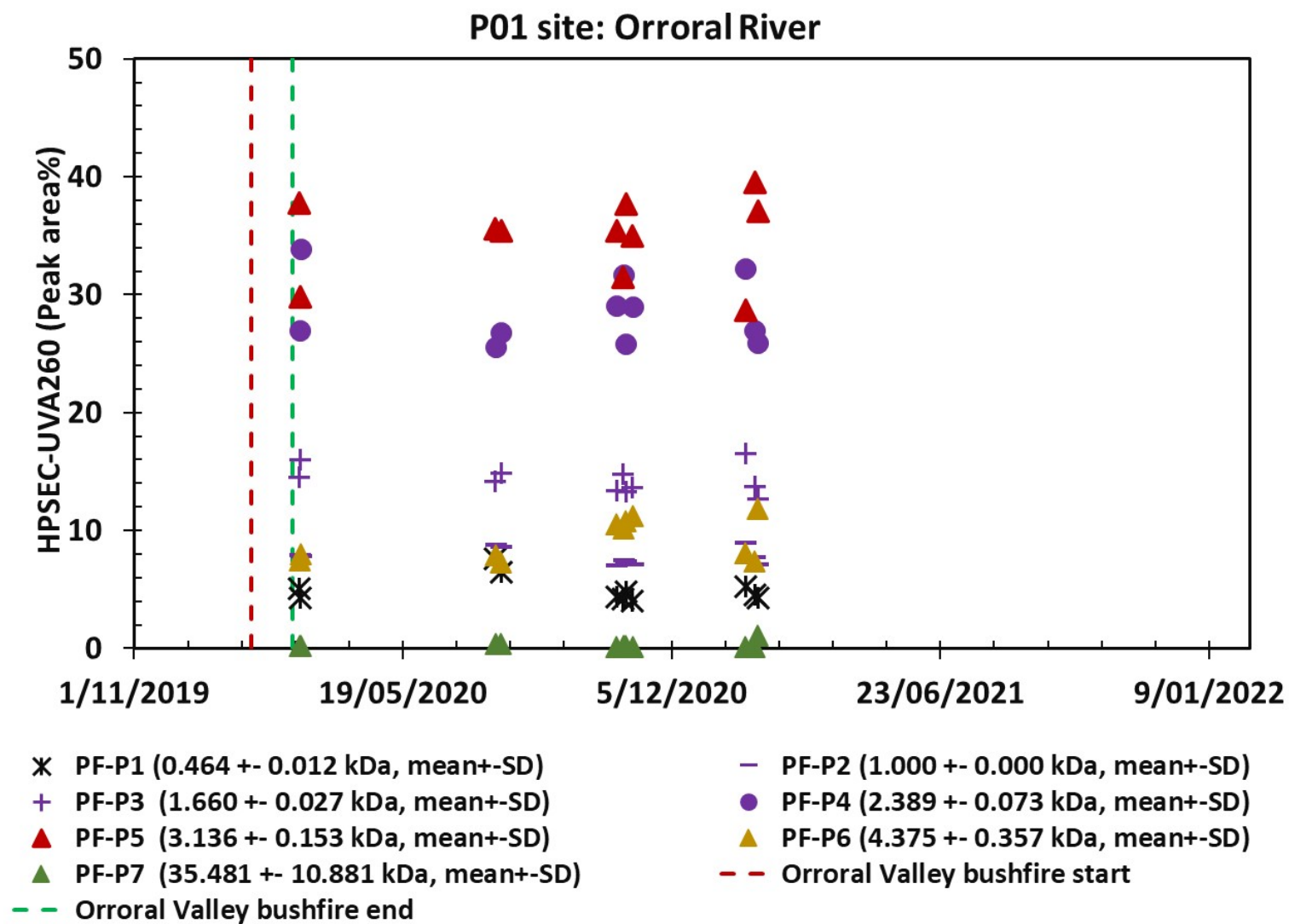


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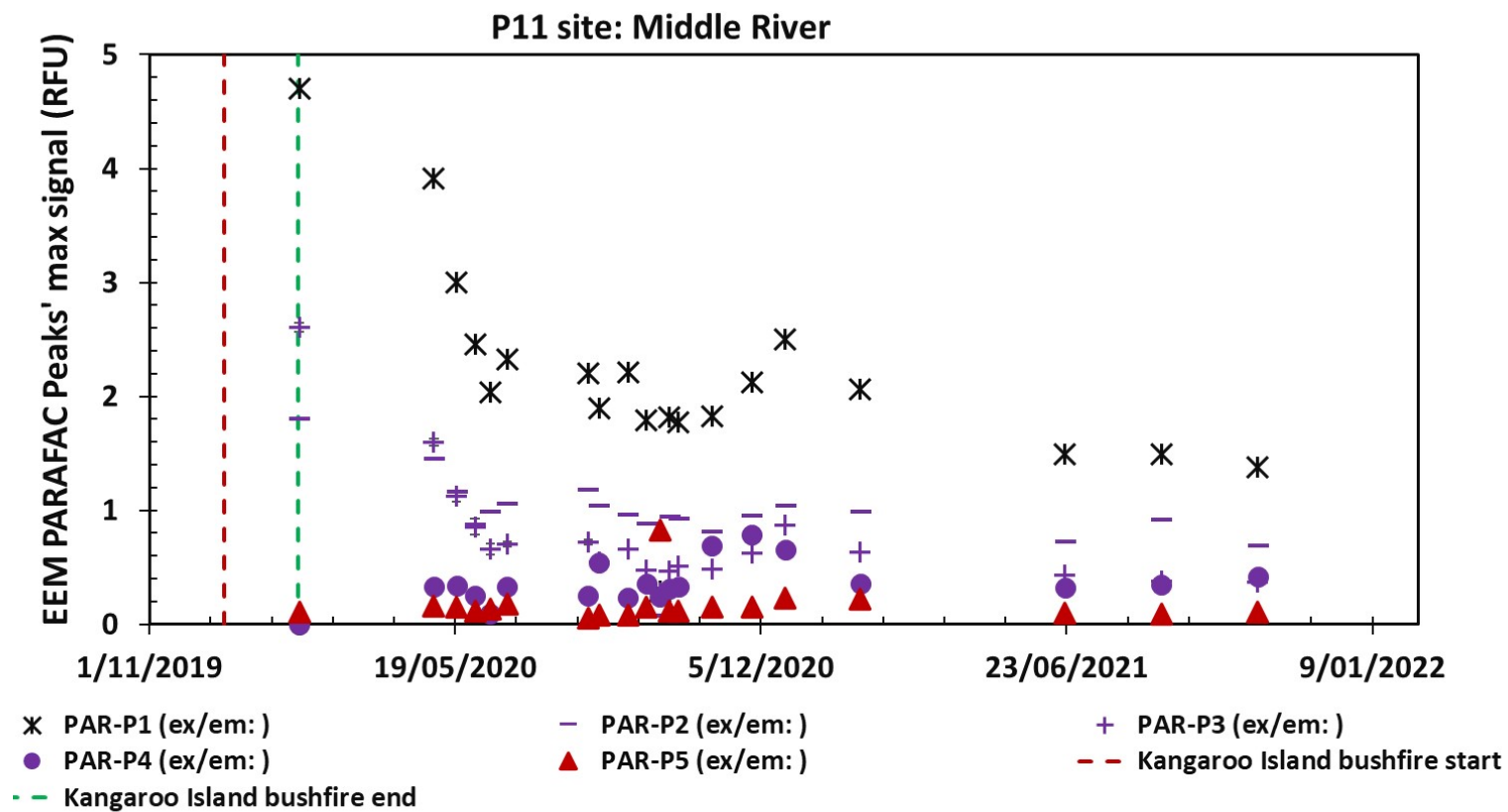


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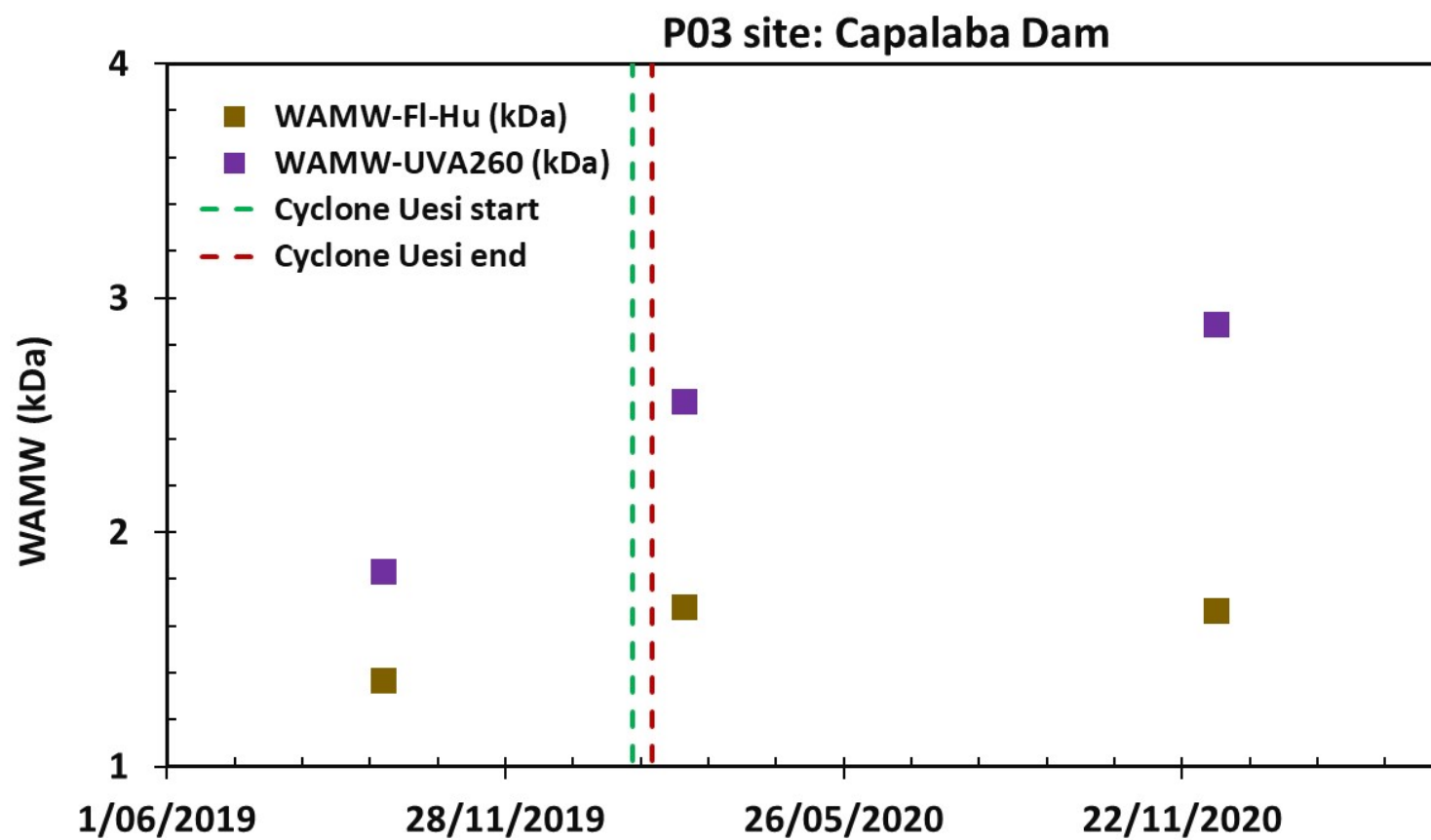


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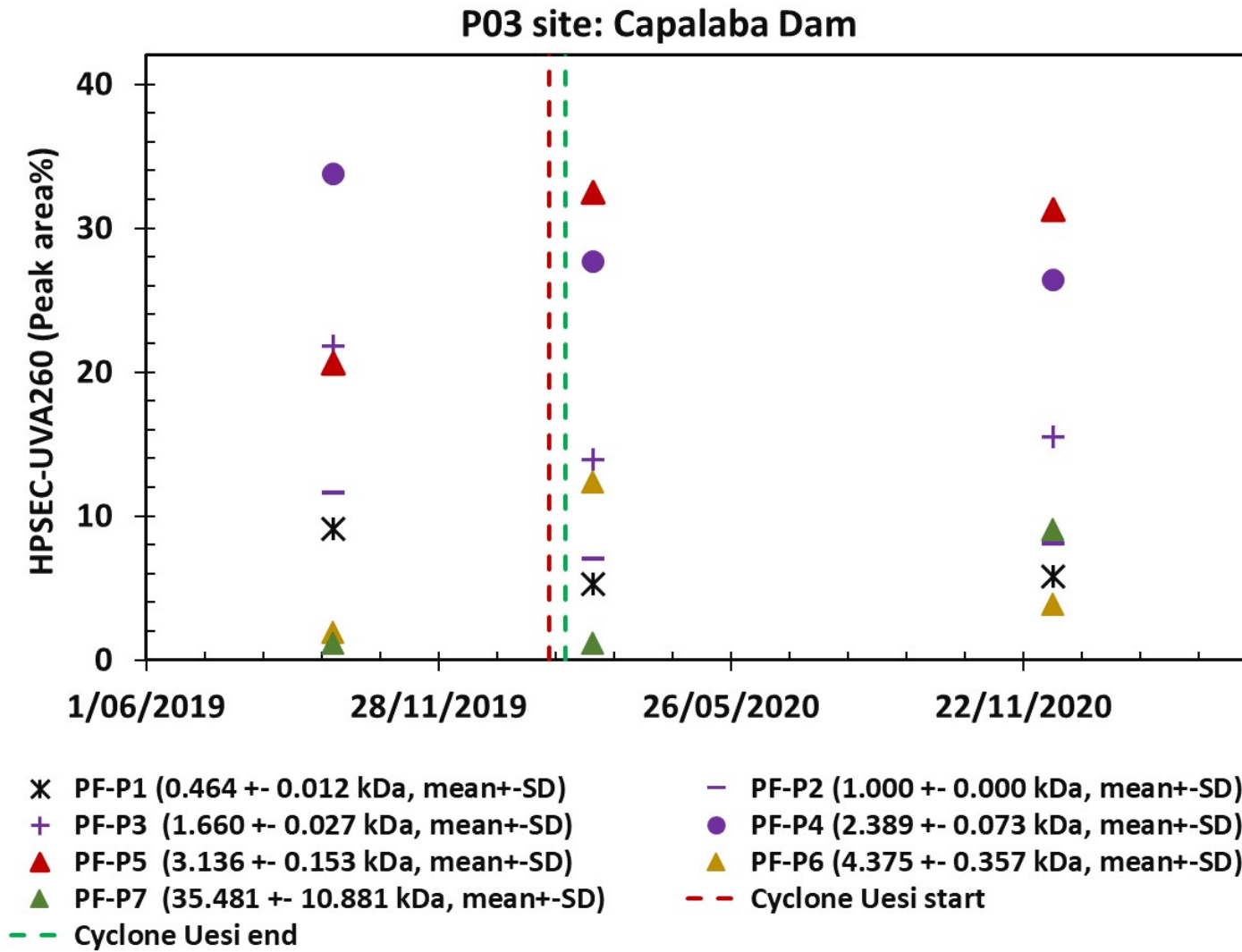


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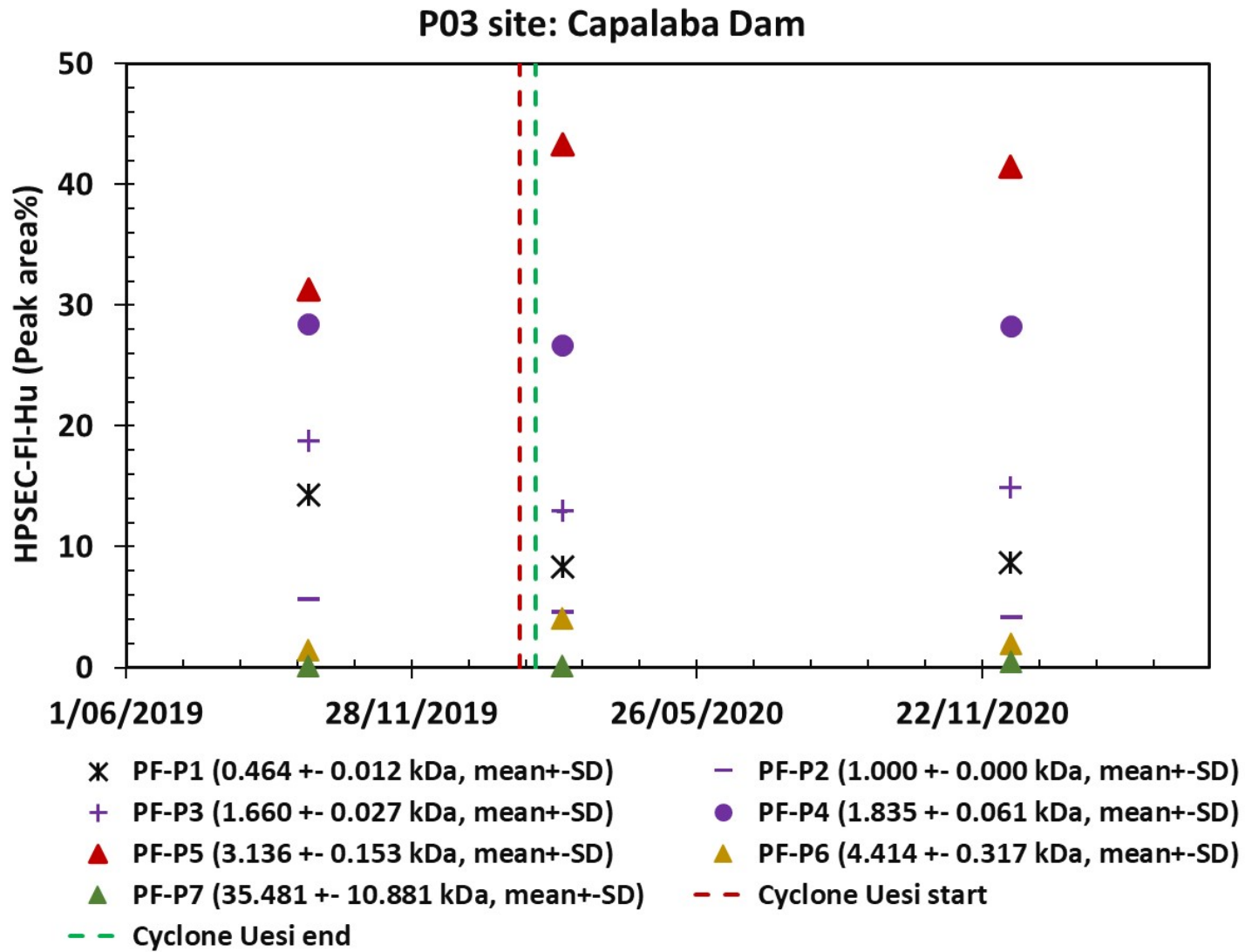


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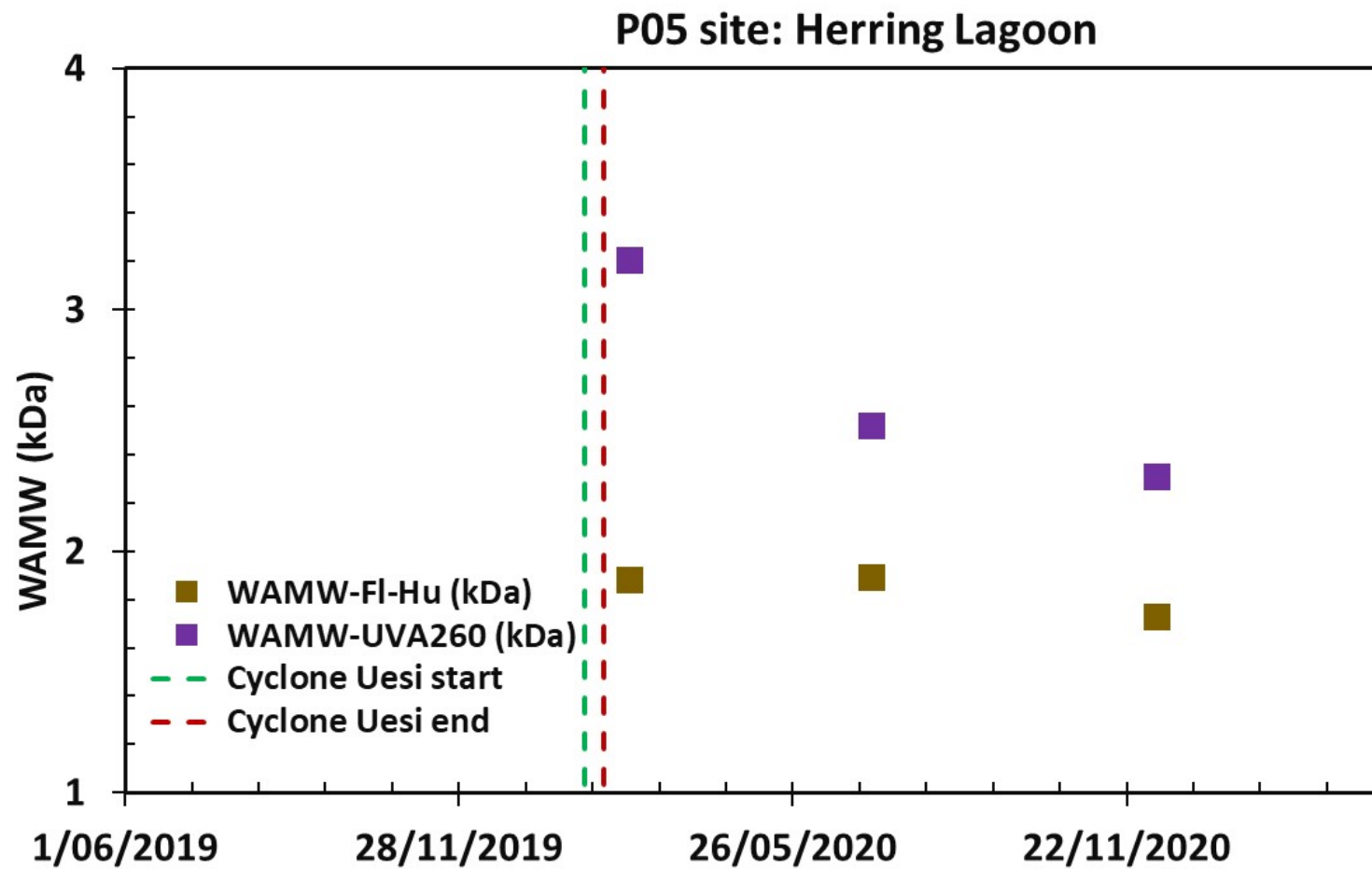


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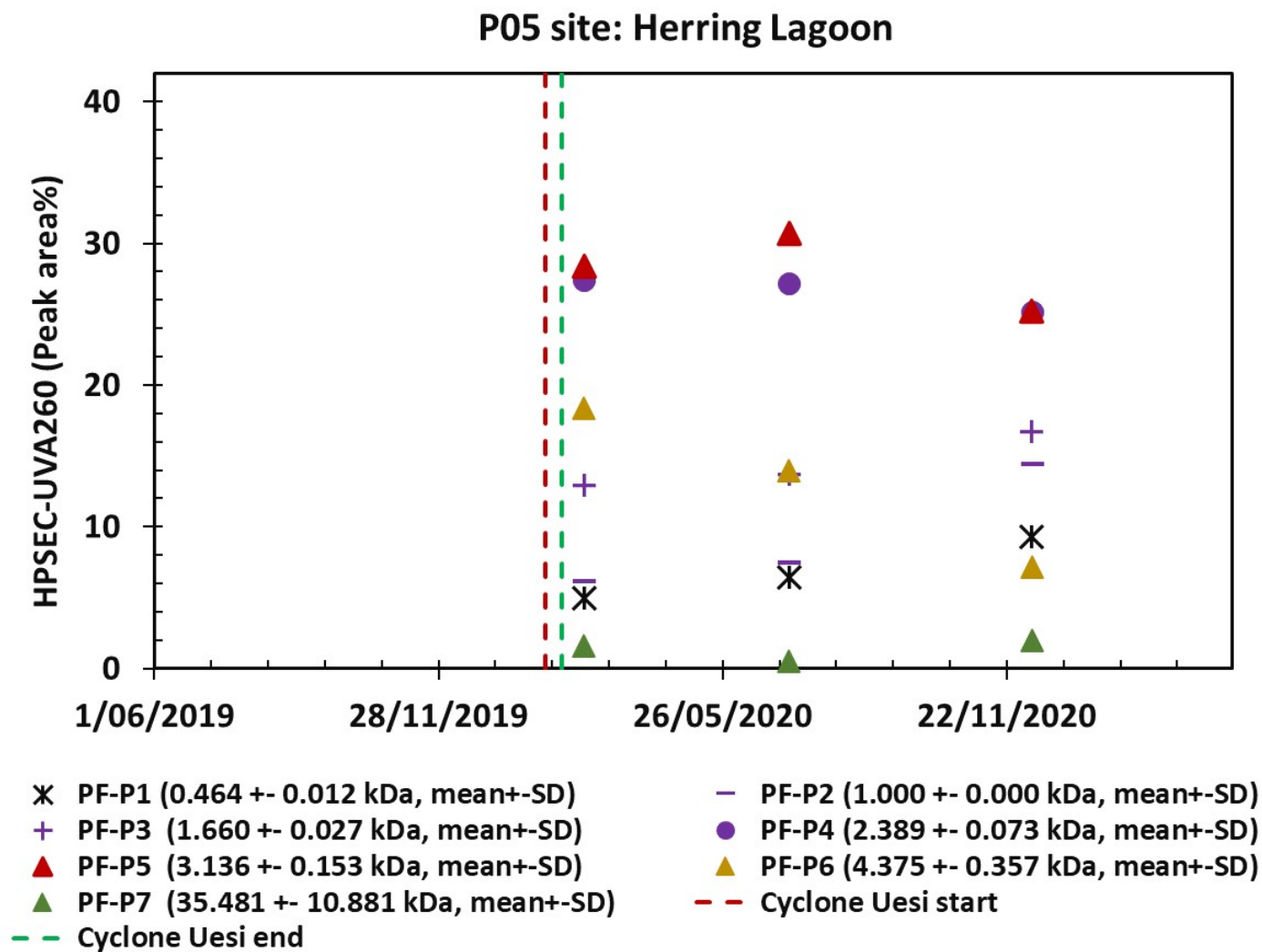


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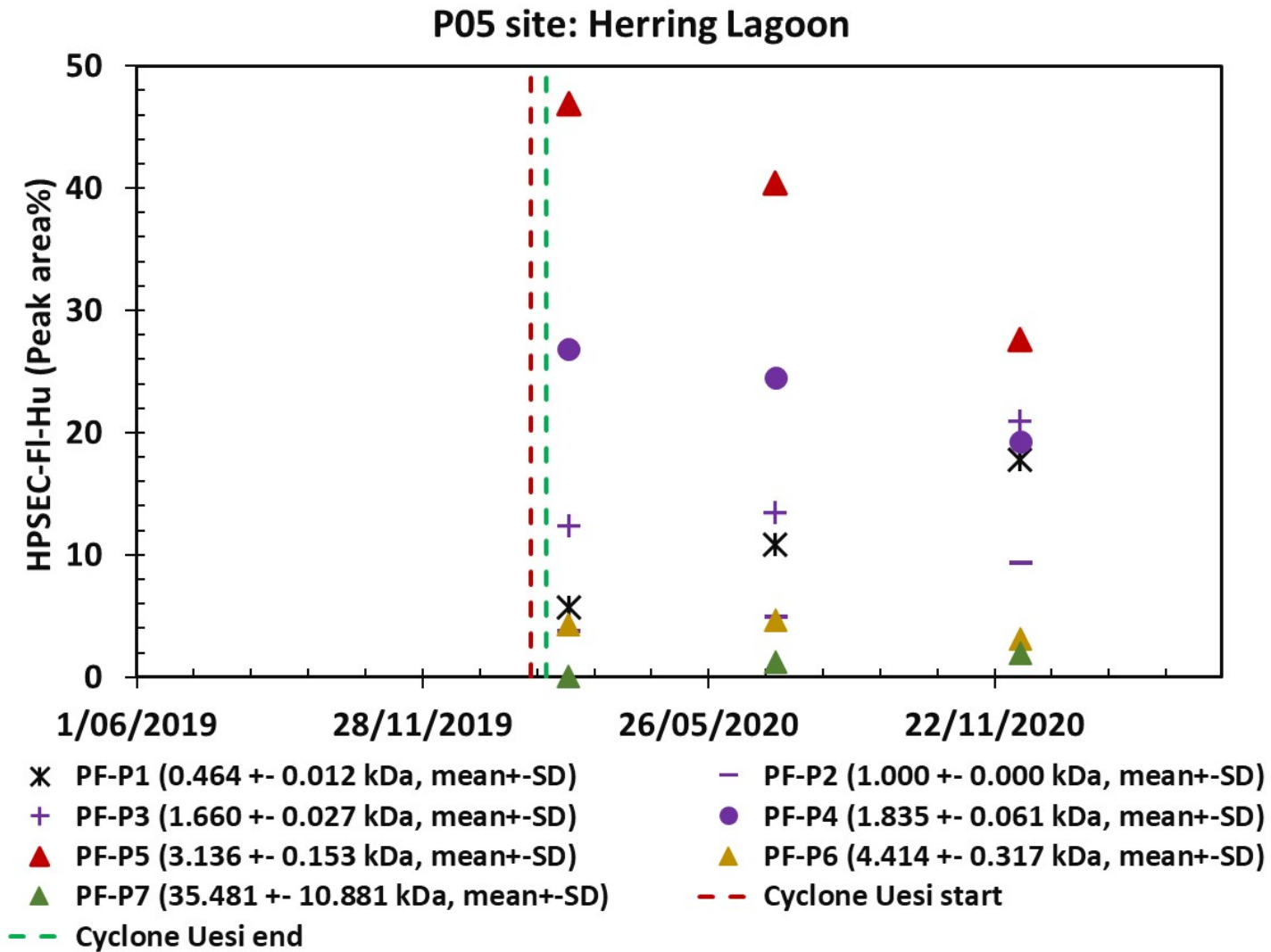


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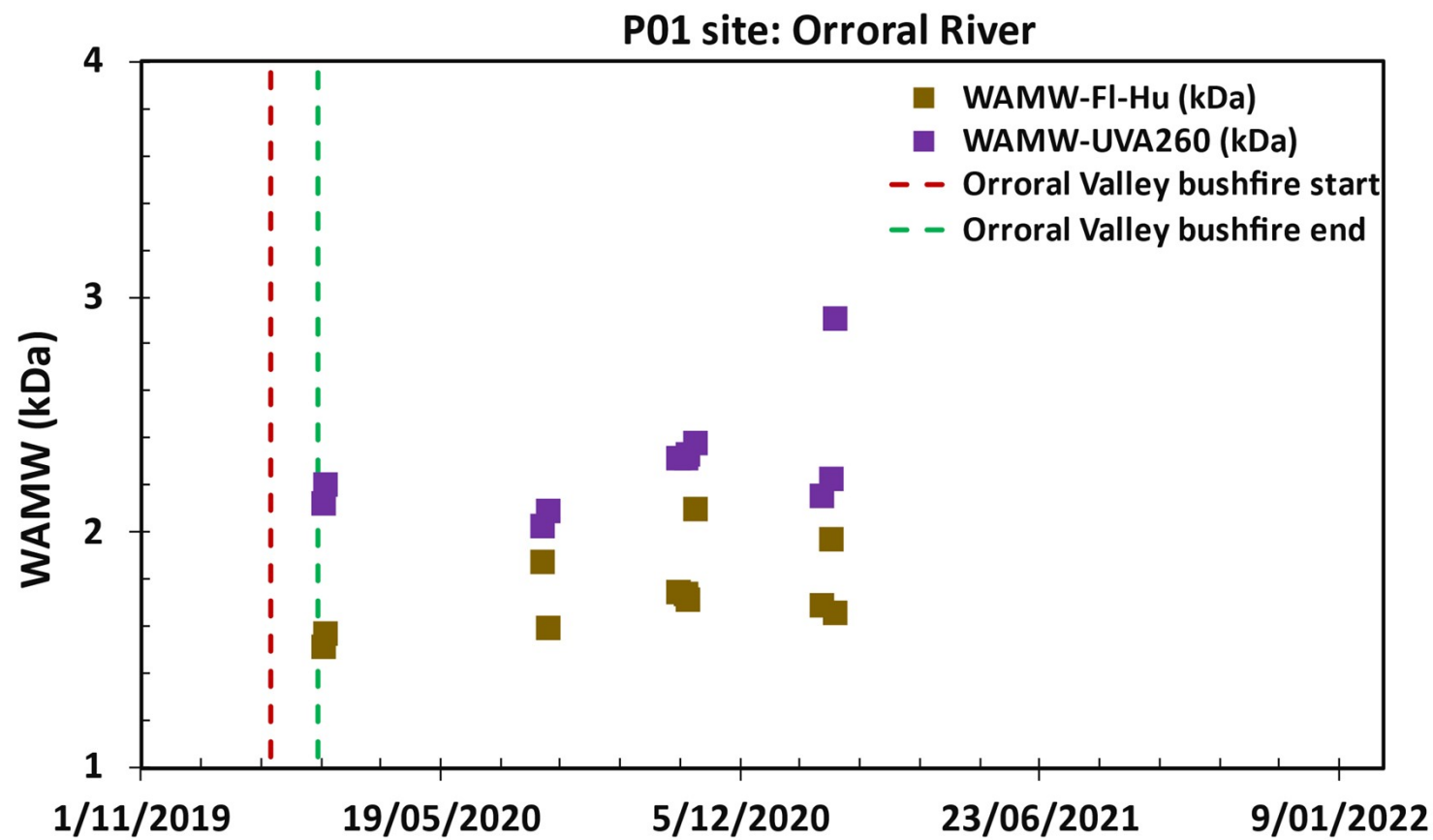


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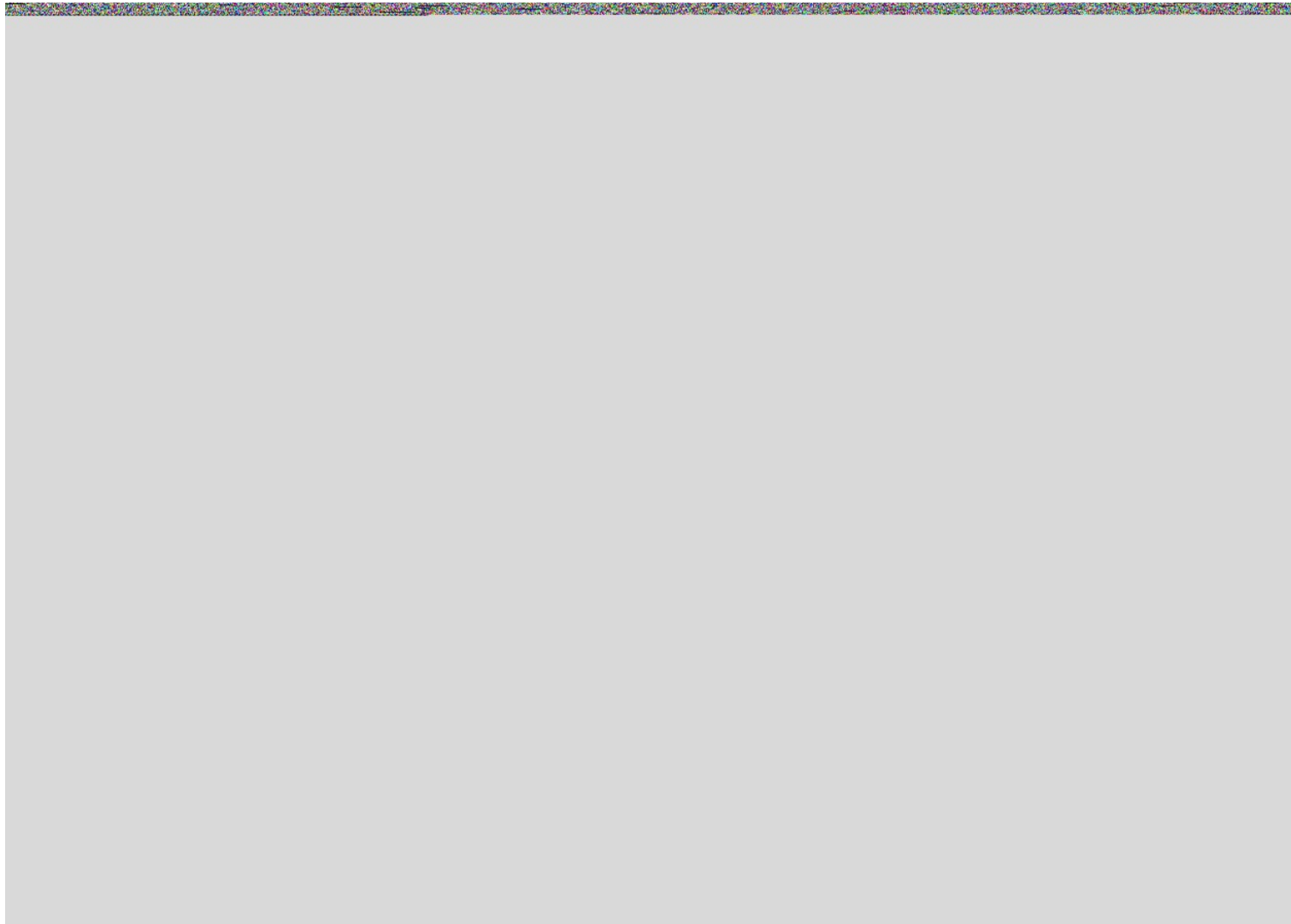


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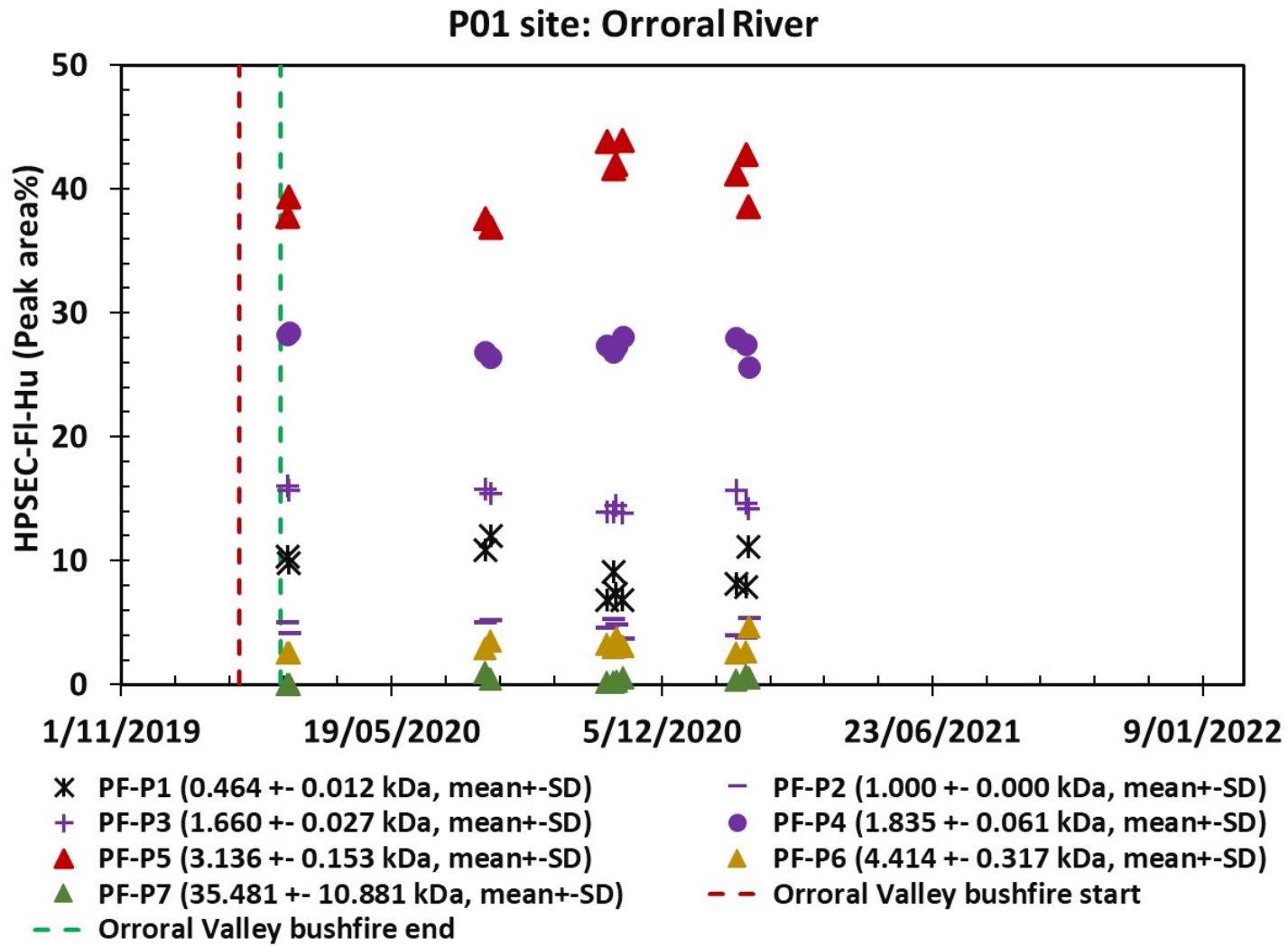


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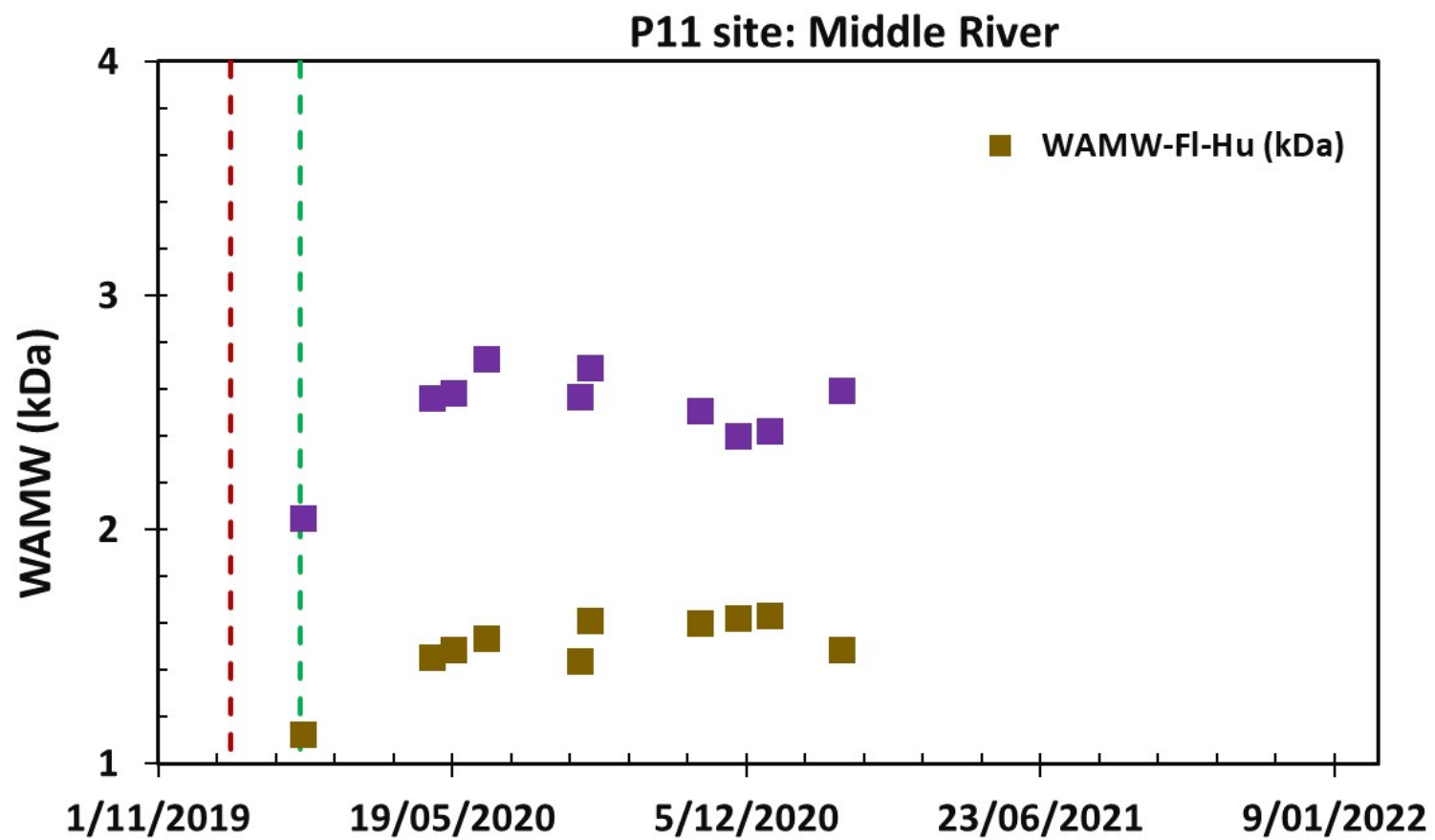


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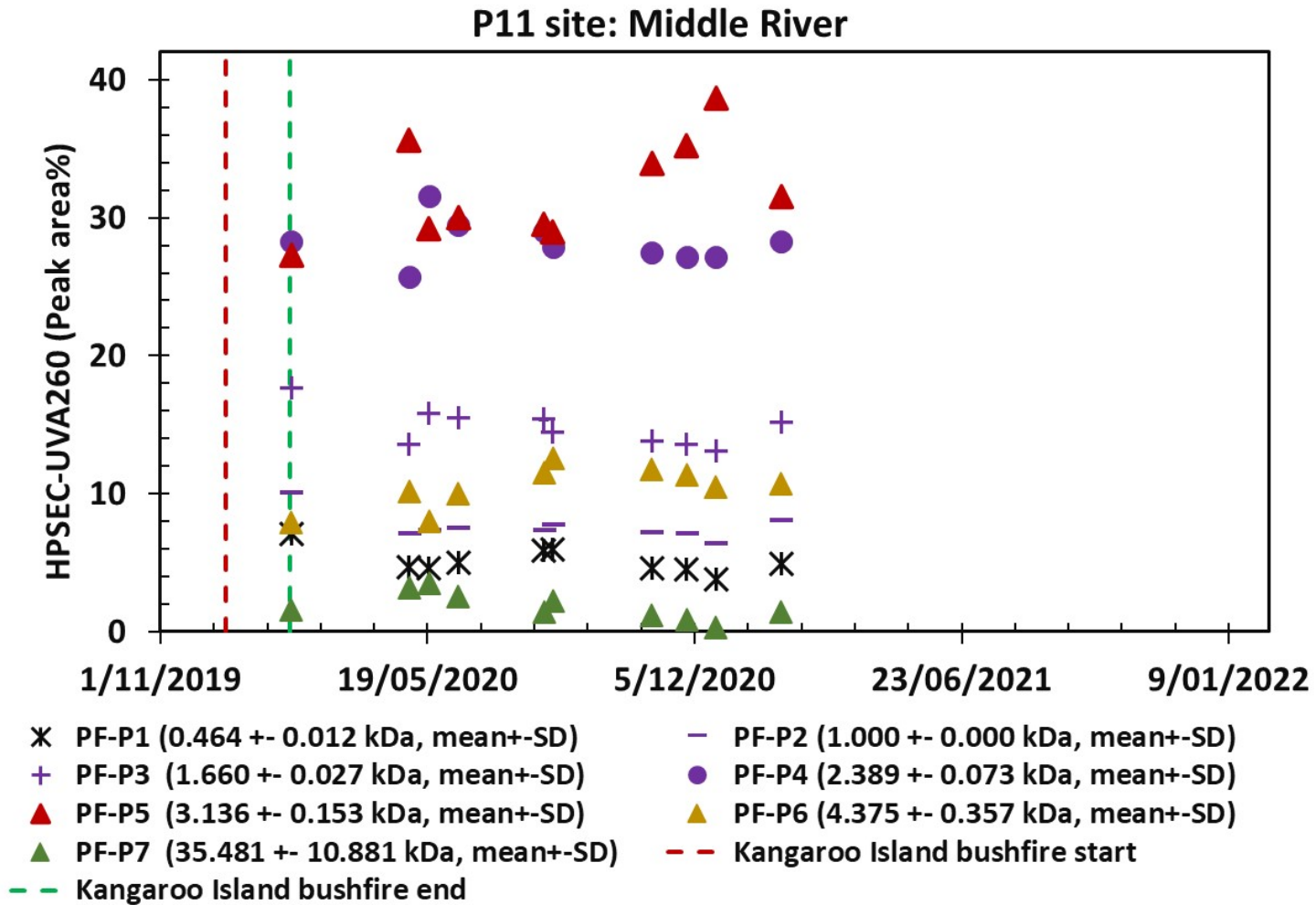
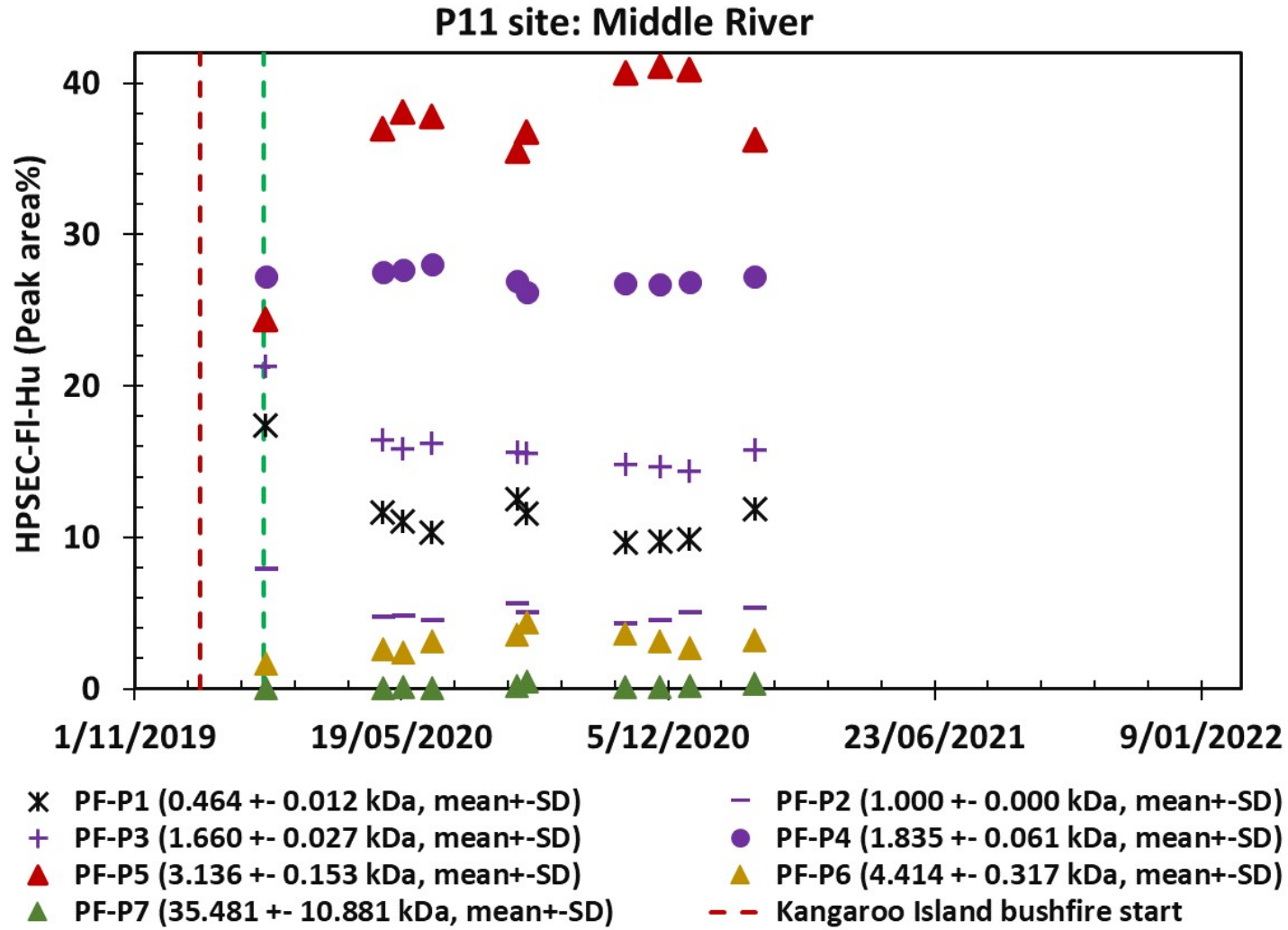


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