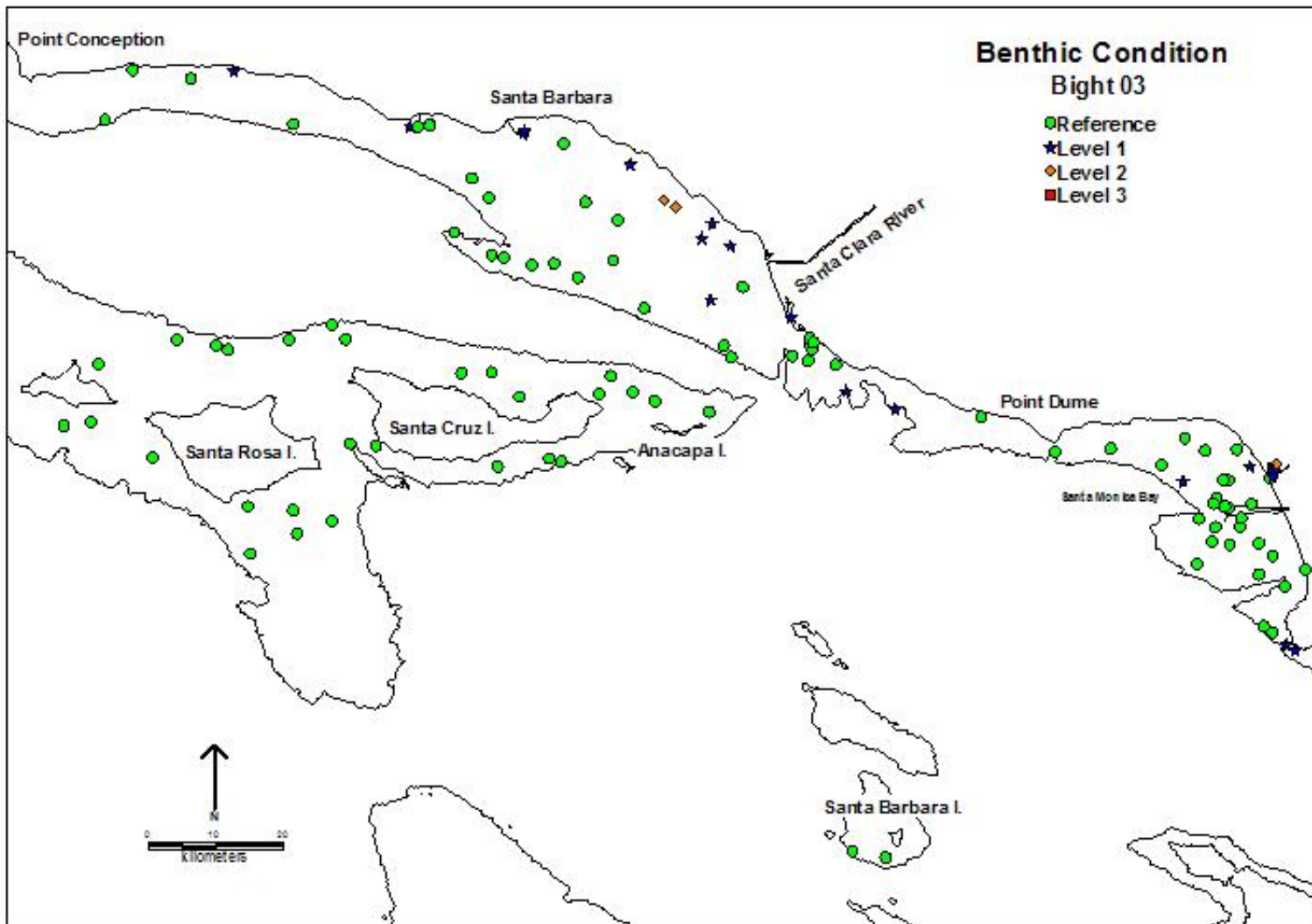


# Appendix B

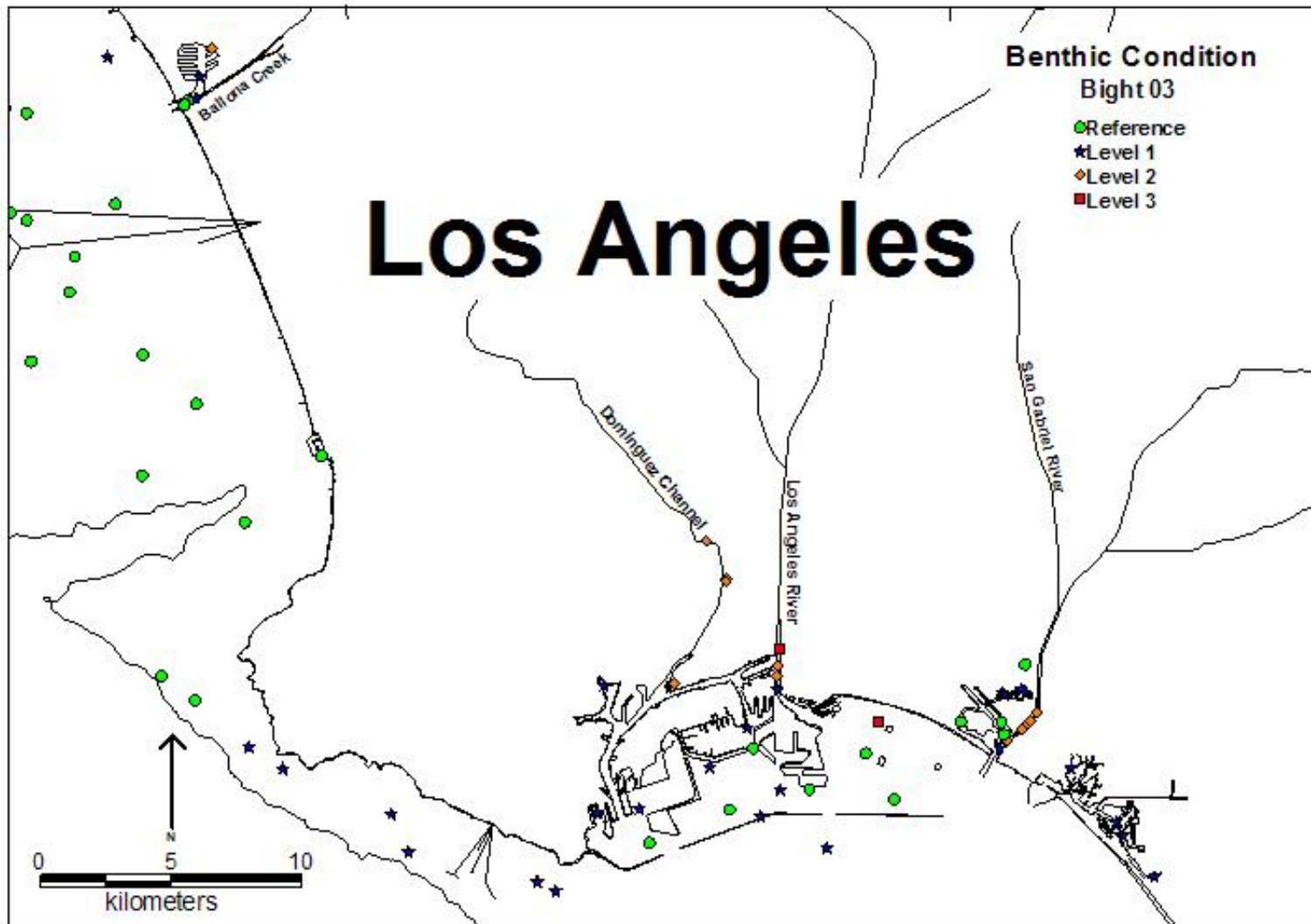
## Detailed Maps of Benthic Condition at Sampling Sites

**Table B-1.** Key to Benthic Condition Maps. Characterization of response categories in coastal and bay habitats. Coastal sites were evaluated using the BRI (Smith *et al.* 2001). Bay and estuary sites were evaluated using the SQO26 index (Appendix G).

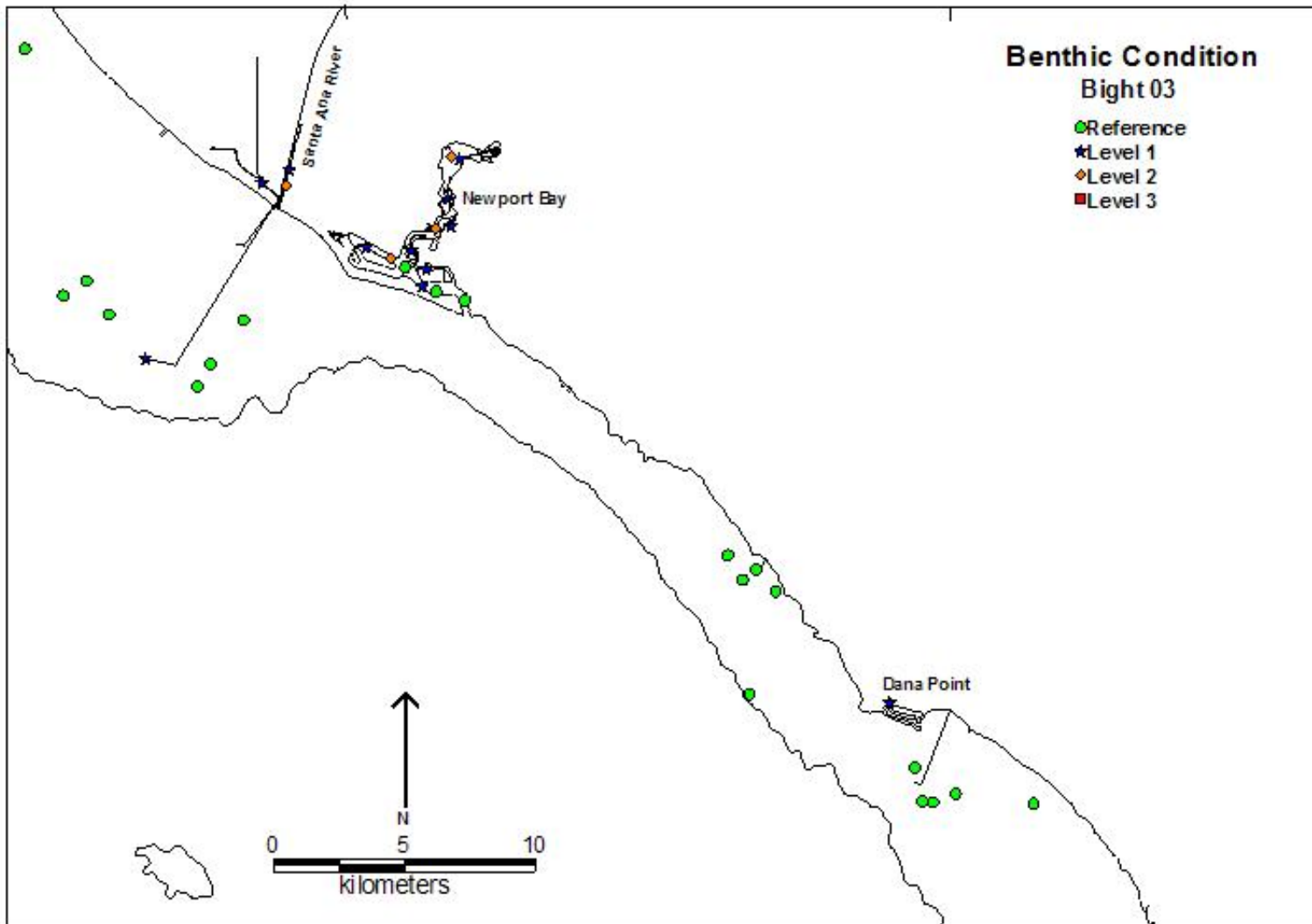
<b>Benthic Response Level</b>	<b>Benthic Condition</b>	<b>Coastal Sites</b>	<b>Bay and Estuary Sites</b>
Reference Level 1	Good	Reference Marginal deviation	Reference Low Disturbance
Level 2	Poor	Biodiversity loss	Moderate Disturbance
Level 3		Community function loss or defaunation	High Disturbance



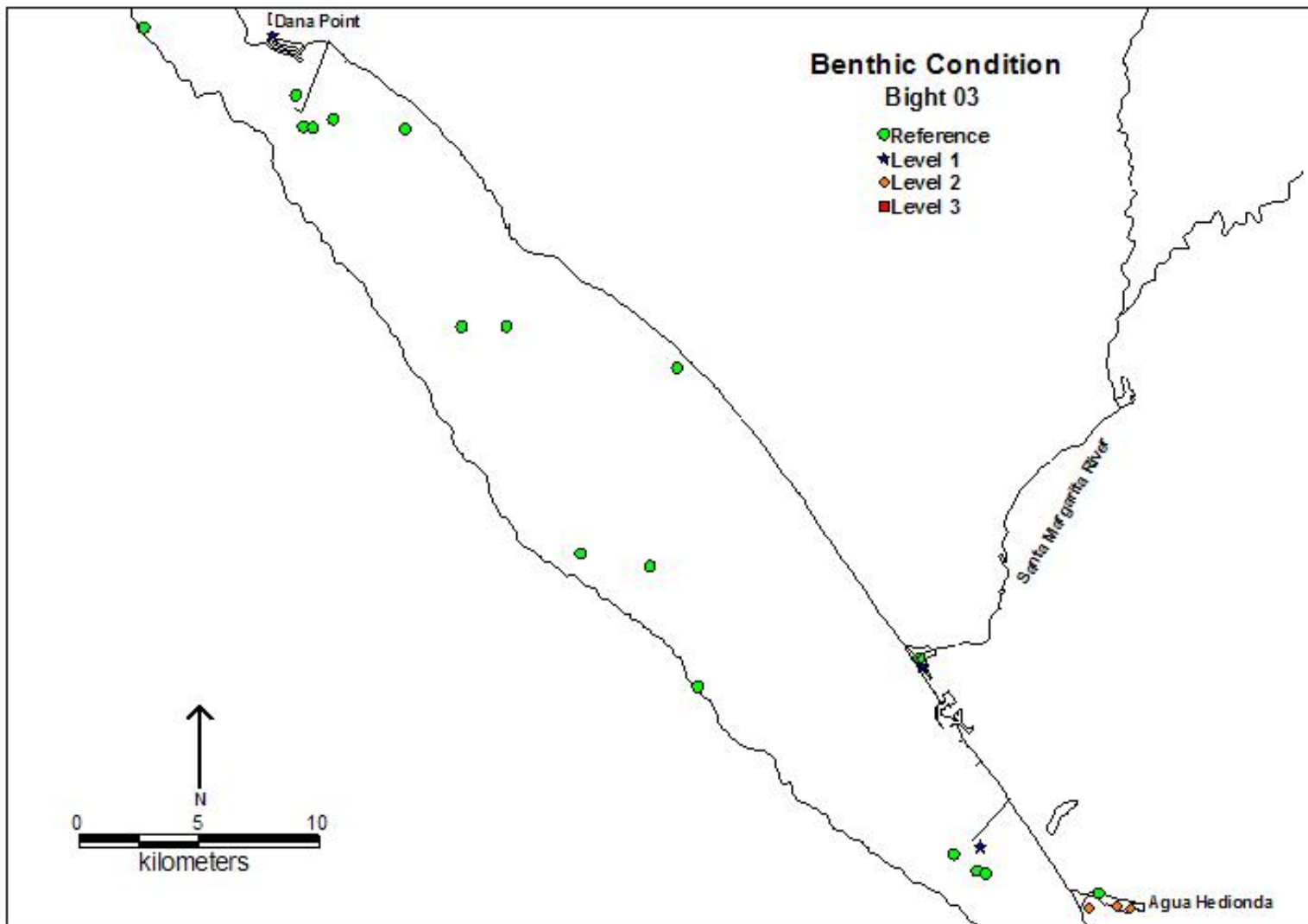
**Figure B-1.** Benthic condition at sampling sites from Point Conception to Santa Monica Bay. Response Levels 2 and 3 are considered clear evidence of disturbed benthic communities. See Table B-1 for a detailed description of benthic condition categories.



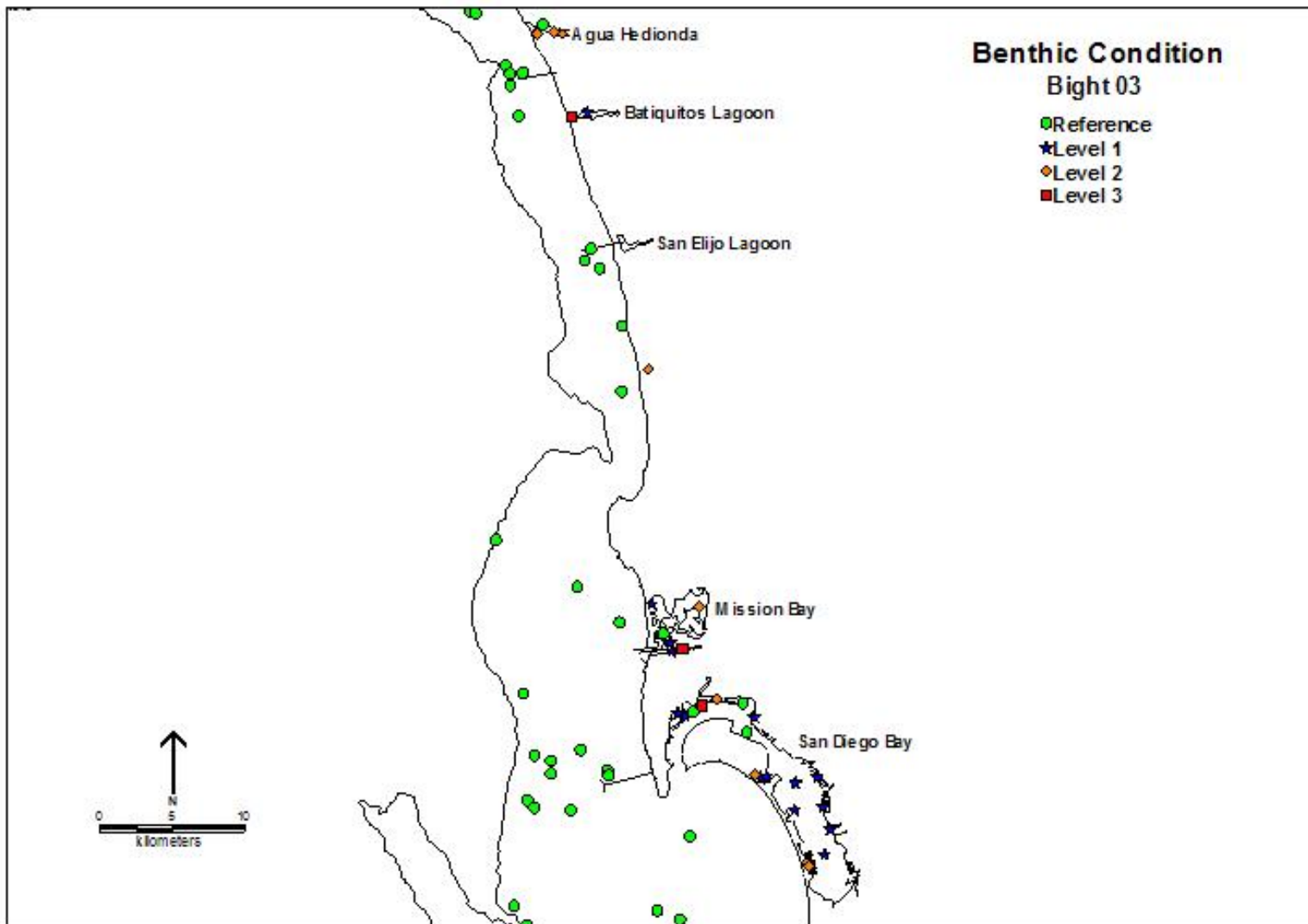
**Figure B-2.** Benthic condition at sampling sites from Ballona Creek to Huntington Harbor. Response Levels 2 and 3 are considered clear evidence of disturbed benthic communities. See Table B-1 for a detailed description of benthic condition categories.



**Figure B-3.** Benthic condition at sampling sites from Huntington Beach to Dana Point. Response Levels 2 and 3 are considered clear evidence of disturbed benthic communities. See Table B-1 for a detailed description of benthic condition categories.



**Figure B-4.** Benthic condition at sampling sites from Dana Point to Agua Hedionda. Response Levels 2 and 3 are considered clear evidence of disturbed benthic communities. See Table B-1 for a detailed description of benthic condition categories.



**Figure B-5.** Benthic condition at sampling sites from Agua Hedionda to San Diego Bay. Response Levels 2 and 3 are considered clear evidence of disturbed benthic communities. See Table B-1 for a detailed description of benthic condition categories.