



Enhancing Marine Biodiversity of the Urban Coast

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Coastal urbanisation has resulted in drastic modification of the natural coastline and, in many cases, the loss of natural habitats and their associated biodiversity. The loss of ecosystem services compromises environmental quality and affects the livelihood of communities that are dependant on coastal resources. Maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem functioning of the urban coast remains imperative. Modified coasts, however, can serve as new habitats capable of supporting different biological assemblages, although a decline in species richness is expected. Can the urban coast be developed such that it can enhance biological diversity? It is possible that approaches such as restoration and ecological engineering should be more widely considered in order that coastal modification can be conducted with the aim of “reclaiming” marine biodiversity. Studies focused on enhancing the marine biodiversity of the urban coast will help to influence the incorporation of biodiversity support features in future coastal development.





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