



Multiple Approaches for Environmental Assessment of Transitional and Coastal Waters

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Message from the Guest Editor

Transitional and coastal areas are considered highly productive ecosystems on Earth. Despite protective measures, their recently accelerated rate of loss has been much higher than those of any other ecosystem on the planet because of the anthropogenic impact and climate change. Assessing their “state of health” involves a multidisciplinary approach both in monitoring plans and during data analysis processes. Environmental monitoring and characterization plans are often articulated to include the largest analytical panel and the most complete set of pressure-sensitive biological indicators. However, monitoring or characterization plans results rarely provide environmental assessments integrating all the different aspects investigated.

The aim of this Special issue is to collect original, unpublished papers and review articles dealing with approaches integrating the information provided by different indicators and indices. I particularly welcome papers with case studies, which include biological, chemical, physical, and statistical analyses, in transitional or coastal environments.





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