



Sedimentation Response in Shallow Marine Environments

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The continental shelf is a highly delicate and dynamic area that faces numerous environmental challenges and threats due to its significant economic and social relevance. Here nutrients, contaminants, and sediments are conveyed through rivers and other discharges, then accumulated, eroded, and redistributed by waves and currents into the sea. Climate change constitutes an increase in the danger for this area, both as a direct impact due to increased frequencies of intense and/or extreme natural events hitting coastal territories, and as secondary impacts due to the consequent destruction of large industrial plants and urban settings along the coasts that can pour human debris and contaminants into the sea. Because the sediments are the sink for many tracers, they can be considered an archive of information on changes of environmental conditions for shallow marine environments, and ideal media to study the environmental dynamics.

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