



The Importance of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems in Aquaculture

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DESCRIPTION

Functioning habitats and competent ecological management are required for long-term maintenance of ocean ecosystem services. Assessing public sentiment towards coastal and marine ecosystems is critical for guiding decision-making and informing specific activities. Unfortunately, statistics on public perceptions of global warming, health activities, and the significance and administration of coastal and marine ecosystems are scarce. Many millions of individuals throughout the world rely on the coastal and marine environments for nutrition, livelihood, and survival. Yet, these environments are under a variety of challenges, necessitating more ecological sustainability in order to retain the critical ecological services they provide. Climate change is a significant stressor as well as one of the most pressing issues confronting society today. Authorities are becoming more aware of the adverse effects of global warming and ecological pollution on our marine and coastal environments.

Understanding people's perspectives on climate change impacts on marine and coastal systems, as well as requires multiple, is crucial since it can affect judgement and guide future activities. Ocean ecosystems are the biggest of the Earth's marine environments and live in salty waters. Ecological systems contrast with freshwaters, which contain less salt. Marine seas span more than 70% of the Earth's surface, provide for more than 97% of the planet's water supply and account for 90% of Earth's habitable space. The maximum salinity of seawater is 35 parts per thousand of water. Real salinity varies amongst marine environments. Coastal areas can be classified into several zones

based on sea depth and coastal features. The oceanic zone is a huge open area of the ocean where species such as dolphins, sharks, and tuna can be found. The benthic zone is made up of substrates beneath the water where numerous invertebrates live. Mangrove forests are trees or plants that thrive along coasts in tropical or subtropical latitudes in low-oxygen soil. They are a highly efficient and intricate environment that combines land and sea. Mangrove forests are made up of species that are not necessarily related to one another and are generally classified together based on shared traits rather than genetic similarities. Mostly because their proximity to the seaside, they have all acquired adaptations to exist in salty, oxygen-depleted water, including as salt excretion and root aeration. Mangroves are easily identified by their thick tangle of roots, which defend the coast by decreasing erosion caused by storm surges, currents, waves, and tides. Several animals rely heavily on the mangrove ecosystem for sustenance. Salt marshes are a connecting point between the sea and land, whereby fresh and saltwater mix. The soil in these wetlands is frequently composed of mud and a covering of organic material known as peat. Peat is defined as soggy and root-filled degrading plant detritus that frequently results in low levels of oxygen (hypoxia). These hypoxic circumstances encourage the growth of bacteria, which gives salt marshes their sulphurous odour. Salt marshes exist all across the world and are crucial to functioning ecosystems and economies. These are incredibly productive ecosystems that provide critical services to more than 75 percent of fisheries species while also protecting coastlines from erosion and flooding.

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