



Integrated Coastal Zone Management

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Dear Colleagues,

The world's coastal zones are under enormous pressure due to the pressures from a multitude of human activities such as tourism, transportation, mining/aggregate abstraction, lagoon and river delta exploitation, urban sprawl, ports/harbours, fisheries, aquaculture, heavy industry, agriculture, and recreation, which all compete for space and natural resources. Integrated coastal-zone management is a multi-field science that aims to construct integrated management plans that include many different activities, establish a system for conflict resolution between activities to minimise their negative economic effects through trade-offs, support and maintain the ecosystem services of coastal areas, and introduce sustainability in the exploitation of space and natural resources. Integrated coastal management aims to improve the economic benefits from the exploitation of coastal zones through the minimisation of the environmental footprint of the activities and the support and improvement of social welfare through the security of jobs and income.





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