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Protecting Coastal Environments from the Effects of Climate Change and Urbanisation

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Message from the Guest Editors

Coastal environments are some of the most populated on Earth but, with greater challenges projected in the future due to climate change and urbanisation, their healthy existence is increasingly perilous. Increased storm surge, flooding, and erosion due to sea-level rise (SLR) and land subsidence (LS) are major natural hazards that coastal regions will face in the 21st century, with potentially high socio-economic impacts. Furthermore, industrial spillages, effluents from sewage, refineries, urban and storm water runoff or oil leakages from broken ships can cause water quality issues, especially if the contaminants are dispersed under specific wave and current conditions, generating impacts on livelihoods of people, public health and local water quality.

Therefore, there is a strong need to develop sustainable techniques that could protect coastal regions from meteorological and hydrological hazards and the diffusion and dispersion of pollutants. [...]

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