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NCCOS's Key Species and Bioinformatics Branch – assessing the ecological impacts of marine stressors through key biological indicator species

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NOAA Trust Resources Health/Environmental Evaluations

Chemical Contaminants Biological Contaminants Physical Contaminants Physical Conditions

Actionable Science

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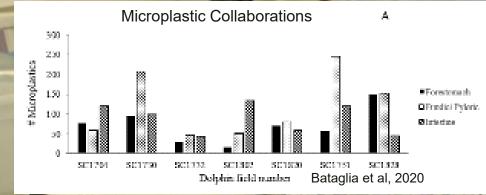
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Coastal Marine Mammal Assessment Program

River otters as a model for chemical contamination

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Marine Debris Program







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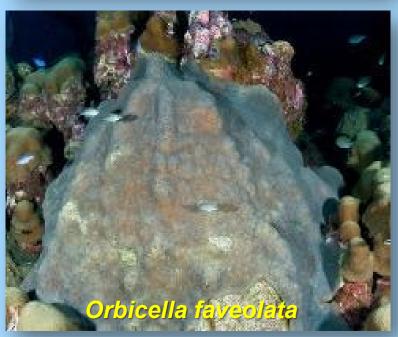
Coral Health and Disease Program

Stressor Detection & Biological Effects in Coral Reef Environments

- Chemical
- Physical
- Biological









Coral Reefs: Field Investigations & Training



Quantitative Ecology (QE) Program

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Grand Bay, M8

NOAA/State Estuarine Research Reserves

Rookery

Bay, FL.

NOAA/NOS Physical Trust Resources Overall Habitat Quality Index ■ Poor (0) ■ Fair (3) ■ Good (5) <3 >4 Olympic Coest 🤇 den Michigan 🖬 🔘 Greater Facultones C atown Gra Potomac River Control Bank Monterey Bury Paciationaportexitations Water Quality Index Sediment Quality Index **Biological Condition** ■ Poor (0) ■ Fair (3) ■ Good (5) ■ Poor (0) ■ Fair (3) ■ Good (5) ■ Poor (0): B-IBI < 2 □ Fair (3) <3 ≥4 <3 ≥4 Good (5): $B-|B| \ge 3$ Manager Manager DO Interior Humanatan Witness ■ Poor (0): < 3 mg/L Fair (3) TOC ⊺oxicity¹ Contaminants² Good (5): $\geq 4 \text{ mg/L}$ ■ Poor (0): > 5% Poor (0): Both ■ Poor (0): > 0.058 □ Fair (3) ■ Fair (3) 1 of 2 □ Fair (3) ■ Good (5): < 3% Good (5): Neither ■ Good (5): < 0.02 pH (sal-corr) American Samba (U.S.): ■ Poor (0): < 7.22 ¹ Microtox ²Mean ERM Quotient C Rome Assi □ Fair (3) **NOAA/NOS National Marine Sanctuaries** ■ Good (5): > 7.35 Fecal Coliform Paddla Bay ■ Poor (0): > 400/100ml □ Fair (3) Lake Superior, WI Good (5): ≤ 43/100ml Walls, ME Eutrophication Index South Slough, Ol Old Woman Great Bay, NH Creck, OH Wequoit Bay, MA ■ Poor (0) ■ Fair (3) ■ Good (5) Narragansett Bay, R <3 >4 Hudson River, NY Incrues Cousteau. Delaware, DE San Francisco Chesapeake Bay, ND Bay, CA Chesapeake Bay, VA Elkhorn Slough, CA Chlorophyll a Total Nitrogen **Total Phosphorus** North Carolina, NC North Inlet-Winyah Bay, SC Poor (0): > 1.05mg/L ■ Poor (0): > 0.12mg/L ■ Poor (0): > 16.4µg/L ACE Besin, SC □ Fair (3) □ Fair (3) □ Fair (3) apelo Island, GA ■ Good (5): ≤ 11.5µg/L Tijuane River, Gé Good (5): ≤ 0.81ma/L Good (5): ≤ 0.10mg/L informatio Matanzaari Apalachicola, FI

Sampling indicators and scoring criteria used to derive indices of water quality, sediment quality, biological (benthic) condition, and overall habitat quality

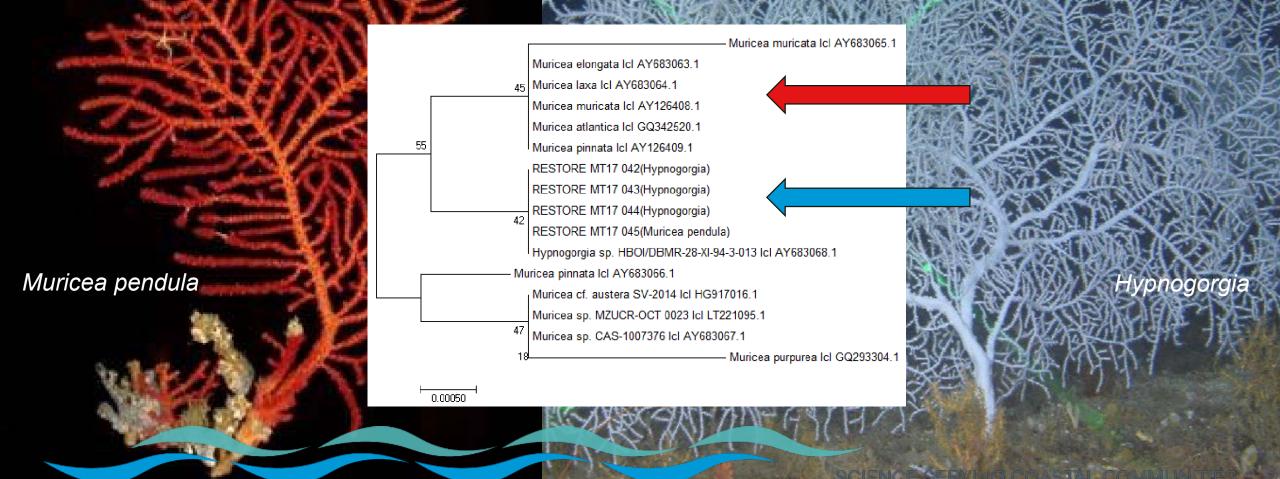
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Environmental Genetics Program

For an accurate damage assessment, what species may be impacted?



Role of the Key Species and Bioinformatics Branch

actionable science supporting NOAA trust resources