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In southern Florida, conservation of coastal wetlands is facing two challenges under sea level rise (SLR): (1) How to estimate and predict encroachment of mangroves and other halophyte vegetation into the areas previously covered by freshwater species? (2) How to allocate more freshwater from Lake Okeechobee in middle Florida to the coastal wetlands (e.g., Everglades) to counteract increasing saltwater intrusion? Fundamental to the above challenges is saltwater intrusion associated with SLR, which can increase the soil pore water salinity to levels where freshwater species cannot survive. The overall aim of my dissertation is to access the potential changes in vegetation community structure based on different methods such as: remote sensing, using stable isotopes as a tracer and modelling the flow of these tracers through coastal wetlands. In the second chapter of my dissertation, I investigated the persistence of mud islands in Florida Bay. Mud islands in Florida Bay are probably the most sensitive land formation in southern Florida to be affected by SLR, because they have small area and low elevation. However, surprisingly, there is no study to estimate the historical vegetation changes in these islands. More importantly, there are few human activities in these islands. Therefore they provide an appropriate setting to examine how these small island ecosystems responded to the impacts of SLR without the confounding anthropogenic factors such as road building and land management. I used high-resolution 61-yr historical aerial images and 27-yr time-series of Landsat images to estimate changes in island areas and mangrove coverage for 15 mud islands of Florida Bay. I found, surprisingly, that these islands actually increased in their area and showed mangrove expansion under the local SLR. In addition, I observed a positive relationship between island area increase and mangrove area increase in these islands, and it indicated the contribution from the biogeomorphic feedbacks between mangroves and sedimentation to the island survival. Large spatial scale vegetation shift from freshwater vegetation to mangroves can be estimated and even predicted by remote sensing data using the same techniques as in my second chapter. However, a more detailed prediction of vegetation shift at a relatively smaller spatial scale and even at an individual scale is required for local ecological conservation efforts. In my third chapter, I attempted to find an appropriate individual based predictor for the potential vegetation shift under SLR. I incorporated stable isotope 18O abundance of water as a tracer for various hydrologic components (e.g., vadose zone, water table) in a previously published individual based model describing ecosystem shifts between hammock and mangrove communities in southern Florida. My modelling efforts showed that freshwater hammock trees that were to be replaced by mangroves

had higher [delta]18O values in their plant stem water than those which remained despite SLR. These tracer differences could be detected as early as 3 years before their eventual replacement by mangroves. Much of the susceptibility of the Everglades to SLR is exacerbated by the decrease of freshwater flow into the system. To mitigate this water shortage, the water conservation areas (WCAs) of southern Florida were constructed to serve two functions: 1) provide water to the Everglades on a regular basis and 2) remove high nutrient content from the water before the entering the naturally oligotrophic Everglades ecosystem. One critical problem of the WCA is loss of water by evaporation as they move from the Lake Okeechobee area and on to the Everglades. However, quantifying evaporation in a wetland is challenging, because it is difficult to separate evaporation from transpiration. My fourth chapter addressed this knowledge gap by using oxygen and hydrogen isotope ratios of water as a tracer for evaporation. I used a deuterium excess method based on oxygen and hydrogen stable isotope ratios ([delta]18O and [delta]D) of reservoir water to calculate the remaining fraction of water after evaporation in the Water Conservation Area-1 (WCA-1). My results showed that both vegetation coverage and distance to the discharge gate had significant effects on the remaining fraction, however the depth of the water column had no effect.

Excerpt from The Ecology of the Mangroves of South Florida: A Community Profile For consistency, in this publication we will use the word mangrove for indi vidual kinds of trees; mangrove community, mangrove ecosystem or mangrove forest will represent the entire assemblage of inan groves. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

This book explores the applicability of multiple remote sensors to acquire information relevant to restoration and conservation efforts in wetlands using data collected from airborne and space multispectral/hyperspectral sensors, light detection and ranging (LiDAR), Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), and a hand-held spectroradiometer. This book also examines digital data processing techniques such as object-based image analysis, machine learning, texture analysis, and data fusion. After an introduction to the Everglades and to remote sensing, the book is divided into four parts based on the sensor systems used. There are chapters on vegetation mapping, biomass and water quality modeling, applications of hyperspectral data for plant stress analysis and coral reef mapping, studies of airborne LiDAR data for coastal vulnerability analysis and DEM improvement, as well as chapters that explore a fusion of multiple sensors for

different datasets. Features Introduces concepts, theories, and advanced processing techniques A complete introduction of machine learning, object-based image analysis, data fusion, and ensemble analysis techniques in processing data from multiple remote sensors Explains how multiple remote sensing systems are applied in the wetland ecosystems of Florida The author had been teaching and using both systems and her research is widely recognized Multi-sensor System Applications in the Everglades Ecosystems provides a comprehensive application of remote sensing techniques in the Florida Everglades and its coastal ecosystems. It will prove an invaluable resource for the restoration and conservation of the Florida Everglades and beyond, for global wetlands in general. Any professional, scientist, engineer, or student working with remote sensing and wetland ecosystems will reap enormous benefits from this book. Completely revised, updated, and now with color photographs and illustrations in every chapter, The Everglades Handbook provides a breadth and depth of information on the entire ecosystem of the Everglades that cannot be found anywhere else. Written by Thomas Lodge, one of the most respected authorities on the Everglades and one of its most ardent protectors, the book is an updated, expanded, and comprehensive explanation of what the Everglades is, how it has been changed, and the restoration needed to bring back ecological functions and safeguard sustainable future uses of the region by people. Expanded and updated coverage in the third edition includes: Caloosahatchee/Charlotte Harbor ecosystem Kissimmee headwaters, including the chain of lakes near Orlando St. Lucie/Indian River estuary Impact of invasive species on various south Florida ecosystems Sustainable agriculture relative to the Everglades ecosystem and other south Florida areas Progress and impacts of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan New chapter entitled Peripheral Ecosystems of the Everglades This edition maintains Lodge's trademark style, making the book appealing to students, the general public, scientists, and managers. A bestseller in each edition since its publication in 1994, this is quite possibly the most attractive, readable science book available on the Everglades. Thomas Lodge was interviewed by the Florida International University student media regarding his appearance at the Miami Book Fair International. He is also featured in a Miami Herald article highlighting Florida authors and their participation in the event.

Mangroves are a fascinating group of plants that occur on tropical and subtropical shorelines of all continents, where they are exposed to saltwater inundation, low oxygen levels around their roots, high light and temperature conditions, and periodic tropical storms. Despite these harsh conditions, mangroves may form luxuriant forests which are of significant economic and environmental value throughout the world - they provide coastal protection and underpin fisheries and forestry operations, as well as a range of other human activities. This book provides an up-to-date account of mangrove plants from around the world, together with silvicultural and restoration techniques, and the management requirements of these communities to ensure their sustainability and conservation. All aspects of mangroves and their conservation are critically re-examined. Those activities which threaten their ongoing survival are identified and suggestions are offered to minimise their effects on these significant plant communities.

This 1990 document is a summary of the available information on the Springs Coast area of Florida. The first section covers the geology, physiography, climate and many aspects of the surface and ground water systems. The remainder of the report focuses on terrestrial, freshwater and marine habitats and their inhabitants.

Hiking South Florida and the Keys features thirty-nine of the finest trails the region has to offer, from wet cypress swamps to dry pinewood forests. Four sections—Short Family Hikes, Day and Overnight Hikes, Long Haulers, and Walking the Florida Keys—comprise this user-friendly guide. M. Timothy O'Keefe shares his top hikes in twenty-three prime areas, including Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Jonathan Dickenson State Park, Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, and National Key Deer Refuge. Each hike includes all the information you need to make the most of exploring South Florida and the Keys on foot. Look inside to find: • Hikes suited to every ability • Directions to the trailheads • Comprehensive trail descriptions, maps, and elevation profiles • Mile-by-mile directional cues • Difficulty ratings, average hiking times, best hiking seasons, and elevation gain/loss for every featured hike • Area-specific tips on safety, hiking ethics, plants and animals, preserving the environment, and more

Southern Florida is a paddler's paradise, from sandy keys, to mazes of mangroves, and sparkling aquamarine water in between. This guide includes more than 50 trips that are a perfect introduction to exploring the waterways and coasts of Southern Florida. Nigel Foster offers expert insider tips on how to manage tides and changeable weather, alerts readers to potential hazards on the routes, and includes fun anecdotes of his experiences with the area wildlife. Look inside to find: clear maps, difficulty ratings, and points of special interest, as well as fascinating insights on the history and ecology of Florida's waterways.

This completely revised second edition of the definitive South Florida guidebook offers coverage of Tampa, the Gulf Coast, South Beach, Miami, and the Keys. In diverse, exciting South Florida you might catch a glimpse of an endangered Florida panther in a nature preserve in the morning and visit a four-star restaurant and world-class nightclub that evening. This rich destination welcomes visitors from all over the world with its vibrant arts communities and multicultural historic sites, luxurious seaside resorts and lush forests, and some of the best fishing and diving in the United States. With cattle ranches and citrus groves all the way down to the mighty swamps of the Everglades and Big Cypress there are endless opportunities for exploration and discovery for singles, couples, and families. From eco-friendly establishments and environmental information about the region to its trendy nightlife, out-of-the-way attractions, and best beach hotels, Explorer's Guide South Florida is a thorough introduction to an alluring place that tourists as well as locals simply shouldn't miss. Detailed maps, an index, an alphabetical "What's Where" subject guide, and helpful icons that highlight places that offer special value, are pet-, gay-, and family-friendly, and are wheelchair accessible round out this incredible resource, your perfect travel companion.

Originally published in 1998, Southern Forested Wetlands is an up to date, one source compendium of current knowledge on the wetland ecology of America's southern forests. This book presents both the ecological and management aspects of these important ecosystems. The book was compiled by members of the Consortium for Research on southern forested wetlands, and was a collaboration of those working to conserve, study, and manage these economically and environmentally influential areas. The book covers geographic ranges from West Virginia to Florida, to Texas and inland north to Arkansas and Tennessee. It also addresses specific wetland types, including deep-

water swamps, major and minor alluvial flood plains, pocosins and Carolina bays, mountain fens, pond cypress swamps, flatwoods wetlands, and mangroves.

They rise, limbs interlocked like a mighty phalanx engaged in a slow northward march along Florida's coast. Collectively, they are battered and diminished after a century-long struggle. Yet, dutiful and resilient, they stand strong against hurricanes and storm surge, as well as their deadliest foe, the dreaded South Florida real estate developer. They are mangroves--a truly remarkable and underappreciated form of plant life. Mangroves are nursery to dozens of species of commercially harvested fish; important anchors for the filter feeders who keep our waters clean; more effective than any seawall in halting coastal erosion; and bulwark against destructive waves and wind alike. What else do you need? Florida's Mangroves: A Slightly Salty History lays out the glorious past, tenuous present, and hazy future of Florida's mangrove forests. Reporting from the Ten Thousand Islands to Cedar Key, from Weedon Island Preserve to Flamingo Point at the southern tip of Everglades National Park, and incorporating 140 lavish photos, historian Thomas Kenning offers a lively primer on the way that human activity in Florida has shaped--and, in turn, has been shaped by--the state's great, hopefully not late, mangrove forests.

An insider's guide to the natural areas of south Florida, from Hobe Sound in the east and Punta Gorda in the west down to the Keys and the Dry Tortugas. Includes Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, the coral reefs of both Biscayne National Park and Pennekamp State Park, and Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge and Corkscrew Swamp, as well as many smaller state and county parks, recreation areas, and nature centers. Includes maps and information on camping, boating, hiking, fishing, tours, etc.

Estuaries are among the most biologically productive ecosystems on the planet--critical to the life cycles of fish, other aquatic animals, and the creatures which feed on them. Estuarine Ecology, Second Edition, covers the physical and chemical aspects of estuaries, the biology and ecology of key organisms, the flow of organic matter through estuaries, and human interactions, such as the environmental impact of fisheries on estuaries and the effects of global climate change on these important ecosystems. Authored by a team of world experts from the estuarine science community, this long-awaited, full-color edition includes new chapters covering phytoplankton, seagrasses, coastal marshes, mangroves, benthic algae, Integrated Coastal Zone Management techniques, and the effects of global climate change. It also features an entriely new section on estuarine ecosystem processes, trophic webs, ecosystem metabolism, and the interactions between estuaries and other ecosystems such as wetlands and marshes

Mangrove ecosystems are typical formations found in coastal deposits of mud and silt throughout the tropics and some distance into the subtropical latitudes. The total wordwide mangrove area, which is estimated at about 170,000 km2 with

some sixty species of trees and shrubs exclusive to the habitat, dominates approximately 75% of the world's coastline between latitudes 25°N and 25°S. Such unique intertidal ecosystems support genetically diverse communities of terrestrial and aquatic organisms that are of direct or indirect socioeconomic values. Mangrove forests play important roles as coastal stabilization and protection against winds and storms; producers of nutrients, forest resources and animal species of economic importance. Recently, the issues on the conservation, proper utilization and management of mangrove forests have been widely discussed. Unfortunately, overexploitation and destruction of mangroves seriously threatens the sustainability of such a unique ecosystem. This volume includes papers on three main areas: recent advances in mangrove ecology; application and utilization of mangrove resources; and conservation and management of the ecosystems.

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Mangroves, commonly found along sheltered coastlines in the tropics and subtropics, fulfil important socio-economic and environmental functions: providing wood and non-wood forest products, protecting shores against wind, waves and water currents; conserving biological diversity; protecting coral reefs, sea-grass beds and shipping lanes against siltation; and providing habitat, spawning grounds and nutrients for a variety of fish and shellfish, including many commercial species. High population pressure in coastal areas has, however, led to the conversion of many mangrove areas to other uses. The world's mangroves 1980-2005, prepared in the framework of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005, provides comprehensive information on the current and past extent of mangroves in all countries and territories in which they exist. This information, as well as the gaps in information that come to light in the report, will assist mangrove managers and policy- and decision-makers worldwide in ensuring the conservation, management and sustainable use of the world's remaining mangrove ecosystems

The ecology of halophytes has a wide scope of interest, appealing to people of many disciplines. It covers widely different fields such as climatology, soil science, phytogeography, adaptive biology and agriculture. Ecologists study these specialized plants in relation to estuarine ecosystems, biology of dominant genera, germination ecology, water relations, salt secretion, and senescence. The present volume is divided into three parts and attempts to elucidate new aspects of the problems faced by this special group of plants. It tries to give the reader an overall view of saline environments and the ecology of plants found therein. In the first chapter of part one Zahran presents the halophytic vegetation of Egypt, which includes the inland and the littoral (Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea) salt marshes. The plants he describes have been classified as succulents, excretives and cumulatives,

according to their adaptability to saline soils and according to their different life-forms. The second chapter throws light on the estuarine ecosystem ofIndia. The estuaries are described by Joshi, and Bhosale as being rich in diversity of mangrove species. Making varied use of estuarine ecosystems is not only possible, but also essential because they are the meeting point between terrestrial and marine life.

Mangroves are salt-adapted plants that are found along many of the world's tropical and sub-tropical coastlines. Regrettably, these plants are being lost due to over-exploitation, pollution, conversion to agriculture and aquaculture and other causes. This is having important consequences for local human populations that traditionally rely on this resource, and is upsetting the fine balance needed to maintain this highly productive ecosystem. This text brings together some papers from two recent international symposia on the mangrove ecosystem. It provides an outline of future directions in mangrove research considered to be urgent by prominent mangrove scientists. Contributions include aspects of population differentiation in mangrove species that have been very little studied so far, ecological function, and restoration and management of the mangrove ecosystem. This book is intended for scientists actively working in the areas of mangrove ecology and management.

Published with ISME, ITTO and project partners FAO, UNESCO-MAB, UNEP-WCMC and UNU-INWEH This atlas provides the first truly global assessment of the state of the world's mangroves. Written by a leading expert on mangroves with support from the top international researchers and conservation organizations, this full colour atlas contains 60 full-page maps, hundreds of photographs and illustrations and a comprehensive country-by-country assessment of mangroves. Mangroves are considered both ecologically and from a human perspective. Initial chapters provide a global view, with information on distribution, biogeography, productivity and wider ecology, as well as on human uses, economic values, threats, and approaches for mangrove management. These themes are revisited throughout the regional chapters, where the maps provide a spatial context or starting point for further exploration. The book also presents a wealth of statistics on biodiversity, habitat area, loss and economic value which provide a unique record of mangroves against which future threats and changes can be evaluated. Case-studies, written by regional experts provide insights into regional mangrove issues, including primary and potential productivity, biodiversity, and information on present and traditional uses and values and sustainable management.

ABSTRACT: The coastline of Florida has been formed by geomorphic processes which have created suitable habitats for certain vegetation and organisms. One type of vegetation is the mangrove; this plant has a latitudinal range of 24° to 32° N latitude which is associated with local climatic changes (Mitsch 2000). There are three species of mangrove found in Florida: red (Rhizophora), black (Avicennia), and white (Languncularia) (USGS 2006). Mangroves have adapted overtime to live in different ecosystems which cause mangroves, along the Florida coast, of the same species not be the same. Climatic variation causes individual mangrove trees have structural differences such as: tree height, diameter, and density; these variations are related to geographic location (Pool 1997, Schaeffer-Novelli 1990). Tree height is the measurement from the base of the tree trunk of the ground to the top of the tree. The diameter, also known as diameter at breast height (DBH), is the circumference of the tree trunk 1.21 meters from the ground. Density is the frequency of individual tress within predetermined distance. Florida's southwest coast has one of the world's biggest mangrove swamps called Ten Thousand Islands (Mitsch 2000). In northern

Florida the mangrove swamps begin to mix with salt marsh vegetation, here mangroves are more like shrubs than trees (Mitsch 2000). The changes in individual mangrove structure could be a result of available freshwater and temperature. This project was a quantitative analysis using published and original data for graph production to understand the structural variation of mangroves on Florida's gulf coast at different latitudes. Study sites were located in bays along the Gulf of Mexico. The gulf coast of Florida was the study area of this project because it is the northern latitudinal limit for mangroves and as the latitude changes mangrove plant structure changes (Mitsch 2000). The tree height, diameter, basal area, biomass, and densities were compared to the precipitation and temperature values to understand the effect climate has on mangroves.