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Periphyton: Functions and
Application in
Environmental Remediation
presents a systematic
overview of a wide variety
of periphyton functions and
applications in
environmental remediation,
providing readers with an
understanding of the
biological/ecological
features of periphyton, the
methodology of their study,
and their application in
environmental
conservation. With
increases in environmental
stress, anthropogenic
impacts, and the global
decline in biodiversity, there
is a pressing need for
methods to assess and
improve environmental
quality that are rapid,
reliable, and cost-effective.
Periphyton is an important
component of benthic
communities and plays a
crucial role in the

functioning of microbial food webs. Because of a number of advantages, such as a short lifecycle, relative immobility, more rapid responses to environmental stress and anthropogenic impact than any metazoa, ease of sampling, availability of taxonomic/molecular identification, and standardized methodologies for temporal/spatial comparisons, there has, in recent decades, been an increased interest in periphyton as a tool in biological conservation in aquatic ecosystems. Presents case studies that help readers implement similar ecological designs Focuses on the function of periphyton in remediating destructed ecosystems Provides readers with an understanding of periphyton in practice, especially the value of periphyton in	enhancing environmental and ecosystem qualities Discusses the role of periphyton in purifying water and its effect on abiotic elements Ecosystem Consequences of Soil Warming University of Chicago Press Interactions between competitors, predators and their prey have traditionally been viewed as the foundation of community structure. Parasites – long ignored in community ecology – are now recognized as playing an important part in influencing species interactions and consequently affecting ecosystem function. Parasitism can interact with other ecological drivers, resulting in both detrimental and beneficial effects on biodiversity and ecosystem health. Species interactions involving parasites are also key to understanding many biological invasions and emerging infectious diseases. This book bridges the gap between community ecology and epidemiology to create a wide-
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ranging examination of how parasites and pathogens affect all aspects of ecological communities, enabling the new generation of ecologists to include parasites as a key consideration in their studies. This comprehensive guide to a newly emerging field is of relevance to academics, practitioners and graduates in biodiversity, conservation and population management, and animal and human health.

Ecotoxicology Cambridge University Press

Increasingly, cracks are appearing in the capacity of communities, ecosystems, and landscapes to provide the goods and services that sustain our planet's well-being. The response from most quarters has been for "more of the same" that created the situation in the first place: more control, more intensification, and greater efficiency.

"Resilience thinking" offers a different way of understanding the world and a new approach to

managing resources. It embraces human and natural systems as complex entities continually adapting through cycles of change, and seeks to understand the qualities of a system that must be maintained or enhanced in order to achieve sustainability. It explains why greater efficiency by itself cannot solve resource problems and offers a constructive alternative that opens up options rather than closing them down. In *Resilience Thinking*, scientist Brian Walker and science writer David Salt present an accessible introduction to the emerging paradigm of resilience. The book arose out of appeals from colleagues in science and industry for a plainly written account of what resilience is all about and how a resilience approach differs from current practices. Rather than complicated theory, the book offers a conceptual

overview along with five case studies of resilience thinking in the real world. It is an engaging and important work for anyone interested in managing risk in a complex world.

Microbes in Time National Academies Press

Nutrient recycling, habitat for plants and animals, flood control, and water supply are among the many beneficial services provided by aquatic ecosystems. In making decisions about human activities, such as draining a wetland for a housing development, it is essential to consider both the value of the development and the value of the ecosystem services that could be lost. Despite a growing recognition of the importance of ecosystem services, their value is often overlooked in environmental decision-making. This report identifies methods for

assigning economic value to ecosystem services â € "even intangible ones â € "and calls for greater collaboration between ecologists and economists in such efforts.

Climate Change and Agricultural Ecosystems

OUP Oxford

Across the United States, impacts of climate change are already evident. Heat waves have become more frequent and intense, cold extremes have become less frequent, and patterns of rainfall are likely changing. The proportion of precipitation that falls as rain rather than snow has increased across the western United States and Arctic sea ice has been reduced significantly. Sea level has been rising faster than at any time in recent history, threatening the natural and built environments on the coasts.

Even if emissions of greenhouse gases were substantially reduced now, climate change and its resulting impacts would continue for some time to come. To date, decisions related to the management and protection of the nation's people, resources, and infrastructure have been based on records in the recent past, when climate was relatively stable. Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change, part of the congressionally requested America's Climate Choices suite of studies, calls for a new paradigm—one that considers a range of possible future climate conditions and impacts that may be well outside the realm of past experience. Adaptation requires actions from many decision makers in federal, state, tribal, and local governments; the private sector; non-governmental organizations; and community groups. However, current efforts are hampered by a lack of solid information about the benefits, costs, and effectiveness of various adaptation options; climate information on regional and local scales; and a lack of coordination. Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change calls for a national adaptation strategy that provides needed technical and scientific resources, incentives to begin adaptation planning, guidance across jurisdictions, shared lessons learned, and support of scientific research to expand knowledge of impacts and adaptation. *Ecology Oxford University Press*

Whether the fossil record should be read at face value or whether it presents a distorted view of the history

of life is an argument seemingly as old as many fossils themselves. In the late 1700s, Georges Cuvier argued for a literal interpretation, but in the early 1800s, Charles Lyell ' s gradualist view of the earth ' s history required a more nuanced interpretation of that same record. To this day, the tension between literal and interpretive readings lies at the heart of paleontological research, influencing the way scientists view extinction patterns and their causes, ecosystem persistence and turnover, and the pattern of morphologic change and mode of speciation. With *Stratigraphic Paleobiology*, Mark E. Patzkowsky and Steven M. Holland present a critical framework for assessing the fossil record, one based on a modern understanding of the principles of sediment

accumulation. Patzkowsky and Holland argue that the distribution of fossil taxa in time and space is controlled not only by processes of ecology, evolution, and environmental change, but also by the stratigraphic processes that govern where and when sediment that might contain fossils is deposited and preserved. The authors explore the exciting possibilities of stratigraphic paleobiology, and along the way demonstrate its great potential to answer some of the most critical questions about the history of life: How and why do environmental niches change over time? What is the tempo and mode of evolutionary change and what processes drive this change? How has the diversity of life changed through time, and what processes control this change? And, finally, what

is the tempo and mode of change in ecosystems over time?

Using Ecological Theory to Investigate Emergent Properties of Populations in Aquatic Ecosystems

National

Academies Press

Climate Change and

Agricultural Ecosystems

explains the causative factors of climate change related to agriculture, soil and plants, and discusses the relevant resulting mitigation process. Agricultural ecosystems include factors from the surrounding areas where agriculture experiences direct or indirect interaction with the plants, animals, and microbes present. Changes in climatic conditions influence all the factors of agricultural ecosystems, which can potentially adversely affect their productivity. This book summarizes the different aspects of vulnerability, adaptation, and amelioration of climate change in respect to plants, crops, soil,

and microbes for the sustainability of the agricultural sector and, ultimately, food security for the future. It also focuses on the utilization of information technology for the sustainability of the agricultural sector along with the capacity and adaptability of agricultural societies under climate change. Climate Change and Agricultural Ecosystems incorporates both theoretical and practical aspects, and serves as base line information for future research. This book is a valuable resource for those working in environmental sciences, soil sciences, agricultural microbiology, plant pathology, and agronomy. Covers the role of chemicals fertilizers, environmental deposition, and xenobiotics in climate change Discusses the impact of climate change on plants, soil, microflora, and agricultural ecosystems Explores the mitigation of climate change by sustainable methods Presents

the role of computational modelling in climate change mitigation

Ocean Acidification

Woodhead Publishing

This long-anticipated reference and sourcebook for

California ' s remarkable ecological abundance provides an integrated assessment of each

major ecosystem type—its distribution, structure, function, and management. A

comprehensive synthesis of our knowledge about this

biologically diverse state,

Ecosystems of California covers the state from oceans to

mountaintops using multiple lenses: past and present, flora

and fauna, aquatic and

terrestrial, natural and

managed. Each chapter

evaluates natural processes for a specific ecosystem, describes

drivers of change, and discusses

how that ecosystem may be

altered in the future. This book

also explores the drivers of

California ' s ecological

patterns and the history of the state ' s various ecosystems, outlining how the challenges of

climate change and invasive

species and opportunities for

regulation and stewardship

could potentially affect the

state ' s ecosystems. The text

explicitly incorporates both

human impacts and

conservation and restoration

efforts and shows how

ecosystems support human well-

being. Edited by two esteemed

ecosystem ecologists and with

overviews by leading experts on

each ecosystem, this definitive

work will be indispensable for

natural resource management

and conservation professionals

as well as for undergraduate or

graduate students of

California ' s environment and

curious naturalists.

An Ecosystem Services

Approach to Assessing the

Impacts of the Deepwater

Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of

Mexico Elsevier

This is an up-to-date study of

patterns and processes involving two or more species. The book strikes a balance between plant and animal species and among studies of marine, freshwater and terrestrial communities. Island Press

Nearly one-third of the land area on our planet is classified as arid or desert. Therefore, an understanding of the dynamics of such arid ecosystems is essential to managing those systems in a way that sustains human populations. This second edition of *Ecology of Desert Systems* provides a clear, extensive guide to the complex interactions involved in these areas. This book details the relationships between abiotic and biotic environments of desert ecosystems, demonstrating to readers how these interactions drive ecological processes. These include plant growth and animal reproductive success, the spatial and temporal distribution of vegetation and

animals, and the influence of invasive species and anthropogenic climate change specific to arid systems. Drawing on the extensive experience of its expert authors, *Ecology of Desert Systems* is an essential guide to arid ecosystems for students looking for an overview of the field, researchers keen to learn how their work fits in to the overall picture, and those involved with environmental management of desert areas. Highlights the complexity of global desert systems in a clear, concise way Reviews the most current issues facing researchers in the field, including the spread of invasive species due to globalized trade, the impact of industrial mining, and climate change Updated and extended to include information on invasive species management, industrial mining impacts, and the current and future role of climate change in desert systems *Insect Ecology* Elsevier

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From Interactions to Ecosystems OUP Oxford

The book includes; A comparison of all global and local communities with respect to community composition at the species and family level, emergent community properties, and the relationship between those emergent properties and the environments of the study sites; Analyses of traits of individual species that are important to their distribution or success in harsh environments; A review of evidence for the importance of interactions—including competition and predation—in community dynamics of stream fishes; An assessment of disturbance effects in fish community dynamics; New analysis of the short- and long-term

dynamics of variation in stream fish communities, illustrating the applicability and importance of the "loose equilibrium concept"; New analyses and comparisons of spatiotemporal variation in community dynamics and beta diversity partitioning; An overview of the effects of fish in ecosystems in the central and eastern United States The book ends with a summary chapter that places the authors' findings in broader contexts and describes how the "loose equilibrium concept"—which may be the most appropriate default assumption for dynamics of stream fishes in the changing climate of the future—applies to many kinds of stream fish communities.

Valuing Ecosystem Services

Elsevier

It is widely theorized that population and community processes such as competition,

predation, and dispersal influence rates of resource flux within ecosystems. Likewise, the properties of an ecosystem, such as resource availability and space, can feed back onto populations and communities, driving their dynamics and evolutionary trajectories. However, empirical research connecting community and ecosystem-level processes remains a critical missing link between these two disciplines. My dissertation attempts to resolve some of these deficiencies by capitalizing on the tractability and replicability of experimental and natural microbial communities. I use these systems to test a number of theories of community-ecosystem feedbacks. In chapter 1, I test the theory that a bioregion's time-integrated area and productivity positively drive the extent of diversification in a radiating lineage. This theory of time-integration was developed in response to mismatches in the taxonomic diversity observed in a region (e.g., an island) compared to values predicted from species-area or species-productivity relationships. Time-integration

implies that if a region's historical area and productivity were higher than they are today, then its unexpectedly large biodiversity (for its contemporary area and/or productivity) might be explained by historical conditions favoring radiation and a persistence of many or all of these clades as area and/or productivity decreased. To test this theory, I used the bacterium *Pseudomonas fluorescens* SBW25 -- a model system for adaptive radiation. I set up independent replicate microcosms that were randomly assigned to different volumes and productivities and transferred every few days so as to experience different environmental histories. By tracking these diversifying communities over time, I demonstrate that time-integrated productivity was the single best predictor of a community's extant diversity whereas "snapshot" measures of contemporary volume and productivity are much less useful predictors. I interpret these results in the context of population growth parameters and extinction rates. In chapter 2, I present the results of a field study of natural

microbial digestive communities occupying leaves of the carnivorous pitcher plant *Darlingtonia californica*. I combine microscopy, biochemical assays, and community sequencing with respirometry and stable isotope pulse-chase experiments to examine how microbial community succession influences rates of detrital turnover, respiration, and nitrogen cycling in developing micro-ecosystems. I demonstrate that microbial community development and turnover in *D. californica* proceeds in parallel over time with communities becoming more similar to one another. These communities have considerably predictable dynamics such that the bacterial communities from one population can be used to quite accurately predict the ages of pitcher leaves in a different population and year. Furthermore, and in accordance with general successional theory, bacterial communities tended to display unimodal patterns in species diversity over time. This trend appeared driven by differences in the predicted functional properties of bacterial communities. I also encountered unimodal trends in rates of decomposition by the digestive community and nitrogen uptake efficiency by the host leaf. Bacterial diversity and bacterial and midge larvae biomass were positively associated with rates of decomposition, which in turn were positively associated with the efficiency of nitrogen uptake by the host leaf. This study is among the first to demonstrate predictable successional patterns and biodiversity-ecosystem functioning relationships in natural microbial communities. In chapter 3, I present the results of a laboratory experiment demonstrating a decrease in the strength of biodiversity-ecosystem function (BEF) relationships and competitive interactions during succession in *Darlingtonia californica* leaves. It is often assumed that as ecosystems develop, competition-colonization tradeoffs or niche differences favor the gradual establishment of a biota more successful at competing for resources, leading to increased rates of competitive exclusion and shifting BEF relationships. My

approach involved collecting bacterial strains from a cohort of leaves every 11 days over a one-year period and assembling them into communities of varying richness levels such that each community contained either 1, 2, 5, or 10 taxa also isolated from leaves of the same age. By employing an experimental design that allowed for the estimation of individual species' effects as well as their interactions, I show that the relationship between community richness and carbon mineralization rates are most positive during early succession (22-55 days) and gradually decrease over time. Furthermore, diffuse competition was greatest during these same time periods. Together, these results suggest that the effects of species additions or removals on ecosystem processes can vary across time. Chapter 4 presents an experiment testing a long-held assumption regarding the natural history of *Darlingtonia californica*. Specifically, I test the centuries-old assumption that the unique forked 'fishtail appendage' found on leaves of *D. californica* play an important role in the plant's

capture of arthropod prey. In a series of field experiments, I manipulated the presence/absence of the appendage on developing pitcher leaves and compared their prey compositions and biomass. I found that the absence of the fishtail appendage does not significantly impact prey capture success at the level of the individual leaf or within an entire population of leaves. Therefore, contrary to widespread beliefs, the fishtail appendage does not appear to be a critical adaptation enabling carnivory in this species. Instead, I propose three alternative scenarios for the evolutionary maintenance of this structure: 1) as a vestigial structure, 2) as a photosynthetic structure and 3) as a structure serving a potentially mutualistic role with the local insect community.

Stratigraphic Paleobiology Houghton Mifflin

Respiration represents the major area of ignorance in our understanding of the global carbon cycle. In spite of its obvious ecological and

biogeochemical importance, most oceanographic and limnological textbooks invariably deal with respiration only superficially and as an extension of production and other processes. The objective of this book is to fill this gap and to provide the first comprehensive review of respiration in the major aquatic systems of the biosphere. The introductory chapters review the general importance of respiration in aquatic systems, and deal with respiration within four key biological components of aquatic systems: bacteria, algae, heterotrophic protists, and zooplankton. The aim of this first part is to provide the backbone for the analysis and interpretation of ecosystem-level respiration in a variety of aquatic environments. The central chapters of the book review respiration in major aquatic ecosystems including freshwater wetlands, lakes and rivers, estuaries, coastal and open ocean and pelagic ecosystems, as well as respiration in suboxic environments. For each major ecosystem, the corresponding chapter provides a synthesis of methods used to assess respiration, outlines the existing information and data on respiration, discusses its regulation and link to biotic and abiotic factors, and finally provides regional and global estimates of the magnitude of respiration. The final chapter provides a general synthesis of the information and data provided in the different sections, and further attempts to place aquatic respiration within the context of the global carbon budget.

Nature-based Solutions for Resilient Ecosystems and

Societies OUP Oxford

As the Gulf of Mexico recovers from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, natural resource managers face the challenge of understanding the impacts of the spill and setting priorities for restoration work. The full value of losses resulting from the spill cannot be captured, however, without consideration of changes in ecosystem services--the benefits delivered to society through natural processes. An Ecosystem Services Approach to Assessing the Impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico discusses the benefits and challenges associated with using an ecosystem services approach to damage assessment, describing potential impacts of response technologies, exploring the role of resilience, and offering suggestions for areas of future research. This report illustrates how this approach might be applied to coastal wetlands,

fisheries, marine mammals, and the deep sea -- each of which provide key ecosystem services in the Gulf -- and identifies substantial differences among these case studies. The report also discusses the suite of technologies used in the spill response, including burning, skimming, and chemical dispersants, and their possible long-term impacts on ecosystem services.

Periphyton Cambridge University Press

Global environmental change (including climate change, biodiversity loss, changes in hydrological and biogeochemical cycles, and intensive exploitation of natural resources) is having significant impacts on the world's oceans. This book advances knowledge of the structure and functioning of marine ecosystems, and their past, present, and future responses to physical and

anthropogenic forcing. It illustrates how climate and humans impact marine ecosystems, providing a comprehensive review of the physical and ecological processes that structure marine ecosystems as well as the observation, experimentation, and modelling approaches required for their study. Recognizing the interactive roles played by humans in using marine resources and in responding to global changes in marine systems, the book includes chapters on the human dimensions of marine ecosystem changes and on effective management approaches in this era of rapid change. A final section reviews the state of the art in predicting the responses of marine ecosystems to future global change scenarios with the intention of informing

both future research agendas and marine management policy. Marine Ecosystems and Global Change provides a detailed synthesis of the work conducted under the auspices of the Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics (GLOBEC) programme. This research spans two decades, and represents the largest, multi-disciplinary, international effort focused on understanding the impacts of external forcing on the structure and dynamics of global marine ecosystems.

Sustaining Ecosystems and People in a Changing World
Univ of California Press

Populations behave inherently differently than individuals. The features that arise when individuals aggregate and interact, such as population oscillations and stable age distributions, are called emergent properties. Ecologists have studied these properties for

decades, especially when they pertain to sudden, dramatic shifts in population size.

However, empirical studies are less common, because it is difficult to meet the assumptions of theoretical models in real systems. This dissertation applies ecological theories to several different aquatic systems to better understand and model characteristics of these ecosystems, many of which are the results of emergent properties. Chapter 2 examines how environmental disturbances affect the variability of diatom and bacteria populations within biofilms. I found that experimentally induced environmental stressors acted as deterministic, selective forces in these communities, thereby creating populations that were more similar to one another after being disturbed. Chapter 3 was prompted by the observation that the primary and secondary productivity of Lake Myvatn, a sub-arctic lake

in northeast Iceland, were extremely high, given its latitude. I hypothesized that the secondary producers, which are predominantly midges, were involved in a mutualism that enabled high growth rates of both algae and midge larvae. This study found that the midges were able to alleviate their own resource limitation by promoting the growth of their benthic algal resources, thereby increasing both primary and secondary production. Chapters 4 and 5 are paired chapters that develop a novel statistical workflow (Chapter 4) and implement this analysis on a variety of long-term microbial datasets (Chapter 5). One of the earliest questions in theoretical ecology asked how the complexity of food webs related to the stability of these systems. This question is often intractable due to the need to observe hundreds of taxa over many generations, but bacterial systems overcome this

challenge. In Chapter 4, I address this question by creating a method to quantify the connectedness of ecological communities, which is one aspect of community complexity. In Chapter 5, I applied this workflow to three long-term microbial datasets, and found that highly connected keystone taxa have disproportionate influence in predicting compositional turnover in the entire community.

Community Ecology Elsevier

The fourth edition of *Soil Microbiology, Ecology and Biochemistry* updates this widely used reference as the study and understanding of soil biota, their function, and the dynamics of soil organic matter has been revolutionized by molecular and instrumental techniques, and information technology. Knowledge of soil microbiology, ecology and

biochemistry is central to our understanding of organisms and their processes and interactions with their environment. In a time of great global change and increased emphasis on biodiversity and food security, soil microbiology and ecology has become an increasingly important topic. Revised by a group of world-renowned authors in many institutions and disciplines, this work relates the breakthroughs in knowledge in this important field to its history as well as future applications. The new edition provides readable, practical, impactful information for its many applied and fundamental disciplines. Professionals turn to this text as a reference for fundamental knowledge in their field or to inform management practices. New section on "Methods in

Studying Soil Organic Matter Formation and Nutrient Dynamics" to balance the two successful chapters on microbial and physiological methodology Includes expanded information on soil interactions with organisms involved in human and plant disease Improved readability and integration for an ever-widening audience in his field Integrated concepts related to soil biota, diversity, and function allow readers in multiple disciplines to understand the complex soil biota and their function

Respiration in Aquatic Ecosystems WCB/McGraw-Hill

Climate change is occurring, is caused largely by human activities, and poses significant risks for--and in many cases is already affecting--a broad range of human and natural systems.

The compelling case for these conclusions is provided in Advancing the Science of Climate Change, part of a congressionally requested suite of studies known as America's Climate Choices. While noting that there is always more to learn and that the scientific process is never closed, the book shows that hypotheses about climate change are supported by multiple lines of evidence and have stood firm in the face of serious debate and careful evaluation of alternative explanations. As decision makers respond to these risks, the nation's scientific enterprise can contribute through research that improves understanding of the causes and consequences of climate change and also is useful to decision makers at the local, regional, national, and international levels. The

book identifies decisions being partnerships with action-
made in 12 sectors, ranging oriented programs.
from agriculture to
transportation, to identify
decisions being made in
response to climate change.
Advancing the Science of
Climate Change calls for a
single federal entity or
program to coordinate a
national, multidisciplinary
research effort aimed at
improving both
understanding and responses
to climate change. Seven cross-
cutting research themes are
identified to support this
scientific enterprise. In
addition, leaders of federal
climate research should
redouble efforts to deploy a
comprehensive climate
observing system, improve
climate models and other
analytical tools, invest in
human capital, and improve
linkages between research and
decisions by forming