

2ND OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NEARSHORE BIODIVERSITY HISTORY

The Census of Marine Life (www.coml.org) projects Natural Geography in Shore Areas (www.nagisa.coml.org) and Historical Marine Animal Populations (www.hmapcoml.org) are uniting their efforts to look at temporal scale species richness and abundance in intertidal and subtidal seagrass and rocky shore communities.



The goal of this collaborative project `History of the Near Shore` is to identify and gather data from specific local sites where historical (pre 1980) records of biodiversity are available and to resample them under the auspices of the NaGISA project, thus including them in both HMAP's historical database and NaGISA's global nearshore database, introducing them in ongoing monitoring efforts all while assessing the specific regions trends in biodiversity.

The information we are looking for does not have to be from a continuous study but it is vital that it be transferable into an assessment of species richness and abundance. Previously unpublished information is welcome. All sources used must be clear and the raw data must be available. The data produced during studies conducted for regional assessments, local field guides, or provincial museum collections are ideal however other examples of information of interest would be: archival materials, naturalists diaries, expedition logs and or marine laboratory or institutional records.

The door is open to every one but we are consciously trying to reach: Students, Professors, Historians, Ecologists, Biologists, Librarians, Museum Curators and Marine Managers.

Proposals must follow the outline provided on the NaGISA website (see HNS Proposal Instructions) and should be sent to both the History of the Near Shore Officers no later than November 1, 2007.

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