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# Natural and artificial microhabitats of an endemic lizard (*Liolaemus lutzae*) threatened by climate change: Debris as useful microhabitats to mitigate hours of restriction in lizard thermal niche

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The world's largest scientific research involving populations of lizards has recently found a worrying L pattern of extinctions of lizard species resulting from global temperature increase of planet, showing massive lizard extinctions simultaneously in all continents, by alteration of their thermal niche due severe restriction of number of hours of activity, compromising most physiological characteristics. It is predicted that remaining current climate change trends, about 20% of all species of lizards would be extinguished by 2080. Additional appropriated microhabitats are crucial to mitigate the effects by allowing lizards to keep preferred body temperatures along a larger number of hours of activity. One of the lizard species predicted to go extinct was the endangered sand lizard Liolaemus lutzae, endemic of Rio de Janeiro State in Brazil living only along a narrow strip of beach habitat 50-100 m wide along 200 km of coast. We studied use of natural and anthropogenic microhabitats by L. lutzae in its habitat (Praia Grande, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), evaluating how this use was influenced by thermal characteristics of microhabitats. We recorded frequency of different microhabitats used, operative microhabitat temperature (Te), individuals-body temperature (Tb °C). For operative microhabitat temperature we used HOBO\* data loggers. Individuals used seven microhabitat types, being vegetation-covering ground the most frequently natural-microhabitat used. Plastics and wood debris were the most frequently used anthropogenic used as artificial-microhabitats. Models installed among vegetation registered highest averages of Te (59.9 °C). Tb of individuals between vegetation (33.5±2.2, 28.4-38.2, N=70) remained more constant throughout the day than those of plastic (32.3±2.5, 39-27.8, N=47) or under wood (31.3±3.7, 24-40.2, N=65). Data indicated that L. lutzae uses vegetation and debris of anthropic origin deposited in its habitat to maximize its thermoregulation and that the debris constitute useful thermoregulation sites, which can mitigate negative effects of hours of restrictions imposed by climate changes to its thermal niche.

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# Shoreline change detection and their morphological analysis of the coastal regions of Bangladesh using remote sensing techniques

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**Statement of the Problem:** The coastal regions of Bangladesh covers 710 kilometer along with three distinct geographical parts: western, central and eastern. This lies between 21°30' to 22°30' north latitudes and 88°01' to 92°00' east longitudes. It comprises the most active portion of the complex delta of the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna River system in Bangladesh. Many reported that about 2.5 billion tons/year sediments loaded in the Bay of Bengal through the river systems. The impact of climate change may also aggravate the situation in a serious turn. As a result, erosion and accretion games are common phenomenon in the coastal regions. For this reason, a study was initiated to understand the shoreline and morphological change of the coastal regions of Bangladesh.

**Method:** Landsat imagery was collected for three different time series level viz. 1973, 1989 and 2010. The study involves remote sensing data collection, their pre-processing, data/layer generation, data analysis, finally extraction of coastal morphological datasets and shoreline change detection, etc. ERDAS Imagine 9.1 was used for image processing and analysis.

**Findings:** The study revealed that during 1973 to 2010, more erosion and accretion took place in the central part while deposition took place in the western part. The western part is less stable whereas the eastern part is more stable due to nearby hilly morphology. Land area is decreasing and water covered area is increasing due to erosion and water logging in the central part than the other areas. Shoreline change rate at central region is more visible than the other regions.

**Conclusion:** The above study reveals the hydrodynamic nature of the major rivers of Bangladesh and also the future prediction story of shoreline movement. Thus, it is urgent to make a green policy to combat erosion and accretion processes in the coastal regions of Bangladesh.

#### Biography

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# Influences of climate changes on hydrologic system in the Lam Takhong River Basin of Thailand

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The effects of Climate Changes (CC) on the hydrologic system in the Lam Takhong Basin located in northeastern Thailand were determined using Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT). The hydrologic SWAT model was set up with land use and soil data of 2002 and observed flow and weather data during 1999-2000. The model was calibrated and validated against observed flow data during 2001-2009 and its CC scenario with input weather data during 2010-2065 was simulated. The results showed that changing climate over the 56-year period appeared to affect both water yields and flows. Water scarcity will tend to take place across the Lam Takhong River Basin in the near future. Longer periods of severe droughts and floods might occasionally occur, particularly downstream. Therefore, it is critical to prepare specific management measures to mitigate climate change-related impacts in the river basin.

#### **Biography**

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#### Recent sea surface temperature trends and future scenarios for the Red Sea

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The current paper analyzes the recent trends of Red Sea Surface Temperature (SST) using 0.25° daily gridded Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature (OISST) data from 1982-2016. The results of three different GFDL (Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory) model simulations are used to project the sea surface temperature (here after called Tos) under the four representative concentration pathway scenarios through 2100. The current research indicates that the average Red Sea surface temperature is 27.88±2.14 °C, with a significant warming trend of 0.029 °C yr-1. The annual SST variability during the spring/autumn seasons is two times higher than during the winter/summer seasons. The Red Sea surface temperature is correlated with 13 different studied parameters, the most dominant of which are mean sea level pressure, air temperature at 2 m above sea level, cross-coast wind stress, sensible heat flux and Indian Summer Monsoon Index. For the Red Sea, the GFDL-CM3 simulation was found to produce the most accurate current SST among the studied simulations and was then used to project future scenarios. Analysis of GFDL-CM3 results showed that Tos in the Red Sea will experience significant warming trends with an uncertainty ranging from 0.6 °C century-1 to 3.2 °C century-1 according to the scenario used and the seasonal variation.

#### Biography

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# Cultivation of oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus ostreatus* (Jacq.) P. Kumm) using coffee waste and pulp to mitigate caffeine and pulp related pollution

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This paper aims to assess the technical, economic, and financial viability of cultivation of mushroom from coffee waste and pulp. The raw material characteristics and technical aspects were analyzed. In techno economic analysis, the investment is defined, and the financing of the project were explained. It is believed that production of mushroom from coffee waste and pulp is feasible as well as profitable in San Salvador. Use of coffee waste in the production of mushroom will prevent its damping in landfills and thus be friendly to environment as well.

#### **Biography**

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#### Ammonium nitrate pretreatment increased salt tolerance of Thai jasmine rice

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**S** oil salinity is one of abiotic problems affecting rice (Oryza sativa L.) growth and productivity. The objective of this research was to investigate the effect of ammonium nitrate ( $NH_4NO_3$ ) pretreatment on growth and ion accumulations in Thai jasmine or Khao Dawk Mali 105 (KDML105) rice seedlings under a salt-stress condition. Rice seedlings were pretreated with 0 or 3 mM  $NH_4NO_3$  for 1 week when they were 21 days old. Then, seedlings were salinised with 0 or 50 mM NaCl for 2 weeks. The results showed that rice seedlings pretreated with 3 mM  $NH_4NO_3$  before being exposed to salt stress significantly increased root dry weight and shoot dry weight compared with non- $NH_4NO_3$  pretreated seedlings. Rice seedlings pretreated with 3 mM  $NH_4NO_3$  also significantly decreased Na+ and  $K^+$  concentrations in shoots and roots, but  $Na^+/K^+$  ratio was not affected. It can be concluded that  $NH4NO_3$  pretreatment potentially increased salt tolerance in rice via the reduction of root- and shoot  $Na^+$  concentrations.

#### **Biography**

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# Short-term PM10 and emergency department admissions for selective cardiovascular and respiratory diseases in Beijing, China

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his study aimed to examine the overall effects of PM10 on EDAs for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, L including specifically, Cerebrovascular Events (CVE), Ischemic Heart Disease (IHD), arrhythmia, Heart Failure (HF), Upper Respiratory Tract Infection (URTI), Lower Respiratory Tract Infection (LRTI), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and asthma. We collected daily data for EDAs from the 10 largest hospitals in Beijing, between January 2013 and December 2013 as well as daily measurements of PM10 from 17 stations in Beijing. The generalized-additive model was utilized to evaluate the associations between daily PM10 and cardio-pulmonary disease admissions. In all, there were approximately 56,212 cardiovascular and 92,464 respiratory emergency admissions presented in this study. The largest estimate effects in EDAs of total cardiovascular disease, CVE, IHD, total respiratory diseases, URTI, LRTI and COPD were found for PM10 at day 4 (accumulative) moving average, were 0.29% (95% CI: 0.12%, 0.46%), 0.36% (95% CI: 0.11%, 0.61%), 0.68% (95% CI: 0.25%, 1.10%), 0.34% (95% CI: 0.22%, 0.47%), 0.35% (95% CI: 0.18%, 0.51%), 0.34% (95% CI: 0.14%, 0.55%), 2.75% (95% CI: 1.38%, 4.12%) respectively. In two-pollutant models and full-pollutant model modified confounding factors, the positive correlation remained unchanged. The elderly (age  $\geq$ 65 years) and male subjects were more susceptible to specific respiratory diseases. PM10's impact on EDAs for HF was found higher during the hot season however, EDAs for COPD peaked during the cold season. The study markedly informed that PM10 pollution was strongly associated with EDAs for cardio-pulmonary diseases.

#### Biography

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# Short-term effect of ambient sulfur dioxide on cause-specific cardiovascular hospital admission in Beijing, China: A time series study

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vidence of the short-term effect of SO, on hospital admissions for cause-specific Cardiovascular Diseases  $\mathbf{L}$ (CVD) is still limited. This study aimed to examine the short-term associations between SO<sub>2</sub> and causespecific CVD hospital admission in Beijing. A total of 460,938 hospitalizations for total CVD were obtained from electronic hospitalization summary reports from 2013 to 2017. A time series analysis was conducted to investigate the association between SO, exposure and hospitalizations for total and cause-specific CVD, including Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), Atrial Fibrillation (AF) and Heart Failure (HF). Stratified analysis was also conducted by age group (18-64 years and  $\geq$ 65 years), sex and season. A generalized additive Quasi-Poisson model was used to examine the associations between SO, and cause-specific CVD after controlling for seasonality, day of the week, public holidays and weather conditions. We found an almost linear relationship between the exposure to SO, and cause-specific CVD admissions. A 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase in the two-day average concentration (lag0-1) of SO, was associated with an increase of 1.38% (95% CI: 0.99%; 1.77%) in hospital admission for total CVD, 1.58% (95% CI: 1.16%; 2%) for CHD and 1.69% (95% CI: 0.41%; 2.99%) for AF. Nevertheless, a statistically significant association was not observed for admissions for HF. The observed associations in the single-pollutant models were robust to the inclusion of pollutants in the two-pollutant model, but the estimate was attenuated when adjusting for fine particulate matter ( $PM_{\gamma_s}$ ). No difference in the association was observed for the effect modifiers of sex, season and age. A statistically significant association between hospitalizations and SO<sub>2</sub> was observed. The observed association between SO<sub>2</sub> and hospitalization might not be independent of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and further studies should be conducted to demonstrate the independent effect of SO<sub>2</sub>.

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