

# Quantitative approaches to understand nutrient pollution in estuaries: An example for the upper San Francisco Estuary

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# Assessing estuarine condition

How do we collect and use data?

The foundation of environmental management is a strong monitoring network [National Research Council, 1990]

Monitoring provides information for decision-making based on apparent trends...

*What are the changes in environmental condition over time?*

*Are these changes ‘good’ or ‘bad’ based on our management objectives?*

*What may have caused these changes?*

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