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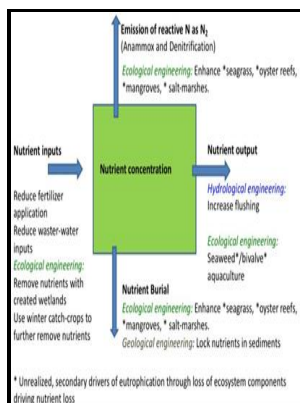
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## Causes and Effects of Eutrophication

The percentage of benthic opportunistic species increased significantly in the stations with high trophic status of the water column and so did the strength of the coupling between values of seawater column and benthic indicators. . In low numbers, most algae are harmless and are an essential part of any healthy ecosystem because they produce oxygen and are a source of food for other aquatic animals.

## Eutrophication in coastal environments

A variety of species are targeted, depending on season and availability, including herring, cod and flounder and coastal freshwater species such as pikeperch *Sander lucioperca* and perch *Perca fluviatilis*. . Calm weather conditions and extended periods of cloud cover i

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Additional important pressures affecting seagrass meadows are for example oxygen depletion and increased sulphide concentrations, direct and indirect effects of fisheries, and acidification Figure B. Metabolism and Nutrient Cycling We compared measurements of oxygen, ammonium  $\text{NH}_4$ , phosphate  $\text{PO}_4$ , and nitrogen gas  $\text{N}_2$  fluxes from five studies ; ; ; at stations in the hypoxic areas with those at stations in the normoxic areas. That the higher net flux of  $\text{N}_2$  gas from the hypoxic sediments of Narragansett Bay was not statistically different is not surprising.

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The seabed of the Baltic Sea encompasses several types of habitats, from species-rich seagrass meadows and macroalgae in shallow areas, to soft bottom fauna which can also thrive deeper down. Although hypoxia and anoxia occur naturally in many ecosystems, increased human-related inputs of nutrients have increased both their frequency and extent .,

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Such cascading effects can also result in changes in community composition and biodiversity. Whether an activity in reality leads to loss of or

disturbance of habitats depends on many factors, such as the duration and intensity of the activity, the technique used and the sensitivity of the area affected.

### **Eutrophication in coastal environments**

CLOSE This assessment uses core indicators to measure the status of the Baltic Sea marine environment on the basis of selected and representative elements. Hence, we were not able to conduct a t-test.

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