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A modern paradigm of the risk assessment from sea pollution in coastal areas

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MOTIVATION

VESSEL TRAFFIC IS A SERIOUS THREAT FOR WORLD COASTAL AREAS



SEA STRAITS ARE VULNERABLE AREAS







NUMERICAL SYSTEMS CAN BE USED TO PLAN COASTAL SEA SPACE AND MANAGE EMERGENCIES AT SEA



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THESE SYSTEMS RELIES ON HIGH RESOLUTION COASTAL OCEAN FORECAST

Sea surface circulation



Wave height and direction



Sea surface temperature







CALIBRATION PROCEDURES WILL DRIVE THE MODEL SOLUTIONS TOWARD AT-SEA MEASUREMENTS $TRE(t) = \frac{\sqrt{(x_0 - x_m)^2 + (y_0 - y_m)^2}}{D_0}$









RISK AT COAST

Vessel Traffic Hazard * Shoreline Sensitivity





INNOVATIONS

- Vessel traffic as source of hazard (i.e. vessel density)
- Intrinsic environmental vulnerability (i.e. natural shoreline recovery)
- *Stranding time computation* (*i.e. identification of endangered waters*)
- Interactive web services implementation (i.e. intuitive tool for final users)





STRANDING TIME to identify potentially endangered waters

An intense Mistral event







INTERACTIVE WEB SERVICES: an intuitive tool for final



CONCLUSIONS

- Consider the real-time evolution of vessels traffic as a serious threat for marine ecosystems that need to be monitored and properly managed
- Upgrade existing risk assessment systems (indicators and software) to meet the need of stakeholders, professionals and public
- Introduce intuitive tools to manage at-sea emergencies and promote a sustainable planning of coastal areas



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