

Review of: "Comparison of Vegetation Community Diversity, Biomass, and Sediment Properties among Constructed and Reference Salt Marshes at Deer Island, Mississippi, U.S.A."

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This study compared physical properties of constructed vs reference salt marshes over considerable time periods, which is quite important for the long-term sustainability of our coastal wetlands and ecosystems. The research is quite elaborate, rigorous, elucidated and well presented. however, I have the following observations.

1. Table 3. should differentiate between invasive and native plant species.
2. Why were the constructed projects planted with native vegetation only? native and alien vegetation should have been planted to ascertain which would succeed.
3. How do these invasive and native plants species/marshes contribute to the outcome of the resultant properties; Community Diversity, Biomass, and Sediment Properties among Constructed and Reference Salt Marshes?. in other words, how do your findings differ between native and invasive marshes?
4. Perhaps a Correlation analysis of the determined physical properties across communities in the Constructed and Reference Salt Marshes would help corroborate your findings.