

# Review of: "Contextualizing Public Coastal Access Challenges in South Africa, a Review of Best Practices in Selected Countries"

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The study aims to address the limited documentation of global practices for coastal access challenges in South Africa. The paper contextualizes the challenges within the existing literature and previous studies, emphasizing the socio-economic background of apartheid and its impact on equitable access to coastal resources. The study employs a thematic literature review to identify key public coastal access challenges, and it examines global examples to identify best practices. The identified challenges include the influence of private properties, the apartheid spatial legacy, the influence of new developments, the lack of institutional capacity, policy gaps, and funding constraints. These challenges provide a comprehensive understanding of the issues surrounding coastal access in South Africa.

However, there are several areas where the study could be improved. First, the language and grammatical errors throughout the paper need to be addressed. These errors affect the clarity and readability of the text and should be corrected in a minor revision. Second, the study would benefit from a more comprehensive literature review of allied studies globally. While the study mentions that integrated coastal management has been the subject of numerous studies in South Africa, it does not provide a clear indication of the existing global literature on coastal access challenges. Including a thorough review of relevant studies from other countries would strengthen the paper's analysis and provide a broader perspective on best practices. Finally, the study should expand on its findings and recommendations.

In conclusion, the study addresses an important research gap and provides valuable insights into the coastal access challenges in South Africa. However, minor revisions are needed to improve the language and grammar, enhance the literature review by incorporating global studies, and provide more explicit findings and recommendations.