

Review of: "A Research Note on Natural Reclamation Processes that Support Mangrove Biodiversity Spheres: Sedimentation in Three Major River Deltas in Northwestern Luzon Using Aerial Imagery"

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I enjoyed reading this note because I love to see Deltas. The images are beautiful but could be explained a little more, either by labels on the image or in the figure captions. The objectives of the note (1) to exhibit how natural delta-front growth creates re-claimable areas, both at the coast and inland in the expanded tidal backshore areas and (2) to exhibit areas of new mangrove growth, are well illustrated.

I recommend some few additions that would make the paper of great interest for geologists and coastal sedimentologists:

1. a short discussion of tidal influence (tidal currents, tidal range) that is clearly present on all 3 deltas, because this this influence also contributes to growth in the back-barrier areas.
2. a short discussion of wave influence (wave height on coast; summer-winter wave climate differences) as this is also important to delta-front growth.

If these two components can be added to the story, I strongly recommend publication.

Also please consider the comments in the PDF attached to the "Supplementary data" section of the present review.