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I obtained my PhD in 1984 at the University of Georgia. My doctoral dissertation explored the influence of rates of detritus supply on trophic relationships within experimental benthic food webs. After a short visit to AIMS for Project MECOR (Microbial Ecology on a Coral Reef), I joined the research staff in 1985 as a postdoctoral fellow examining microbial processes in coral reef, nearshore and mangrove environments. I have since been on staff specializing in coastal biogeochemistry and ecosystem ecology.

My primary research interest is understanding the biogeochemical functioning of tropical coastal and marine ecosystems, with particular emphasis on mangrove and coral reef environments. My research interests include understanding the structure and function of soft-bottom benthic ecosystems, especially microbial carbon and nitrogen cycling.

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My research interest is mainly focused on marine benthic ecology, particularly about the effects of environmental parameters and climatic variability on seagrass and macroalgal populations and communities. In addition, I have a profound interest in multidisciplinary studies dealing with the impacts of anthropogenic factors and climate changes on marine and coastal habitats and populations.

Since 2010, I have a fixed position as lecturer and researcher at Oceanography Institute, Federal University of Rio Grande (FURG, www.furg.br), Brazil, working within the Coastal Plant Ecology Laboratory. I have lectured the disciplines Ecology of Macroalgae & Seagrasses, Coastal Plant Ecology and Ecosystems Ecology.

I am a member of some Brazilian integrated research programs and projects such as:

Brazilian Long Term Ecological Research Program – Site FURG (www.peld.furg.br). This project aims to study the long-term effects of natural and human perturbations on estuarine/marine habitats, population abundance and structure and trophic interactions in the Patos Lagoon estuary. Within this integrated project, I am responsible for the subproject *Dynamics of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (DIVAS)*, which seeks to monitor and to investigate the causes for the temporal and spatial variability on the abundance and distribution of seagrasses and macroalgae in Patos Lagoon estuary.

Climate Change Research Network (Rede CLIMA) & National Institute for Climate Change (INCT Climate Change). Within these programs I am from the coordination board for the *Coastal Zone Network* (www.mudancasclimaticas.zonascosteiras.com.br), an interdisciplinary team that aims to evaluate the impacts of Global Climate Changes on Brazilian coastal zone. Within this program, I have the opportunity to organize the I Brazilian Workshop on Climate Changes in Coastal Zones (www.mudancaclimatica.zonacosteira/workshop.com.br) and to edit the Special Issue *Climate Changes on Brazilian Coastal Zones*, published by the Pan-American Journal of Aquatic Sciences (http://panamjas.org/artigos.php?id_public=183), together with other principal investigators.

Benthic Habitats Brazilian Network (ReBentos). This very recent observational program aims to monitor and integrate studies about Brazilian benthic coastal habitats (mangroves, salt marshes, seagrass beds, reefs and sandy beaches), seeking mainly on anthropogenic and climate changes impacts and on conservation issues. Within this program, I am the coordinator of the *Seagrass* project, together with Dr. Joel Creed, which aimed to improve the knowledge about seagrass biology and ecology in Brazil, by integrating existent data, by applying a systematic monitoring protocol and by mapping the seagrasses distribution and abundance.

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Dr Crooks is a wetland scientist/sedimentologist with 19 years specialized experience coastal wetland systems and their response to human impacts and climate change. His experience transcends science, restoration practice and policy. His work quantifying the carbon budgets of coastal wetlands forms the basis of several recent reports and a panel event at the UNFCCC COP 16.

Dr Crooks' Ph.D. examined the sedimentology (including carbon content) of coastal wetlands, exploring with comparison to undisturbed reference sites, the impacts of wetland drainage and restoration on soil properties.

Subsequently, Dr Crooks won a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship and, based at the University of East Anglia, worked for five years with policy analysts and economists on the integration of wetland into climate change mitigation and adaptation approaches. In 2004 joined Philip Williams and Associates, a leading consultancy in the field of wetlands restoration science, planning and design. As Director of Climate Change Services he leads projects related to wetland restoration feasibility assessment and design, assessment of landscape response to sea level rise, guidance on the development of wetlands restoration offset protocols, and climate change adaptation planning.

Since 2007 Dr Crooks has guided agencies and working groups on the potential for coastal wetlands to contribute to climate change mitigation strategies. Groups include the Climate Action Reserve, I.U.C.N., World Bank, Conservation International.

Dr. Crooks has contributed to numerous committees, interdisciplinary research groups and programs. He chairs a Blue Ribbon Panel, which developed an Action Plan to establish a North American greenhouse gas offset protocol for wetland restoration and management projects. He is a Co-Principal Investigator of a National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis workshop on Coastal Wetland Modelling, and a Co-Chair of an International Blue carbon Working Group on quantification of carbon within coastal wetland soil.

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Iginio Emmer has a PhD in Earth Sciences and has been working in the field of forestry and climate change since the early 1990s. He built up experience in the development, management and certification of AFOLU projects in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa, South America, and The Netherlands. His main asset is being able to coordinate work with experts from various environmental, social, economic and legal disciplines, in governmental and non-governmental organisations, and business. He has been a member of the A/R Working Group of the UNFCCC's CDM Executive Board and participates in the Technical Advisory Group of the VCS AFOLU, being lead-author of the ARR standard. Iginio is the lead author of the Peatland Rewetting and Conservation requirements of the VCS and of a Tidal Forest A/R methodology submitted for CDM validation.

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He is the recipient of 18 major awards including the UNESCO Chair and the International Biwako Prize for Ecology (for East and Southeast Asia and Russia, 1995). For 2001, he is the recipient of the Hugh Greenwood Environmental Science Award for his outstanding contribution to the development of seagrass science in Southeast Asia. In 2006, he was conferred UP Scientist 1, the University scientific productivity award, by the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines. In April-June 2010, he fulfilled his duties as a Visiting Professor in the University of Tokyo, Japan. For 2010-2014, he is the Project Manager and principal researcher of the Philippine-Japan conservation and adaptive management project, which addresses the impacts of local and global environmental change on coastal ecosystems and resources.

Hence, "...Dr. Fortes' expertise is deeply rooted in marine science. But it is this grounding, coupled with his passion to apply and share his science to improve people's lives, that made him 'see something extraordinary' in nature's ordinary designs, making him an internationally known scientist, a teacher,

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Christoph Heinze was born in Cologne, Germany and received most of his academic education from studies at the University of Hamburg (Institute for Oceanography) and the Max Planck Institute of Meteorology under guidance of Ernst Maier-Reimer and Klaus Hasselmann. Being by definition a “physical oceanographer” he already in his master thesis became interested in oceanographic tracers. This interest was deepened during his PhD work about the glacial CO₂ reduction in the atmosphere where he extended his view to the modelling and interpretation of marine sediment core data. He also worked for 2 years in Denmark at the National Environmental Research Institute. Since 2004 he is professor in chemical oceanography in Bergen, where he was coordinating the biggest European collaborative research project on the oceanic uptake of anthropogenic CO₂ so far – CARBOOCEAN. He will coordinate the new FP7 EU large scale integrating project CARBOCHANGE on marine carbon cycling, which will start 1 March 2011. He was a lead author of chapter 7 on climate-biogeochemistry couplings for the 4th IPCC Assessment Report (Working Group I) published in 2007 and is presently review editor for the biogeochemistry chapter of the 5th IPCC Assessment Report (Working Group I).

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Johnson is an Associate Professor and currently the Chair of the Geology Department at Bates College, Lewiston Maine. She is a stable isotope geochemist who specializes in reconstructing climate and environmental change in coastal ecosystems through time. Johnson analyzes organic matter and/or biomarkers to study carbon and nutrient cycling in a couple of very important and very vulnerable coastal habitats in the Gulf of Maine--- eelgrass beds and salt marshes. She is particularly interested in determining long term records of ecosystem function (i.e., baseline conditions) of these two habitats to better understand ecosystem resilience.

My primary research projects revolve around evaluating the role of anthropogenic influences on local, regional and global environments by reconstructing records of carbon cycling and environmental change through time. I measure the stable isotope composition of modern and ancient organic matter and collaborate with many scientists to study: (1) vegetation shifts in central and northern Australia to understand the complex interactions between human activity, animal extinction, vegetation, and climate over the last 60,000 years; (2) changes in the cycling of terrestrial carbon during periods of significant and rapid climate and sea level change in coastal Maine, the NE Siberian Arctic and the Australian tropics; (3) paleo-food web dynamics among humans and marine organisms in the Penobscot Bay, Gulf of Maine, through the last 5,000 years; and (4) modern food web dynamics and nutrient transfer in salt marshes, coastal Maine. I am also interested in the water quality of local watersheds, including phosphorus cycling in the Sabattus and Androscoggin River watersheds.

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James Gitundu Kairo initiated his university career at the University of Nairobi and graduated his M.Sc. in 1995 with a thesis on the 'Artificial regeneration and sustainable yield management of mangrove forests in Gazi Bay (Kenya)' under supervision of Prof. Dirk Van Speybroeck. Ever since, he worked as a principal research officer for the Kenyan Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) in Mombasa on the same topic. In 1996 he started his Ph.D. with Prof. Dr. Nico Koedam as his promoter and focused on mangrove regeneration, restoration and management. His study sites covered different Kenyan mangrove forests

anthropogenically disturbed to various extents such as in Kiunga Marine National Reserve, Mida Creek and Gazi Bay. He defended his Ph.D. in 2001 and was awarded a "greatest distinction". During his

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Dr. Kauffman's current research centers upon understanding the vulnerability of tropical wetlands and forests to climate change and the development of adaptation and mitigation strategies to climate change. His current research focus is on C dynamics, biodiversity, land use, and climate change implications for freshwater wetland and mangrove forests of the Asia Pacific and Latin America. These studies are located in Bangladesh, Micronesia, Palau, Indonesia, and Mexico. Dr. Kauffman has a lifelong research interest in ecosystems, disturbance, and restoration ecology in both tropical and temperate landscapes. In particular, his research has centered on the influences of natural disturbances and human perturbations on ecosystem structure and function; the global influences of deforestation, land use, and wildland fire on ecosystems; the influences of land use on riparian/wetland ecosystems; and ecological approaches to restoration. In addition to the locations above he has led research projects in tropical savannas, dry forests, and evergreen forests of Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Venezuela as well as in forests and grasslands of Africa, Guam, Hawaii, Oregon, Idaho, and California. Dr. Kauffman has authored over 250 scientific publications. He received his Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from the University of California, Berkeley. Boone currently lives in Durham, New Hampshire with his wife Dian, and their two boys Cimarron and Kenai.

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Ralph is an associate editor of the journal *Marine Biology* and review editor of *Marine Ecology Progress Series*. He has been a panel member for the Australian Research Council Future Fellow Selection Committee. For the past 10 years, he has headed the Aquatic Processes Group which currently includes two Adjunct Professors, one Senior Research Fellow, six Research Fellows, a Laboratory Manager, 8 PhD students, three Honours and two Research Assistants. As Executive Director of a research institute (C3), he leads a team of 35 academic staff, who supervise over 30 PhD students.

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