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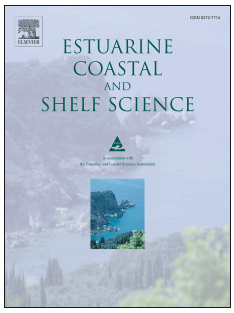

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Document foraminifera from Smiths Lake, an intermittently closed and open lagoon (ICOLL)
- Foraminifera species richness is lower in Smiths lake than in similar-sized estuarine systems
- Parameters associated with depth are the primary control on assemblage distribution and relative abundance
- Results identify a discernible ICOLL biota, distinct from open estuary biotas

KEYWORDS

ICOLL; Estuary; Foraminifera; Coastal Lake; Coastal Lagoon; Ecological Distribution

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