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Plant distribution along an elevational gradient in a macrotidal salt marsh on the west coast of Korea

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Highlights

- Salt marsh plant species showed a distinct zonation according to elevation.
- Plots formed four clusters based on similarities in plant community composition.
- Suaeda japonica occurred in the widest range of elevation and salinity.
- There was considerable variation in salinity among the high-elevation plots.
- Soil available phosphorus had a significant negative correlation with elevation.

Abstract

The distribution of halophytes in salt marshes is generally determined by environmental gradients, and it is important to identify the principal factors involved. This study recorded how marsh plants, which have received limited attention, were distributed along elevational gradients, and investigated the environmental factors affecting their distribution on the Siheung Tidal Flat, which has one of the Download English Version:

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