THE IMPACT OF DAMMING IN SEDIMENT DELIVERY TO COASTAL ZONES: CASE OF MAINLAND PORTUGAL

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https://explorebeaches.msi.ucsb.edu/sandy-beach-life/sand-movement

Coast depends on river sediment supply

"Not All Sediment Is Created Equal"







https://www.caryinstitute.org/sites/default/files/public/downloads/lesson-plans/estimating_soil_texture.pdf



Oladosu, S. O., Ojigi, L. M., Aturuocha, V. E., Anekwe, C. O., & Tanko, R. (2019). An investigative study on the volume of sediment accumulation in Tagwai dam reservoir using bathymetric and geostatistical analysis techniques. SN Applied Sciences, 1, 1-13.

Objectives

Investigate the effects of dams on sediment delivery to the Portuguese coast.

Study site – the problem

Wave climate

N 20% 15% 10% 5% W E S





Nazaré canyon





https://www.reshumana.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/waves.jpg

costa arenosa baixa

Methods



The Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE) is a mathematical model used to estimate soil erosion rates by factoring in **various environmental parameters**, including rainfall, soil type, topography and land cover and use.

TOPOGRAPHIC PARAMETER (LS)

combined effect of slope length and steepness on soil erosion



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Moore and Wilson, Desmet and Govers, Boehner and Selige

RAINFALL EROSIVITY PARAMETER (R)

quantifies the erosive power of rainfall and runoff

Sniamb, Panagos – EU scale



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SOIL ERODIBILITY PARAMETER (K)

quantifies the susceptibility of a specific soil type to erosion and accounts for various soil properties, such as texture, organic matter content, structure, permeability, and erodibility

Sniamb, Panagos – EU scale, <u>FAO – soil composition</u>



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COVER AND MANAGEMENT FACTOR (C)

quantifies how the type of vegetation or ground cover and the way the land is managed influence soil erosion rates



CONSERVATION PRACTICES' PARAMETER (P)

quantifies the effect of erosion control practices, such as terraces, contour farming, and other soil conservation measures, on reducing soil erosion

MDT (agricolas + declive)/não Agricolas + Corine Panagos – EU scale



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Rate of soil erosion



Validation – RUSLE

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Sediment delivery ratio - SDR

quantify the proportion of eroded sediment that actually reaches a particular downstream location, such as a river or reservoir

The sediment delivery ratio (SDR) connects the weight of sediments eroded and transported from slopes of a watershed to the weight that eventually reaches the coast



TOTAL SEDIMENT DELIVERY



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Reference scenario – present day conditions with no dams

Sediment delivery: 1.8E+07 t yr⁻¹

Sand delivery: 1.8E+06 t yr⁻¹







Reference Dams



SEDIMENT DELIVERY SCENARIOS



RCP8.5 2070

Enhance our understanding of the obstacles impacting the



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