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Waves of Change

Adapting to change and finding the opportunities

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Abstract

Change is part of our everyday lives. Change stimulates our interest, our enthusiasm and often our creative talents. So when is change a challenge in coastal ecosystems which have evolved in very dynamic circumstances? Is it when we don't understand what is happening? When it is too fast, or requiring too great a response from individuals or communities? Based on 35 years experience working for greater recognition of the value of our coastal ecosystems and better approaches to their management, Diane will explore some lessons learnt and ideas for the future in seeking solutions to the "wicked" challenges of integrated coastal zone management now made more complex by accelerating climate change.