

Ecosystem Services in Po River Delta

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The evolution of the deltaic area of the Po river



Delta situation in dark grey at a) the end of the Bronze Age, b) during the Roman times, c) at the end of the Middle Age and d) at the beginning of the 17th century.

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Schematic representation of the successive shorelines from 1599 to 1986 (the grey area is the present-day situation)

Ecosystems Services to Human Population: Transport and movement





Food, Bertovello





Supporting services Provisioning services Regulating services Cultural services



Coastal lagoons - Land cover change

Land use intensification

Alteration of ecological processes

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Inner wetlands.

Coastal woodlands

a complex system with high productivity: provisioning services



Land cover changes



Consequences of land use intensification: common reed die-back





Clam production

The 2018 annual production was 12,891 t yr⁻¹ (data source: Emilia-Romagna Region) Average price 5.95 € kg⁻¹

An estimated 2018 cash income of 75-80 M€







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The future of the river Po delta: learning from the past

Restoring of ecological functions in the Goro lagoon





Operative implementation of Ecosystem Services assessment in the new Masterplan of the Po delta Park







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