

Literature Research Project

Basic guidelines (further details will be provided in class)

Objective

To present a synthesis on a selected topic on Coastal Marine Ecology following a conference format (oral presentation).

Length of presentation

12 min, followed by 3 min for questions from the audience (15 min in total). Note that you also get marks for asking questions after the presentations of your classmates.

Structure of presentation

You should produce a state-of-the-art account on your selected topic. First, you should introduce the audience to the generalities about your topic. Make sure that you specify why you are focusing on it by stating your presentation's goals. Then, progressively take your audience to the specifics, or core, of the presentation. In doing so, you should divide it in sections to facilitate understanding. For example:

Conservation of coastal biodiversity

What is biodiversity? Why is it ecologically and economically important?

What are the threats to coastal biodiversity?

How can biodiversity be protected?

What successful conservation (or restoration) examples are out there?

What knowledge gaps must be investigated most urgently?

Your presentation should provide general conclusions, as well as concrete suggestions for research needed to address critical knowledge gaps.

All information (story, text, and figures) included in the presentation must be briefly referred to the source where it comes from (e.g., journal article, website).

Have fun reading!