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## **Dominant macrobenthic populations experience sustained impacts from annual disposal of fine sediments on sandy beaches**

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Table S1. PERMANOVAs testing for sources of spatio-temporal variation in (a) median grain size and (b) sediment sorting, on control and disturbed beaches. Tr: Treatment (2 levels: control, disposal); Ye: Year (2 levels: 1, 2); Mo: Month (10 levels: Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct); Si: Site (2 levels nested within control beaches; 2 levels nested within disposal beaches); p-F: pseudo-*F*; n = 3 transects; p-values in **bold** are significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ . See Table 1 in the main text for tidal zone definitions

(a)

Median Grain Size Source	df	Tidal zone 1			Tidal zone 2			Tidal zone 3			Tidal zone 4			Tidal zone 5		
		MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p
Tr	1	13663	138.7	<b>0.001</b>	40343	30.4	<b>0.001</b>	120260	11.2	0.321	48561	3.8	0.343	76500	2.9	0.335
Ye	1	1512	1.9	0.297	217	0.1	0.752	14323	5.3	0.154	8051	5.5	0.148	8	<0.1	0.825
Mo	9	1385	2.9	0.062	4444	5.3	<b>0.005</b>	3845	1.1	0.419	5458	3.0	<b>0.048</b>	1456	1.2	0.349
Si(Tr)	2	83	0.3	0.761	1396	2.7	0.078	11569	12.5	<b>0.001</b>	13937	20.6	<b>0.001</b>	2826	3.3	<b>0.038</b>
Tr x Ye	1	4367	5.6	0.129	7678	0.4	0.588	14134	5.2	0.183	928	0.6	0.518	16	<0.1	0.761
Tr x Mo	9	3379	7.0	<b>0.002</b>	4832	5.7	<b>0.012</b>	4290	1.2	0.365	5597	3.0	<b>0.047</b>	981	0.8	0.602
Ye x Mo	3	2906	9.5	<b>0.001</b>	1709	3.3	<b>0.028</b>	3506	3.8	<b>0.015</b>	744	1.1	0.346	688	0.8	0.388
Si(Tr) x Ye	2	841	2.8	0.074	2223	4.3	<b>0.021</b>	2948	3.2	<b>0.047</b>	1564	2.3	0.103	63	0.1	0.884
Si(Tr) x Mo	15	489	1.6	0.111	855	1.7	0.063	3646	3.9	<b>0.001</b>	1881	2.8	<b>0.004</b>	1231	1.4	0.159
Tr x Ye x Mo	3	2894	9.5	<b>0.001</b>	3636	7.1	<b>0.002</b>	11671	12.6	<b>0.001</b>	2871	4.2	<b>0.007</b>	1777	2.1	0.130
Si(Tr) x Ye x Mo		No test			No test			No test			No test			No test		
Res	90	306			463480			9231			6765			8606		

(b)

Sorting Source	df	Tidal zone 1			Tidal zone 2			Tidal zone 3			Tidal zone 4			Tidal zone 5		
		MS	p-F	p												
Tr	1	24496	58.3	<b>0.001</b>	110350	68.7	<b>0.001</b>	114290	49.3	0.347	48189	24.9	0.316	12799	11.6	0.353
Ye	1	16057	3.0	0.231	9445	0.9	0.444	6971	1.4	0.386	2349	2.5	0.255	254	0.2	0.666
Mo	9	39066	1.8	0.157	5192	1.7	0.182	3494	0.9	0.555	3825	0.9	0.508	1603	0.8	0.630
Si(Tr)	2	396	0.5	0.588	1663	1.8	0.196	2417	2.1	0.126	1980	1.4	0.268	1118	1.2	0.327
Tr x Ye	1	19928	3.8	0.201	8430	0.8	0.447	8157	1.7	0.337	691	0.7	0.496	166	0.1	0.715
Tr x Mo	9	8592	3.6	<b>0.010</b>	8617	2.9	<b>0.037</b>	9525	2.4	0.071	4177	1.0	0.482	1442	0.7	0.706
Ye x Mo	3	6023	8.0	<b>0.002</b>	1488	1.6	0.192	352	0.3	0.839	605	0.4	0.712	733	0.8	0.534
Si(Tr) x Ye	2	5847	7.7	<b>0.002</b>	11593	12.2	<b>0.001</b>	5359	4.6	<b>0.012</b>	897	0.6	0.535	1182	1.2	0.316
Si(Tr) x Mo	15	2433	3.2	<b>0.002</b>	3086	3.3	<b>0.001</b>	4107	3.5	<b>0.001</b>	4247	3.0	<b>0.001</b>	2106	2.2	<b>0.013</b>
Tr x Ye x Mo	3	5505	7.3	<b>0.001</b>	7044	7.4	<b>0.001</b>	14497	12.4	<b>0.001</b>	4659	3.3	<b>0.029</b>	3324	3.4	<b>0.021</b>
Si(Tr) x Ye x Mo		No test			No test			No test			No test			No test		
Res	90	757			948			1173			1413			970		

Table S2. PERMANOVA testing for sources of spatio-temporal variation in turbidity.

Ti: Time (14 levels, see Fig. 3 in the main text); Tr: Treatment (2 levels: control, disposal); Si: Site (2 levels nested within control beaches; 2 levels nested within disposal beaches); p-*F*: pseudo-*F*; n = 6; p-values in **bold** are significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$

Source	df	MS	p- <i>F</i>	p
Ti	13	8758	17.6	<b>0.010</b>
Tr	1	4967	5.8	<b>0.001</b>
Si(Tr)	2	1153	84.0	<b>0.001</b>
Ti x Tr	13	8147	16.4	<b>0.013</b>
Ti x Si (Tr)	8	545	39.7	<b>0.001</b>
Res	176	14		

Table S3. PERMANOVAs testing for sources of spatio-temporal variation in dominant macrofaunal taxa, on control and disturbed beaches. Tr: Treatment (2 levels: control, disposal); Ye: Year (2 levels: 1, 2); Mo: Month (10 levels: Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct); Si: Site (2 levels nested within control beaches; 2 levels nested within disposal beaches); p-F: pseudo-F; n = 3 transects; p-values in **bold** are significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$

	<i>Donax variabilis</i>			<i>Emerita talpoida</i>			<i>Scolelepis squamata</i>			
	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	
Tr	1	27019	29.7	<b>0.001</b>	11530	7.5	<b>0.001</b>	17678	3.0	<b>0.001</b>
Ye	1	4454	9.2	0.124	6385	2.8	0.213	10988	70.6	0.017
Mo	8	13743	22.9	<b>0.001</b>	5629	11.2	<b>0.001</b>	10607	24.6	<b>0.001</b>
Si(Tr)	2	909	1.5	0.209	1536	7.0	<b>0.002</b>	5890	28.8	<b>0.001</b>
Tr x Ye	1	2137	4.4	0.224	126	<0.1	0.873	3793	24.4	<b>0.050</b>
Tr x Mo	8	3957	6.6	<b>0.002</b>	1181	2.4	0.060	3859	8.9	<b>0.001</b>
Ye x Mo	7	10030	42.1	<b>0.001</b>	2191	3.4	<b>0.020</b>	5355	6.9	<b>0.002</b>
Si(Tr) x Ye	2	486	0.8	0.477	2271	10.3	0.001	156	0.8	0.489
Si(Tr) x Mo	16	601	1.0	0.437	502	2.3	<b>0.009</b>	431	2.1	<b>0.015</b>
Tr x Ye x Mo	7	1674	7.0	<b>0.002</b>	1327	2.1	0.086	2653	3.4	<b>0.027</b>
Si(Tr) x Ye x Mo	14	238	0.4	0.970	646	2.9	<b>0.002</b>	774	3.8	<b>0.001</b>
Res	136	593			220			204		
<i>Haustorius</i> sp.			<i>Parahaustorius longimerus</i>			<i>Amphiporeira virginiana</i>				
	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	MS	p-F	p	
Tr	1	2126	1.5	<b>0.001</b>	71434	2.6	0.362	12972	11.4	<b>0.001</b>
Ye	1	1331	0.3	0.777	8485	1.3	0.375	1843	1.8	0.315
Mo	8	7663	3.2	<b>0.039</b>	14335	2.6	<b>0.046</b>	1449	2.1	0.099
Si(Tr)	2	1390	1.3	0.272	27520	8.3	<b>0.001</b>	1141	1.3	0.306
Tr x Ye	1	9157	2.1	0.238	7897	1.2	0.415	1522	1.5	0.379
Tr x Mo	8	4092	1.7	0.153	11835	2.2	0.081	1053	1.5	0.217
Ye x Se	7	14085	4.1	<b>0.010</b>	6825	0.6	0.835	1058	0.7	0.746
Si(Tr) x Ye	2	4439	4.2	<b>0.022</b>	6519	2.0	0.122	1045	1.2	0.343
Si(Tr) x Mo	16	2360	2.2	<b>0.009</b>	5416	1.6	0.061	687	0.8	0.808
Tr x Ye x Mo	7	2839	0.8	0.574	6725	0.5	0.831	886	0.6	0.831
Si(Tr) x Ye x Mo	14	3443	3.2	<b>0.002</b>	12372	3.7	<b>0.002</b>	1469	1.6	<b>0.036</b>
Res	136	1069			3329			892		

Table S4. PERMANOVAs testing for density-dependent effects of turbidity on the proportionate growth and weight gain of *Donax variabilis*. Tu: Turbidity (2 levels: control, enhanced); De: Density (2 levels: low, high); Ta: Tank (11 levels: nested within each Turbidity  $\times$  Density treatment); p-*F*: pseudo-*F*; p-values in **bold** are significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$

	<i>Growth</i>			<i>Weight gain</i>		
	MS	p- <i>F</i>	p	MS	p- <i>F</i>	p
Tu	1	0.17	17.1	<b>0.018</b>	3.24	17.5
De	1	0.16	15.6	<b>0.020</b>	1.67	9.0
Tu $\times$ De	1	0.17	17.2	<b>0.019</b>	2.69	14.5
Ta (Tu $\times$ De)	7	0.01	0.5	0.814	0.16	0.6
	2	909	1.5	0.209	1536	7.0
Res	204	0.03		0.26		