Improving knowledge for Red Lists: the Tivela mactroides (Born, 1778) case

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Tivela mactroides:

- Important in the local culinary and crafts
- · Grows in sandy beaches



City of São Paulo
North Coast of São Paulo
Brazil

Area of Study

Included in the List of Endangered Species of São Paulo State:

- Vulnerable
- Inadequate information
- · Conflicts with traditional uses

Aim: Investigate alternative methods to inform the creation of Red lists

Which information do we need to improve?

- Suitable beaches
- Current distribution
- Past distribution
- Threats
- Trends for population size

Citizen Science

Photos



Interviews

- Experts
- Residents



Literature Review

- Articles
- Museums
- Databases



Looking for shells



Advantages:

- Cheaper and faster than digging
- Values traditional knowledge



Challenges:

- Arriving at cohesive results
- · Lack of validation

