

Mine land rehabilitation: Modern ecological approaches for more sustainable mining

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Mine land rehabilitation

Challenges:

- Species selection
- Biological invasions
- Monitoring



Functional and evolutionary ecology

<u>Functional ecology</u> studies attributes that influence the fitness of a species as well as its interactions with other parts of the ecosystem

Evolutionary ecology correlates the evolutionary histories of species and the interactions between them

Community structure



Phylogenetic distance

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Gastauer et al. 2018. Journal of Cleaner Production. 10.1016/j.jclepro.2017.10.223.



Species selection



Gastauer & Meira-Neto 2014. Folia Geobotanica. 10.1007/s12224-013-9181-1



Species selection





Biological invasions



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Monitoring





Unpublished data.



Conclusions

- Phylogenetic methods are able to optimize mine land rehabiltation:
- The selection of promising species for mine land rehabilitation may be guided by phylogenetic community structure
- Lessons from community assembly may identify native species able to control invasive species
- Functional and phylogenetic methdos are promising indicators for the success of mine land rehabilitation







Thank you!

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