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Joy is interested in the ways conservation and disease affect the resilience of coastal foundational species. Her current focus includes studying how seagrasses and kelp forests respond to simultaneous pressures, including marine heatwaves and disease dynamics, and how marine protected areas may affect the resistance and recovery of these ecosystems. She is passionate about useful, transdisciplinary research that increases the wellbeing of people through the sustainable management of marine ecosystems. Using her skillset in GIS, her previous work focused on marine conservation of coastal ecosystems, spanning valuing carbon stocks within Mexico to developing metrics quantifying the extent of area-based conservation. Additionally, she worked for IPBES at the science-policy interface implementing data management within international assessments focused on biodiversity and ecosystem services. When not at her desk, she likes to be out in nature, hiking, swimming, or knitting.

Research & Scholarship

LAB AFFILIATIONS

- Giulio De Leo, De Leo (9/1/2022)

Publications

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- **Prioritizing mangrove conservation across Mexico to facilitate 2020 NDC ambition** *AMBIO*
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