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Mercer Award



The **Mercer Award** is given for an outstanding ecological research paper published within the past two years by a younger researcher



Marcelo Ardón, Jennifer Morse & Ben Colman received the award for their paper “Drought-induced saltwater incursion leads to increased wetland nitrogen export”

This paper, provides an exciting contribution in the great tradition of landscape-scale ecosystem ecology. The work unifies two critically important aspects of applied coastal ecology: nitrogen loading and sea level rise. The authors provide a study of nitrogen export from a large wetland in North Carolina, examining the ecological and biochemical changes that accompany this phenomenon.