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The Intertidal Shipwreck: Management of a Historic Resource in an Unmanageable Environment

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Abstract: The archaeological remains of ships in the world's intertidal zones are part of complex and dynamic socio-environmental systems. Being periodically exposed and reburied, these resources vary between being visible and intriguing, and reburied and frequently forgotten features of the physical and cultural coastal landscape. Additionally, these limited and nonrenewable resources play an important informational role as tangible pieces of maritime heritage that also document dynamic coastal processes. Given the dynamic nature of these sites, challenges to management may result in the resource being damaged, ignored or forgotten, leading to potential loss of pertinent social, economic, and environmental information. Through case study examination, this volume will address challenges to the management of beached and intertidal shipwreck sites and innovations in the approach to managing these valuable archaeological resources.



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