亜熱帯域沿岸生態系におけるCO2フラックスのモデル解析

The estimation of CO₂ flux in subtropical coastal ecosystems using a numerical model

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Coastal ecosystems can play a role in climate change mitigation. One of the appropriate way to accurately quantify and predict the role is the utilization of numerical models. The mitigation effects can be facilitated by CO₂ uptake by net primary producers such as mangroves, zooxanthella in coral reef and seagrasses.

In this study, we developed a new ecosystem model that incorporates the biogeochemical processes of mangroves, tidal flats, seagrass meadows, lagoons, and coral reefs. We estimated CO₂ fluxes between air and the ecosystems and carbon burial rates in Yaeyama islands, Japan, which is the model site. In the future prediction, we selected two scenarios of representative concentration pathways, low emission (RCP2.6) and high emission (RCP8.5), adopted in IPCC 5th Assessment Report and compared the model results in 2010 and 2100. The output of HadGEM2-ES from CMIP5 models were used as the boundary data.

Our model results showed that the mangrove absorbed CO_2 more than other ecosystems because of direct uptake of CO_2 from the air. The maximal carbon burial rate was found in the mangrove. Additionally, the inflowing of open waters affected the air-ecosystem CO_2 flux and carbon burial rate near the open boundary. We will also present the result of comparisons between the model results and observed data.

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