

2011, Ling et al. 2015; Rocha et al., 2015; Russell and Connell 2014; Steneck et al., 2013.

Apart from overexploitation, kelp population and distribution worldwide are reported to be affected by a variety of factors. Connell et al. (2008) reported on a wholesale loss of canopy-forming kelp forests (up to 70 per cent) on the Adelaide metropolitan coast of South Australia where urbanization occurred. Overfishing of high value predators often causes explosions in herbivore populations such as sea urchins that feed on kelp, resulting in

populations five species seven

Furthermore, the loss of seagrass beds and kelp forests will deprive commercially

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