

Abbreviations

IS	:	Isopods
AM	:	Amphipods
BA	:	Barnacle
AN	:	Anomuran crabs
BR	:	Brachyuran crabs
PS	:	Prawns and shrimps
LB	:	Lobsters
ST	:	Stomatopods
GOKh	:	Gulf of Khambhat
SHE	:	Swash Exclusion Hypothesis
HHH	:	Habitat Harshness Hypothesis
TS	:	Total Solids
WWF	:	World Wide Fund for Nature
SS	:	Suspended Solids
M	:	Metres
Km	:	Kilometres
Mm	:	Millimeters
m ²	:	Metersquare
Cm	:	Centimeters
G	:	Grams
IAS	:	Invasive Alien Species
K	:	Carrying capacity
CW	:	Carapace width
CL	:	Carapace length
SD	:	Standard deviation
LTZ	:	Lower tidal zone
MTZ	:	Middle tidal zone
UTZ	:	Upper tidal zone
OD	:	Opening diameter
HL	:	Horizontal length
VD	:	Vertical depth
Cl	:	Chamber length
Cw	:	Chamber width
TL	:	Total length
°C	:	Degree Celsius
PCA	:	Principle component analysis
MDS	:	Multidimensional scaling
W	:	Weight of burrow
L	:	Length of burrow
V	:	Volume of burrow
BMWP	:	Biological monitoring working party
ASPT	:	Average score per taxon
CoCO ₃	:	Cobalt carbonate
TSO	:	Time spent outside
TSI	:	Time spent inside