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Summary: This thesis focuses on the study of human activities in coastal zones on transitional ecosystems, with emphasis in the case of matter inputs from fluvial basins to salt marshes, in various littoral areas of northwestern Iberian peninsula. Existing relationship between human pressure and impacts in natural environment motivated the definition of anthropization indicator variables in coastal ecosystems, specifically, in estuaries with the presence of seagrasses influenced by different human development with the aim to know the sources and processes which occur in evaluated areas.