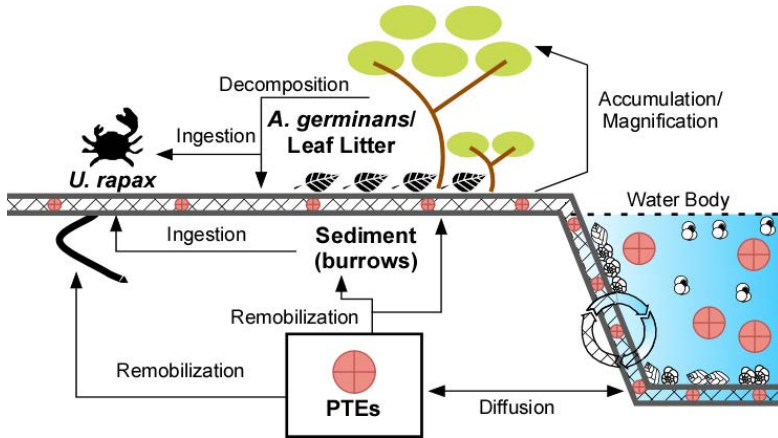


# Foraminifera and Their Microscopic World. Who Cares?

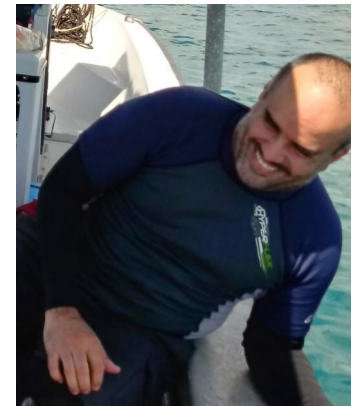


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Foraminifera, (a single-celled planktonic animal) especially benthic, are the second producer of marine sediments. They are ubiquitous and are considered a good bioindicator organism of human impacts to marine and coastal ecosystems. Benthic foraminifera have been used as sentinel organisms of heavy metal pollution but inconsistencies still exist on their proper use and interpretation of their ecological responses. The purpose of this talk is to share with community what has been done, what are the issues, and how could they be improved.

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 Free & Open to the Public  
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