While not complete, this list will provide a good entry into the literature. With a few notable exceptions, chapters in edited volumes are not cited when the volume itself is cited. Some older (pre-2000) species-level taxonomic publications are generally not included unless they have broader biological implications, although systematic revisions often are included. Non-peer-reviewed magazines and government reports are generally not cited, unless the veracity of the data are publically verifiable or especially timely (e.g., the vaquita porpoise situation in the Upper Gulf). The Mexican “scientific literature” is high in non-refereed work from various agencies and universities (e.g., CONACyT, SEMARNAT, CONABIO, CICESE, UABC, UABCS) and nonprofit organizations (e.g., CEDO, Pronatura) and this work is generally not cited herein. Academic theses and unrefereed abstracts from conference proceedings generally also are not cited (although a few key ones are). Numerous key terrestrial/freshwater-botanical publications are included in this list when they are of interest to coastal investigators (e.g., the Pinacates, the Colorado River Delta, Baja California, coastal desert streams and springs, etc) or deal with Gulf/Baja/Northwest Mexico geological and biogeographical history. Similarly, some important papers on Arizona and California geology, hydrology, etc. are included when they have direct relevance to the Gulf of California, as are some key papers from the Temperate East Pacific that treat the biology of species also occurring in the Sea of Cortez. Although some key botanical and anthropological papers and books are cited, such publications are only superficially covered.

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