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# Environmental Footprint of Shipping—Characteristics and Mitigation Strategies

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Dear Colleagues,

Maritime shipping is the main transport mode for global trade. In recent decades, the size and the number of maritime freights, which largely rely on the use of diesel engines, have largely expanded due to the world economy. These are very energy efficient but have non-negligible environmental impacts. While new options for marine propulsion are arising, most of the ships in operation for the next thirty years will be still based on internal combustion engines, fueled with conventional bunker oils or new fuels.

This Special Issue welcomes papers related to the characteristics of ships' pollutant emissions and the control strategies for their reduction. In particular, contributions should focus on: i) the characterization of ships' emissions and their impact on health and the environment either at the regional or global scale, ii) innovative technologies and case studies on the mitigation of ships' emissions into air and seawater, and iii) new environmental policies (e.g., fuel quality), finance aspects, directives and their future perspectives for maritime shipping.







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