

Special Issue

The Invasive Blue Crab: Implications for Fisheries, Aquaculture and One Health Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

The invasive blue crab, *Callinectes sapidus*, presents significant challenges and opportunities in various fields. This Special Issue seeks to gather extensive research on the diverse impacts of this species. Major areas of interest include the effects on fisheries and aquaculture, where the blue crab's predatory and competitive behaviors disrupt local ecosystems and economic activities. Additionally, we aim to explore the environmental impacts on biodiversity, habitat structures, and ecosystem services. Understanding the disease dynamics and potential threats posed to native species by the blue crab through pathological studies is another key focus. Genetic research will provide insights into the species' adaptive mechanisms and spread, while studies on contaminants, especially emerging pollutants, will shed light on bioaccumulation risks in invaded areas. This Special Issue aspires to offer a comprehensive, multidisciplinary understanding of the blue crab, guiding management strategies to mitigate its negative effects and exploit potential benefits through a One Health approach.

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