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Species Interactions in Marine Benthic Communities

Message from the Guest Editors

Marine benthic communities harbor a high diversity of mobile and sessile animals with multiple ecological and functional roles that are in continuous interaction. Despite the crucial role of biotic interactions in driving the structure of the communities, ecosystem functioning and food web dynamics, they are often not well understood. This special issue aims to gather research (original research, reviews, technical advances or opinions) that studies marine benthic communities (tropical, temperate, deep-water ecosystems) with a focus on animals (e.g. cnidarians, sponges, ascidians, echinoderms, molluscs, etc.) and their interspecific interactions (animal-animal or animal-microorganisms). Research of interest includes but is not limited to chemical ecology studies, experimental studies on species interactions and studies on community and population dynamics. Studies on life history traits in poorly studied animal groups are also especially welcome.

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