

Special Issue

Trophic Web and Predator–Prey Dynamics in Marine Environment

Message from the Guest Editor

Trophic ecology is a crucial theme in the study of all marine systems and the understanding of ecosystem functioning. The trophic relationships between organisms, predator–prey dynamics and food web structure are extremely various and complex, but their knowledge is essential for the description of energy flows between trophic levels, marine communities and compartments (e.g., pelagic and benthic). Several methodological approaches have been developed to investigate the feeding ecology of marine organisms, such as stomach content analysis, stable isotope analysis and DNA metabarcoding. The equilibrium of the marine trophic web is influenced by ecosystem attributes, such as physical-chemical factors, nutrient cycling and oceanography, but also by human activities and impacts. Furthermore, predator–prey relationships are among the most important drivers influencing species' behavior, life strategies and evolution. The purpose of this Special Issue is to publish original research papers, case studies and review articles focusing on the latest advances in the trophic web and predator–prey dynamics in marine environments.

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