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# Diversity, Ecology and Spatiotemporal Distribution of Marine Algae and Their Associated Microbiome

#### Message from the Guest Editors

Microalgae, which are taxonomically and ecologically diverse, serve as foundational components of aquatic food webs and global biogeochemical cycles. Their associated bacterial communities are equally diverse and dynamic, influencing algal growth, physiology, and adaptation. The diversity of both microalgae and their associated microbiomes underpin complex ecological networks that drive nutrient exchange, organic matter transformation, and ecosystem resilience.

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Understanding the spatiotemporal distribution patterns, the drivers of microalgal and bacterial diversity, and their community response characteristics is therefore essential for predicting the structure and function of aquatic ecosystems under global change. This Special Issue aims to highlight recent advances in understanding both the diversity, community composition, ecology, and spatiotemporal distribution of marine microalgae and their associated microbiomes. We welcome studies that explore these topics from multiple perspectives to better understand the mechanisms shaping both algal and bacterial diversity, their spatial and temporal dynamics, and their collective roles in maintaining marine ecosystem functioning.

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