

## Special Issue

# Diversity and Ecology of Marine Benthic Communities

### Message from the Guest Editor

The most worrying problem today is climate change and its devastating consequences. These consequences are becoming increasingly evident in the seas and oceans. Numerous studies have provided scientific evidence of the magnitude of climate change and the degradation of ecosystems. The marine environment is very complex, with many abiotic and biotic interactions. Understanding the impacts of climate change on the ocean begins with an understanding of its biodiversity and how it functions. This is crucial to provide preventive measures, and to designate and declare marine protected areas in order to ensure the conservation of ocean biodiversity. This Special Issue focuses on the study of benthic communities. We invite papers that contribute to scientific knowledge on benthic communities at different local, regional and/or global levels. In addition, studies on different marine taxa, taxonomic diversity, ecology, dynamic, habitats and multidisciplinary techniques and methods are welcome.

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We invite papers and reviews on multidisciplinary topics of diversity that bridge organismic diversity (systematics, biodiversity, phylogeny, population genetics, and evolution) and molecular diversity (phytochemistry and biophysics).

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