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# Genetic Connectivity, Species Diversity and Conservation Biology of Chondrichthyes

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Chondrichthyans, and especially elasmobranchs, are one of the most threatened marine taxa. Actions must be taken rapidly to ensure the long-term survival of these organisms, protecting both their morphologic and genetic diversity. When such cryptic diversity is at risk of extinction, the disjunction between molecular systematics research and conservation policy becomes a significant problem: an integrative approach combining species hypothesis testing and population genetics is necessary to efficiently protect this genetic richness. Therefore, considering the ecological importance of chondrichthyans, we present this Special Issue focused on various aspects of their genetic diversity, aimed towards integrating taxonomy advances in conservation planning. The scope includes, but is not limited to, the following fields: integrative taxonomy, species diversity and distribution, biogeographic patterns, evolutionary history, population genetics and conservation.

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- integrative taxonomy
- population genetics
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