Special Issue

Marine Biodiversity in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea

Message from the Guest Editor

The Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea are the habitat of many marine and coastal species, including mammals, birds, fishes, mollusks, crustaceans, polychaetae, algae, and other groups. The two marine areas are connected by a flux of water from the Atlantic Ocean that allows the dispersion of nutrients and organisms. The water movements and the presence of different habitats have allowed the coexistence of a high number of species. Outstanding biodiversity in both areas differs between coral reef areas, coastal lagoons, and seagrass meadows. It is the result of the local influences of climate, geographical isolation, and habitat heterogeneity, leading to a high level of speciation and the presence of discontinuous populations of phylogenetically distinct origin. This Special Issue will provide an opportunity to highlight new research on the biological value and importance of biodiversity, habitat loss, trophic relationships in ecosystems, and impact of exotic species in biodiversity. We invite manuscripts that focus on taxonomic, ecological, and conservation aspects with the aim to form a platform to advance our knowledge of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

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