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Biology and Ecology of Sharks and Their Relatives: New Insights for a Correct Management and Conservation

Message from the Guest Editor

Chondrichthyans are one of the most threatened marine taxa worldwide, being highly susceptible to anthropogenic pressure, both in coastal and offshore environments. In particular, the main factor affecting these vulnerable animals is by-catch (incidental capture), which needs to be reduced to correctly manage and conserve cartilaginous fishes. However, assessing, protecting, and managing chondrichthyan populations is problematic, due to the limited information on their biology, ecology, fisheries and on human impact on them in general. The aim of this Special Issue is to host innovative and original contributions on cartilaginous fishes, in order to improve the scientific knowledge on these marine vertebrates. It should further support the decision makers to develop concrete measures to conserve and manage sharks and their relatives efficiently, and in accordance with international conventions and directives.

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