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Message from the Guest Editor

Coastal ecosystems are dynamic, complex, and often fragile transition environments between land and oceans. The intensification of human activities in coastal areas in recent decades, as well as the global climatic changes and coastal erosion processes of the present, have introduced detrimental impacts on these environments. Organic and inorganic pollution; marine anthropogenic litter; destruction, fragmentation, and modification of habitats for multiple purposes; overexploitation of natural resources; introduction of invasive species; and loss of biodiversity are among the most common impacts.

In this Special Issue, I invite colleagues to contribute original research papers and review articles on all aspects of environmental quality monitoring and assessment of coastal ecosystems. There will be a focus on biotic or abiotic compartments (or both) as well as the range of ecological levels of the organization, from individual to ecosystem-wide efforts.

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