Special Issue

The Plastic Pollution Paradox: Marine Litter as New Habitat

Message from the Guest Editor

Aside from the well-known threats of plastic pollution, like any other submerged substrata, marine litter provides a habitat for organisms that are able to settle and persist on artificial surfaces. Once colonized, plastic surfaces act as steppingstones for the connectivity between populations and the recruiting of larvae, as well as disrupting ecological processes in benthic and pelagic communities. As a , I would like to kindly invite you to contribute a research article or a review to be published in a Special Issue of *Environments* (ISSN 2076-3298): 'The Plastic Pollution Paradox: marine litter as new habitat'. The general purpose of this Special Issue is to discuss the ecological relevance of biological positive interactions with marine litter. The scope is broad, and I invite submissions based on detailed investigation, both from field and laboratory, aiming to reveal the drivers and to account for ecological possible consequences of plastic colonization on planktonic and benthic communities.

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