

## Special Issue

# The Ecology of Reef Fishes

### Message from the Guest Editors

Coral reefs are among the most threatened ecosystems in the world, representing less than 1% of its surface area but concentrating approximately 25% of known marine biodiversity. In this context, the fish that inhabit coral reefs account for roughly 1 in 4 marine fish species. These species play a relevant ecological role in the functioning of reef systems. In general, there are eight key ecosystem processes that maintain the structure and functioning of coral reefs, with fish playing key roles in six of these eight processes. Conversely, despite the great importance of reef fish, a significant portion of these species are threatened by anthropogenic impacts such as fishing, habitat loss, and climate change, making these species vulnerable. Therefore, we invite researchers to submit papers that address topics related to the importance and relevance of reef fish as key components of the structure and functioning of coral reefs. We hope that this issue will contribute to compiling information on new aspects of reef fish ecology and culminate in better understanding and conservation of these species.

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