

## Special Issue

# Enforcement and Compliance in Fisheries

### Message from the Guest Editor

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing has plagued the world's fisheries for decades. At the same time, the international legal framework for regulating fisheries has significantly developed, including for areas beyond national jurisdiction. Just as importantly, our understanding of compliance in fisheries has become more refined. Traditionally, compliance has been viewed through the lens of economic rationality: fishers follow the rules when it is in their financial interest and break them when it is not—with the role of public authorities being to provide effective deterrence. In recent decades, this economics-based approach has been challenged by scholars. Empirical studies show that fishers may obey the law even when doing so is not economically advantageous. More dynamic models, including situational factors, have emerged in recent years. This Special Issue seeks to complement the existing literature with fresh contributions to theory-building and new empirical research on compliance and enforcement practices worldwide, including the fight against IUU fishing. We welcome submissions from international law, economics, and the social sciences.

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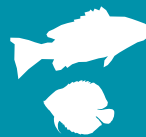
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