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Advancing the Research and Conservation of the Estuarine and Coastal Ecosystems of California and Baja California

Message from the Guest Editors

California and Baia California are home to unique estuarine and coastal ecosystems that stand out in their natural beauty and biodiversity. These regions are home to various ecosystems under the influence of different climates and various intensities of anthropogenic stressors. In this Special Issue, we welcome contributions about the physical, chemical, and biological processes in the estuarine and coastal ecosystems of California and Baja California. The main goal of this Special Issue is to publish recent studies about these ecosystems to advance fundamental knowledge about their dynamics, which are critical to producing better-informed conservation and management policies, it is our belief that all sound data. including short-term from studies with local interest and historical data, must be published because they are critical to assessing the status of an ecosystem and its biota.

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