

Special Issue

Biology and Conservation of Elasmobranchs

Message from the Guest Editors

Sharks and rays play a key role in many ecological processes in aquatic ecosystems, being predators and mesopredators—they influence the health of ecosystems by regulating other populations. Therefore, understanding the relationships that sharks and rays have with other species in aquatic ecosystems is crucial for preserving the ecological equilibrium and maintaining healthy ecosystems. The aim of this Special Issue is to compile up-to-date and outstanding research on shark and ray ecology and conservation and to gather the most recent and relevant data on their ecology and conservation to improve management measures and conservation strategies. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Distribution and abundance of sharks and rays;
- Trophic relationships;
- Climate change effects in shark and ray populations;
- Population dynamics.

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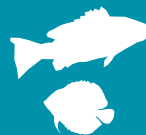
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