# **Special Issue**

# Assessment of Fisheries Impact on Species and Marine Ecosystems

## Message from the Guest Editor

Marine ecosystems, which provide goods and services to humanity, are being drastically impacted and changed by humans, experiencing accelerated loss of habitats, populations, and species as a result of both environmental changes and fishing. Indeed, most stocks of commercially important marine resources have been drastically depleted over the last several decades, with the number of collapsed stocks steadily increasing over the years. Fishing pressure causes substantial lifehistory changes in many commercial stocks, which may reduce stocks' productivity and resilience to overfishing. Additionally, fishing gears alter habitats by destroying and disturbing topography and communities. Fishing not only catches the targeted species but also accidentally captures other organisms. The effects on non-target species can either be direct or indirect. The main aim of this Special Issue is to provide an opportunity for scientists to shed new light on fisheries' impacts on species and ecosystems. We welcome the submission of papers on these impacts, as well as those discussing how fishing and environmental changes interact to induce effects on marine resources and ecosystems.

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