# **Special Issue**

## **Geological Seafloor Mapping**

### Message from the Guest Editors

Mapping the seafloor geology remains one of the great challenges in marine geoscience. However, recent advances in data acquisition (e.g. multispectral backscatter) and analysis (e.g. machine learning) put us in a better position to deliver accurate maps of seafloor sediment and substratum types. This Special Issue aims to showcase the latest developments in geological seafloor mapping. We specifically invite contributions addressing the following aspects:

- Studies assessing the potential of multispectral backscatter for geological seafloor mapping
- Systematic and quantitative comparisons of mapping approaches
- Impact of spatial scale on mapping performance
- Assessment and communication of mapping uncertainty and confidence
- Quantification of relationships between sediments and environmental drivers
- Quantification of relationships between sediments, benthic organisms, and backscatter
- Case studies from local to global scales making innovative use of legacy data from data repositories

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