



Coral Reef Communities: Diversity, Roles, and Conservation

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Dear Colleagues,

Coral reefs are composed of many communities, depicting groups of interacting organisms inhabiting a particular space and time. Though their existence is threatened and their future prospects may seem gloomy, several observations have suggested that some may actually do better than others. It emphasizes the need for greater recognition of the differences among coral reef communities, their dynamics, and the various roles they could play as our climate is changing. Those differences would further stress the importance of customized management actions for the community of interest in order to improve the prospects of conservation on these valuable ecosystems.

Accordingly, this Special Issue welcomes contributions that recognize the diversity, role, and conservation of all coral reef communities. Studies documenting the absence of significant changes in a given community or the increase or reef-builders in marginal communities are especially encouraged as they go against the worldwide trend of coral reef degradation, and are informative in many ways to comprehensively predict the future of these ecosystems.





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