### Special Issue

# Reef Ecosystems and Community Invasion Ecology

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Reef ecosystems, ranging from shallow tropical coral reefs to mesophotic zones, rocky reefs, and deep-sea biogenic structures, are biodiversity hotspots that provide critical ecosystem services. However, they are increasingly threatened by the combined impacts of climate change, ocean acidification, overexploitation, and pollution. These stressors are driving major shifts in community composition and enabling the spread of invasive and thermophilic species, with profound ecological, economic, and societal consequences. This Special Issue will examine the dynamics of reef ecosystems under anthropogenic stress, with emphasis on invasion ecology, community restructuring, and biogeographical change. We invite contributions that address these processes across diverse reef types and geographical regions, using approaches that range from ecological monitoring and experimental research to molecular tools, biogeochemistry, and ecosystem modeling.

We particularly welcome studies on historical baselines of reef change, cutting-edge work on adaptation and acclimatization, and applied perspectives on reef restoration, conservation strategies, and sustainable aquaculture.

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