

## Special Issue

# Marine Benthic Biodiversity of Eastern Mediterranean Ecosystems

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to present a collection of studies on biodiversity in marine benthic ecosystems of the eastern basin of the Mediterranean Sea, which is an important global biodiversity hotspot. Despite significant scientific progress in the past few decades, the eastern Mediterranean can still be considered to be underexplored and prone to the discovery of new species and assemblages. Spatio-temporal analyses of datasets on different marine benthic components and their environment are welcome and expected to expand our present knowledge. Descriptions of innovative sampling techniques targeting specific marine benthic organisms or different marine benthic habitats are strongly encouraged as there is a scarcity of standardized assessment protocols. Effects of anthropogenic pressures such as fisheries, pollution, and climate change (e.g., lessepsian migration) that may lead to a loss of biodiversity, degradation of habitats, and changes in ecosystem functioning can be examined and interpreted too.

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