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The sea is the scene for a wide range of activities. Some sea areas experience a strong competition between various maritime activities which can lead to conflicts but also hold much potential for synergies. In addition, it is well known that human activities have an adverse impact on marine ecosystems, with climate change as a reinforcing factor. Maritime spatial planning is seen as an approach to solve these challenges by applying informed and coordinated decisions about how to use marine resources in a sustainable way. The purpose of this Special Issue is to present and discuss recent advances within sustainable management and planning of the seas and oceans. It covers topics such as ecosystem-based approaches, cumulative impact assessment, co-location of maritime activities, transnational cooperation, maritime cultural heritage, sea use management, engagement of stakeholders, marine cadaster, and marine spatial infrastructure. Authors are invited to contribute to this Special Issue by submitting theoretical and methodological approaches, as well as research results, applications and experiences on maritime spatial planning.

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