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Sustainable Blue Economy and Marine Management

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues: After almost 10 years since its formulation (UN's Rio+20 meeting), both academics and decision-makers agree that the blue economy is struggling to find balance between economic growth, social well-being, and environmental sustainability. In fact, extensive literature and policy reports bring evidence about the negative effects of marine economic development on local populations and coastal environments, while its benefits still need to be demonstrated. The effects of those poor political decisions and management practices are now fueling social opposition to new projects across the globe. If both decision-makers and businesses want to achieve their goals, they have to work on mechanisms to ensure that the multiple principles of sustainability of new projects (or policy decisions) are met. The scope of this Special Issue is to gather recent examples of blue economies' development but also experts' views and literature analyses that integrate the issues of social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

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