

Special Issue

Mapping Marine Ecosystem Services for Sustainable Spatial Planning

Message from the Guest Editors

The marine realm covers more than two times the surface of drylands on Earth, yet we know more about other planets of the solar system than we do about our oceans. There is an ongoing realization of this disparity and, consequently, there is a growing interest in moving toward a better appreciation of the marine environment and its benefits for human societies, whilst there is growing economic interest in the use of the marine space. The assessment and mapping of marine ecosystem services for the sustainable use of our seas are becoming imperative to maintain a healthy environment for present and future generations. This Special Issue will publish high-quality inter-disciplinary research papers addressing issues, and providing new information, about: data provision around the structure and functioning of marine ecosystems and related ecosystem services, marine habitat mapping, and the use of the natural capital in the marine space. We welcome inter-disciplinary papers in the fields of environmental and ecological economics, as well as marine governance, and marine natural sciences for the conception of a holistic sustainable marine spatial planning.

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