

Special Issue

Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy: Perspectives on Opportunities and Challenges

Message from the Guest Editor

Blue Economy (BE) has been increasingly promoted and pursued globally, regionally and nationally as a contributor to sustainable development. A BE refers to any economic activity located or depending on marine and coastal areas and environments and entails traditional sectors and emergent ones. Lately, the need for estimating the size of a BE as well as for monitoring assessing the progress of BE towards Sustainable Blue Growth (SBG) is promoted by related policies and strategies, and it is a topic that has attracted the interest of the research community from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. However, there are various challenges that are linked to these kinds of estimations and assessments. This Special Issue aspires to cover topics such as: a) The status of BE at various scales (sectoral, national, regional, etc.) ; b) Assessment challenges that may be covered by reviews and comparisons of methods to assess progress towards SBG and identifications of pros and cons; c) The contribution to the ongoing discussion on what SBG is and what the requirements are for BE sectors in order to contribute to SBG.

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