

Special Issue

Estuaries and Coastal Waters under Pressure: Present State, Restoration and Protection

Message from the Guest Editors

Estuaries are end-members of watersheds where the river meets the sea. Adjacent coastal waters are simultaneously influenced by the river flow, and also actuate within the estuarine boundaries due to the tidal excursion. Owing to their locations, they are particularly attractive to human settlements as a gateway to the hinterlands on one hand, and to the rest of the world, on the other hand. Presently, about 40% of the world population lives close to a coastline, putting additional pressure on the top of the ongoing climate change threats. Therefore, under the current situation, the identification of research priorities and the design of scientifically-sound measures to tackle the degradation of estuarine and coastal environments, towards the restoration and protection, are in dire need. The aim of this Special Issue is to launch a blueprint on how to deal with the increasing pressure applied to estuarine and coastal environments worldwide, as major providers of ecosystem services.

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