

Special Issue

Erosion and Sediment Transport Processes in Coastal Waters

Message from the Guest Editors

Understanding coastal processes is of great interest and importance because it involves ecosystemic and socioeconomic aspects concerning sustainable development, the environment and populations.

Coastal erosion represents a global issue that involves all countries of the World, and in the last 50 years, the technical and scientific community have developed and implemented hydromorphological numerical models that are increasingly sophisticated, and coastal engineering works and action strategies aimed at erosion risk prevention and mitigation. However, shore protection projects concerning coastal armoring, beach stabilization and nourishments have not always been effective in reducing erosion phenomena, thus resulting in a waste of resources.

This issue assumes particular relevance considering the climate change effects that, in the next 50–100 years, will likely produce a global sea-level rise and a variation in wave climate as well as in the frequency, intensities and durations of sea storms, thereby increasing flooding in low-lying coastal areas affected by erosion risk.

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