



## Microorganisms and Marine Biodeterioration

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Organic and inorganic pollution of our oceans is currently of considerable concern. Microorganisms obviously add to these concerns when they are animal or plant pathogens, but we are becoming increasingly aware of the impact of non-pathogenic microorganisms, i.e., algae, archaea, bacteria and fungi, and their potential to ameliorate pollution by degrading aquatic pollutants, such as microplastics and fuels. The identification of the plastsphere, for example, the microbial biofilm that develops on the surface of immersed microplastics, could lead to the development of a species or set of species that can efficiently break down the polluting microparticles.

This Special Issue, covering the microbial activities that lead to the breakdown of materials and the ways in which Humankind can influence them, both positively and negatively, provides an up-to-date view of the importance of microbial biodeterioration in the marine environment.





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