



Ecological Restoration in Marine Environments

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Message from the Guest Editors

In the last few decades, many marine and coastal ecosystems have experienced a decrease in their environmental status. Multiple stressors, such as pollutants, excess of nutrient inputs, fishing and harvesting of aquatic resources, shipping activities and some recreational activities, direct destruction or reduction in habitats, and other ecosystem alterations, as well as issues related to climate change, such as sea-level rise, coastal squeeze and erosion, can impact biological processes, alter ecosystem functions and decrease global and local biodiversity. The protection and restoration of these ecosystems are a high priority.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to bring together scientific studies carried out on ecological restoration in marine, coastal and transitional waters. Submissions on the following issues related to ecological restoration, among other issues, are welcome:

- Case studies;
- New approaches to assess goals' restorative activities;
- Remediation of impacted areas;
- Restoration ecology: address causes and study the process;
- Nature-based solutions;
- Ecological service assessment in restoration;
- Eco-engineering measures.





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