



## Transport, Distribution and Composition of Floating Macro and Micro-Litter in the Marine Environment

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The increasing global production and use of plastic materials has led to enormous amounts of plastic debris accumulation in the world's oceans. Characteristics such as low density, good mechanical properties, and low cost allow for the successful use of plastics in industries and everyday life. However, its high durability leads to the persistence of synthetic polymers in the marine environment, where they can cause harm to a great variety of organisms.

This Special Issue welcomes studies and reviews papers on different aspects related to plastic pollution in the marine environment: studies dealing with sources, sinks, residence times, and accumulation patterns of floating macro- and micro-litter in the marine environment, as well as papers dealing with the main factors driving the occurrence, abundance, distribution, and composition of floating litter in the marine environment are welcome. Similarly, submissions of papers dealing with remote sensing, ocean modeling, deep-sea exploration, and developing innovative and low-cost sensors and methodologies to study the abundance of floating macro and microplastics in the marine environment are also encouraged.





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