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State of the Art in Underwater Cultural Heritage: Policies in the Era of Blue Economy and Incorporation into Maritime Spatial Planning

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Message from the Guest Editor

Underwater cultural heritage (UCH) research is crucial for understanding humanity's past, cultural heritage, and the evolution of maritime technology. This field focuses on UCH-related policies in the era of blue economy and on its incorporation into marine/maritime spatial planning endeavors worldwide. The focus of this Special Issue will also be on the diagnostics, conservation, and monitoring of UCH through advanced scientific techniques and technologies.

Themes:

- Policies and strategies acknowledging UCH as a contributor to blue economy;
- Modes of incorporation of UCH as a distinct maritime use in maritime spatial plans;
- Realized examples of harmonious co-existence of UCH with other marine uses and the assessment of the potential of UCH-driven multi-use;
- Advanced diagnostic techniques for the identification and documentation of underwater cultural heritage sites;
- Innovative conservation methodologies and strategies for preserving and protecting underwater cultural heritage;
- Valuation methods of underwater cultural heritage;
- Sustainable management practices for the long-term preservation of underwater cultural heritage sites.



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