



## UAVs for Coastal Surveying

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### Message from the Guest Editors

UAVs, unmanned aerial systems (UASs), USSs, and underwater drones have all evolved very quickly in recent years. They have found many research and commercial applications utilizing cameras and other sensors to monitor, map, model, and survey the environment. This Special Issue will focus specifically on the role these platforms and sensors can play in monitoring, mapping, modelling, and surveying the coastal zone, and on the rapidly evolving technology.

Drones are now widely used for habitat mapping, beach topographic survey, coastal erosion monitoring, coastal ecology mapping, shallow water bathymetry, coastal management, shoreline mapping, coastal protection structures, cliff faces, coastal geomorphology, wildlife monitoring, and saltmarsh topography, and evolution amongst many other applications.

This special issue therefore welcomes scientific papers on the rapidly developing technology of airborne, surface, and underwater drones and their application to coastal data collection, storage, processing, information extraction, geo-visualization, and communication in the context of monitoring, mapping, modelling, and surveying the coastal environment.





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