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Variability in environmental conditions as a result of climate change and habitat damage has impacted such productive social systems. Coincidentally, man-made activities also threaten fishery resources and their ecosystems. Artisanal and small-scale fisheries are associated with such ecosystems owing to their limited access and facilities. In nations where small-scale fisheries remain unregulated, these ongoing effects are having enormous, unreported impacts on resource stocks and may even mislead the economic assessment of fisheries.

In this Special Issue, we invite authors to submit original articles and reviews in this broad field for assessing and managing small-scale and artisanal fisheries from around the globe. We encourage submissions that offer new insights and approaches that can contribute to improved management and evaluation, rather than descriptive studies simply reporting on fishing activities and catches. The research topic covers novel research on the assessment and monitoring of small-scale fisheries, socioeconomics, governance, trade, and management measures.



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