



## Insights into Conservation Biology of Elasmobranchs

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Dear Colleagues,

Elasmobranchs (sharks and rays) are among the most wide-ranging top predators and key actors in structuring marine ecosystems. Since they are slow-growing species, intense fishing pressure poses a serious threat to their long-term survival. Historically, unintentional catches, an illegal and unregulated fishing activity, have led to significant population declines of sharks and relatives across their geographic distribution. Despite conservation priorities have been identified, there is an urgent need to implement effective management strategies focused on the most threatened elasmobranchs. Thus, adopting science-based conservation measures on these species should be encouraged. With this in mind, I am pleased to invite you to contribute to the Special Issue “Insights into Conservation Biology of Elasmobranchs” in the *Fishes* journal.

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