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Population Genetics and Evolution of Marine Invertebrates

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Understanding the mechanisms behind genetic diversity distribution is one of the many goals of the population genetics field. Investigation of geographical barriers, the role of biometric traits and local adaptation to determine the spatial patterns of population genetic variability has been especially challenging in marine invertebrate. Approaches such as phylogeography and seascape genetics integrate physical oceanography, spatial statistics, biometrics and genetic diversity, among others, to quantify the landscape framework effect on gene flow and estimate the connectivity among populations and historical demography. This Special Issue will assemble articles on population-level component diversity under the title "Population Genetics and Evolution of Marine Invertebrates". Articles are expected to cover a broad range of marine invertebrate species living in all types of marine ecosystems.

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