



Present and Past Submarine Volcanic Activity

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue of Geosciences aims to gather new contributions about underwater investigations and to describe new approaches and results. The collection of different works with new ideas will enhance our knowledge of marine and submarine volcanoes. New research on these topics is welcome.

Most of the present and past volcanic activity on the Earth occurred in marine and submarine environments (over 1 million volcanoes) within different geodynamic contexts, the understanding of which plays a key role in plate tectonics theory. Much of volcanic islands' underwater structure and submarine volcanism remain almost unexplored because of the difficulty of direct observation of eruptive processes at depth. High-resolution geophysical and bathymetric surveys furnished the possibility to develop 2–3D geological models about volcanic structures, their feeding systems, hydrothermal system extension and depth, and made it possible to produce detailed digital elevation models. Therefore, multidisciplinary is an important tool to investigate deep marine environments which would otherwise be unreachable and to unravel what is going on below sea level.





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