

Special Issue

Advanced Studies in Maritime Spatial Planning Processes

Message from the Guest Editor

Maritime spatial planning (MSP) is a process used to optimise marine space allocation to various activities and the environment by avoiding negative interactions and improving synergies, thereby helping the advance towards a sustainable ocean economy. MSP represents a rapidly growing research field that integrates inputs across professional, physical, institutional and administrative boundaries. The goal of this Special Issue is to promote holistic and multidisciplinary research concerning the MSP process, seeking to achieve sustainability, develop innovation networks and foster experimentation. Priority will be given to articles presenting innovative methodologies and tools for the development, implementation and monitoring of MSP plans. High-quality papers are encouraged for publication related, but not limited, to the following:

- Maritime activities optimisation;
- Decision support tools for a sustainable MSP;
- Case studies;
- Stakeholders' engagement in the MSP process;
- Incorporation of climate change in the MSP process;

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