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Anthropogenic Pressures on Marine Ecosystems

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In the last several decades, organic pollution and eutrophication, habitat alteration and destruction, overexploitation of biological resources, changed sediment transportation and deposition rates, release of litter in the marine environment, spread of non-indigenous species, and alteration of biogeochemical cycles have often resulted in changes in the structure of communities and ecosystems. Shallow areas along coasts are affected by numerous pressures, since over one-third of the global human population live within 100 km of marine coast. For this reason, coastal areas are recognised as one of the most pressured and threatened habitats worldwide. This Special Issue explores the effects of anthropogenic pressures, including those driven by climate disturbances, marine habitats, species, communities, ecosystems. Multidisciplinary studies based on laboratory and field experiments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and syntheses of the available scientific information are encouraged.[...]

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