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Coastal seas are highly dynamic marine ecosystems where responses of pelagic and benthic communities to anthropogenic pressures are superimposed to the intrinsic natural variability of coastal seas. Phytoplankton undertakes different ecological strategies and physiological adaptations (e.g., community structure, cell size, pigment composition, photosynthetic performance, production of secondary metabolites) along environmental gradients to counteract pressures and eventually ensure ecosystem functioning.

This special issue, therefore, addresses phytoplankton time-series that unveil patterns in biodiversity, ecological and physiological features as well as changes in patterns and drivers of these changes. Articles and Reviews that are based on empirical and modeled data are welcomed.







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