



## **Benthic Biodiversity in the Northeastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

Dear Colleagues,

The northeastern Atlantic, and in particular the Mediterranean Sea, has a long history of scientific exploration and is commonly considered a biodiversity hotspot, hosting a variegated biota that is the best known worldwide. Despite that, the northeastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea can be still somehow considered as understudied and prone to the discovery of new species and assemblages. Moreover, the arrival and spread of alien species have increasingly threatened local assemblages in the last century, raising awareness of the importance of biodiversity for human well-being. This Special Issue will fill gaps in biodiversity studies in the area, focusing on various connected topics, ranging from species to community level, and from coastal to deep-sea environments.

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