

## The Role of Marine Habitat Mapping in Ecosystem-Based Management

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Marine habitat maps are a spatial representation of floristic or faunal assemblages that commonly occur together in physical distinct environments (seabed or in the water column). They and related datasets provide a baseline for stakeholders and decision-makers (local, regional, national or international bodies) working in these sectors. What is the role of marine benthic habitat mapping related to ecosystem-based management? Four are the main goals: To carry out scientific research aiming at making knowledge of benthic ecosystems and seafloor geology; to provide the assessments of marine benthic resources for economic purposes; to promote the planning, management, and decision making of benthic marine resources by designing new marine protected areas; and to promote the sustainable use of the marine resources.

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