



Marine economics and policy related to ecosystem services: Lessons from the Mediterranean, Black and Caribbean Regional Seas

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Marine resources are critical for the health of the world's economies and the health of the planet. The Mediterranean Sea is the world's largest and deepest enclosed sea. Drawing upon its geographical location at the crossroads of three continents, the surrounding twenty three countries attract thirty percent of global international tourism arrivals—which makes coastal tourism and yachting hugely important. Maritime trade, cruise shipping, oil and gas, cruise and port cities, aquaculture and fisheries are other important economic activities. The Black Sea's main economic activities are shortsea shipping, offshore oil and gas exploration and coastal tourism. Additional sectors are fishing and aquaculture, especially in Turkey and Bulgaria. The Caribbean Sea includes twenty-eight coastal states and territories, most of them Small Island Developing States (SIDS). It includes the Gulf of Mexico as well as waters of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to these States and Territories. To the Caribbean economies, the role of marine biodiversity, and ocean health, in supporting local livelihoods is especially critical.

1. Scope and potential topics

Socio-economic papers dealing with policy and management challenges related to marine ecosystem services in the Mediterranean Basin, Black Sea and Caribbean, including political economy, governance, institutional and public policy analyses, will be considered for inclusion in the special issue. Multidisciplinary and policy-oriented papers that target research from a range of disciplines, including economics and ecology, biology, geography, geomatics engineering, GIS, computer sciences, sociology, anthropology will be eligible for submission. More specifically, papers could address the following topics:

- Socio-economic impacts of marine invasive alien species, including jellyfish outbreaks
- Coastal eco-tourism, recreation and tourism activities, including cruise shipping
- Offshore renewable energy

- Socio-economic impact of ocean acidification
- Blue carbon and market based mechanism for payment of ecosystem services
- Economics and management of Marine Protected Areas, including large scale marine ecosystems
- Exploitation of marine living resources, including the role of artisanal fisheries in supporting local coastal livelihoods
- Success stories and failures in coastal conservation
- Remote sensing and operational oceanography: applications for coastal management
- The role of biodiversity in supporting local economies

The tentative schedule for submission, review and publication is

- Call for papers: January 15, 2013;
- Submission of a 300–400 word extended abstract (max one page) to Professor John Gowdy and Paulo A.L.D. Nunes (e-mail: johngowdy@earthlink.net and pnunes@ciesm.org) by May 15, 2013;
- The editorial team completes evaluation of extended abstracts and invites authors of accepted abstracts to develop full papers: November 31, 2013;
- Submission of full papers via Elsevier's EES systems, in accordance with the *Ecosystem Services's* specific guidelines for authors: January 31, 2014;
- First review begins February 1, 2014 with initial responses by April 15, 2014;
- Second review begins June 15, with second responses by August 31, 2014;
- Submission of the final drafts: October 31, 2014;
- Tentative publication date: end 2014—early 2015.

2. 40th CIESM Congress—Marseille, France, 28 October–1 November 2013

All the authors are also encouraged to submit their extended abstracts to the *Commission Internationale pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Mer Méditerranée* (CIESM) Congress, which takes place in 2013 Marseille—<http://www.ciesm.org/marine/congresses>. The Commission is proudly to host a new research programme on Marine

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Economics so as embed a socio-economical dimension around the marine science sectors of CIESM activity, with a view to contribute original insights for policy and decision makers.

3. Submission guidelines

All papers for the special issue will go through the journal's normal refereeing process. After submission of the abstracts and

provision of feedback from the SI editorial team, the selected authors will be invited to prepare and submit full papers for potential publication in the SI. Paper submissions should be between 5000 and 6000 words. All papers should be developed based upon the editorial guidelines provided in the instructions for authors, which can be accessed from the website: <http://www.elsevier.com/authors/home#prepare-your-paper>.