

Editorial

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Launch Editorial: Advancing Island and Marine Studies Globally

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It is true that some journals and academic conferences have focused on island studies or marine studies[1–23], but there has not been an effective integration of island and marine studies to promote the coordinated development of island and sea. While some island or sea regions have received attention, the intensity of the attention varies from region to region. *Journal of Island and Marine Studies* (JIMS) is our latest creation, which intends to serve as an important international platform for the exchange of cutting-edge research across a wide spectrum of interdisciplinary island and marine studies. While we have been working diligently on the publication of Issue 1, writing this editorial and marking the Journal as officially launched has certainly felt like a sigh of relief. This is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of JIMS, and I look forward to receiving your submissions.

Highlighting theoretically and technologically innovative scholarship, the Journal wishes to provide in-depth research and analysis in a variety of areas. Our research scope spans diverse domains, including but not limited to resource management, environmental conservation, biodiversity, energy, economic development, local culture, tourism, policy, and legal issues related to island and marine research. A growing tide of industrialization, globalization, and digitalization has led to new challenges in island and marine studies. In addition to adding new elements to the traditional topics of maritime security, maritime disputes, and sustainable development, cutting-edge themes of island resilience and blue justice have emerged in

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recent years. A key objective of JIMS is to promote research exploring the intricate links between island & marine issues and wider global issues such as climate change, sustainable development, and international cooperation.

JIMS' main goals in the coming years are, firstly, to raise its profile within the community and ensure it is moving towards a growing reputation as a distinctive international journal. Maintain high-quality reviews while reducing the length of time that papers remain in JIMS. Finally, increase the number of high-quality results appearing in JIMS. To this end, our editorial team intends to be actively involved in soliciting the most exciting new research in this field.

As a peer-reviewed academic journal, JIMS can contribute immensely, and we hope to guide it to become a platform of choice for publishing original contributions in the years to come. For the bright future of JIMS, we look forward to serving our authors, reviewers, and readers.

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