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Preface

The purpose of this book is to introduce recent important studies on coral reefs in Japan from various research fields (biology, ecology, chemistry, earth science, and conservation studies). To fulfill this objective, we have sought the contributions from young researchers and established experts who are actively working in these fields. Our intention is for this book to contribute to the systematic understanding of coral reef studies of Japan and provide motivation for the conservation and restoration of coral communities.

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