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Dear Colleagues,

Madagascar, the fourth largest island in the world, is characterized by high levels of endemicity. This is particularly evident among amphibians and reptiles, which both show a conspicuous diversity. Rampant deforestation and increasing habitat loss have led to a significant shrinkage of the available natural areas. As a result, several species of both amphibians and reptiles are currently classified within the most highly threatened categories of the IUCN red listing. This Special Issue aims to provide a platform to showcase research and conservation on Malagasy amphibians and reptiles. With this set of contributions, we also aim to highlight how taxonomic research and field explorations continue to play a key role in describing this unique diversity, in order to better understand the origin and historical factors that explain the current distribution pattern of Malagasy biodiversity. Authors are invited to contribute original manuscripts and reviews that focus on the description of new taxa or on the survey of protected or unprotected areas, or that show how amphibians and reptiles are currently responding to increasing levels of habitat alteration.



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