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Beyond Survival: Engineering Crops for Extreme Climate Adaptation

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We are witnessing the impact of climate change. Most affected is biodiversity, and the trend of species decline to extinction is higher than ever. Under extreme climate change effects and outbreaks of pests and diseases, the adaptation of all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) to climate change seems to be of utmost importance today. Adapting agricultural technologies will also be of utmost importance in the coming years in our effort to ensure food security at the global level. It will be important to develop new strategies for PGRFA conservation, and new incentive measures should also be put in place to ensure their conservation on farms as well as their continuing cultivation, including currently neglected and underutilized species. This Special Issue aims to highlight impactful research on crop adaptation to extreme climate challenges. Topics will encompass genetic adaptations, the enhancement and preservation of genetic diversity, equitable access to these resources through the Multilateral System, climate-smart farming practices, and the vital role of farmers and households in ensuring the long-term use and conservation of PGRFA.

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