

Special Issue

Ecological Impact of Feral Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Feral animals are animals descended from domesticated animals but living in the wild. For example, dogs, goats, cats, parrots, and pigs living in the wild are considered feral animals. The distribution and abundance of feral populations of any of these species, how they interact with other species in wildlife communities, and the factors that limit their survival and proliferation, are all challenging tasks that require further research. The number of factors that could either limit the distribution and/or abundance *or* proliferate the spread and increase the abundance of feral animals could be numerous, and these factors can be of both *biotic* and *abiotic* origins. Additionally, as these are domesticated animals, we must also consider human behavior, which could act in concert with both biotic and abiotic factors, increasing their impact on the environment. The *purpose* of this Special Issue is to enlighten and strengthen research on this topic, which is becoming a necessity with the increase in the populations of feral animals in both rural and urban areas.

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