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Message from the Guest Editors

Waterbirds face numerous threats, including habitat loss and degradation, pollution, climate change, unsustainable hunting, and collisions with infrastructure. They play important roles in aquatic ecosystems. We invite contributions that, at the interface of waterbird ecology and conservation, investigate populations and behaviors, providing valuable information about the overall health of aquatic ecosystems and potential environmental impacts. We invite the results of research focusing on understanding threats in order to implement effective conservation measures that protect waterbird populations and their habitats. A diverse approach to waterbird conservation assessment, reflecting various fronts (metapopulation dynamics, winter ecology, effects of long-term ecosystem changes, key habitats and or focus areas, degree of depredation of nesting populations, factors inhibiting successful reproduction, disturbance tolerance levels, the effects, if any, of contaminants on migrant versus resident populations, etc.), may help to develop methods of monitoring and effectively managing populations.

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