

Special Issue

Biological Invasions: How Do They Affect Wildlife and Humans?

Message from the Guest Editors

Biological invasions today represent one of the main causes of the global sixth biodiversity crisis. Invasive alien species threaten both native biodiversity, even causing local extinctions, and human wellbeing, by means of direct and indirect competition, parasite and disease transmission, hybridization, damage to human activities and habitat alterations. Worldwide, countries are facing a remarkable increase in alien species populations, which may affect the survival of many native taxa and trigger programs of prioritization and horizon-scanning of new invasions. In many cases, evidence of introduced species' effects on native species is speculative, anecdotal, or poorly supported by quantitative data, making prioritization processes usually expert-based. Therefore, given the importance of this topic in biological conservation, we invite interested authors to share their most recent findings in this Special Issue. We particularly welcome submissions reporting concrete, quantitative evidence of any effects (or lack thereof) of introduced taxa upon native wildlife and human wellbeing.

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