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Advances in Wildlife Endocrinology and Reproduction

Message from the Guest Editors

Wildlife populations are continuously exposed to environmental and human changes that inevitably impose different challenges. The endocrine system is particularly involved in addressing such situations because hormones play a key role in the successful adaptation to the ever-changing environment, by helping to maintain homeostasis, while also controlling several physiological processes intimately connected with behavior, reproduction, growth, health, and survival. Today, hormone analysis is an accurate tool for monitoring both physiological stress responses and the reproductive function in wildlife, two major components for the conservation of species. Overall, endocrine approaches may help to recognize the real impact of environmental changes and perturbations, understanding associated behavioral responses, and even anticipating the decline of a threatened population by revealing problems leading to reproductive failure. This Special Issue aims at gathering the latest findings and technical developments in wildlife endocrinology and reproduction needed for achieving a proper understanding and its successful application for animal welfare, reproduction and conservation strategies.

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