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Soil Quality in Different Environments

Message from the Guest Editor

Soil provides the main foundation for terrestrial ecosystems. Over recent decades, a significant increase in soil-degradation processes, driven or exacerbated by human activity, has occurred. In particular, soils are affected by climate change, pollution, agriculture and fires that negatively impact their quality. Many organisms quickly respond to soil abiotic properties. Therefore, the integration of abiotic and biotic properties could provide useful information for the evaluation of soil quality and, in turn, preserving it. To date, fundamental challenges for better understanding the relationships between soil-organism distributions or functions and soil abiotic properties are still present. Research involved in the study of soil quality is welcome in this Special Issue.

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