

## Special Issue

# Ecotones as Diversity Drivers: New Research Perspective from Boundaries and Border Habitats

### Message from the Guest Editor

Ecotones are promising research targets; they are likely areas of high species richness, genetic and phenotypic diversity, and divergence. Ecotones do not merely represent a boundary or an edge; the concept itself of an ecotone assumes the existence of an active interaction between two or more habitats, consisting of the interactions of different environmental pressures. These interactions may create unique features that do not exist in either of the adjacent environments.

Ecotones can sustain ecotypes or species that are less represented or do not occur in other environments, and some populations may diverge to new lines/phenotypes in the face of gene flow across the interface. This Special Issue will comprise papers covering a wide range of aspects related to the distribution, features and diversity drivers of ecotone communities. Papers selected for this Special Issue can also address functional, developmental and morphological aspects of organisms adapting to new habitats at the border with their current distribution.

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