# **Special Issue**

## Microplastics Pollution in Aquatic Ecosystems: Challenges and Perspectives, 2nd Edition

### Message from the Guest Editors

Plastic pollution has increased exponentially since the 1950s, but particularly in recent years due to the significant amount of plastic production combined with poor waste management. This Special Issue welcomes studies that address the following:

- Seek to highlight novel challenges in relation to MNP pollution research;
- Research the effects of plastic particles in real-world scenarios;
- Reveal insights that speak to improvements in the field of MNP research;
- Discuss emerging areas of concern relating to MNP pollution;
- Provide insights from observational studies on the vulnerability of populations of marine organisms to hot spots of plastic pollution;
- Perform meta-analyses on the current knowledge of multiple stressors' effects in marine organisms;
- Highlight what the future of the MNP research field should look.

There are a variety of reasons why the field of MNP research contains significant gaps; therefore, this Special Issue seeks to identify and highlight those challenges, while offering insight as to how to overcome them.

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