

Special Issue

Mite Communities in Forest Ecosystems: Role, Ecology and Diversity

Message from the Guest Editor

Mites form the most prevalent and diverse group of the subphylum Chelicerata. The role of mites in the cycle of materials in soils is not yet fully explained; however, their importance in agriculture and forestry is obvious (especially in the tropics). Without them, the release of plant nutrients from corpuscular organic materials would be much slower, and efficient agricultural production would be impossible in many cases. However, some phytophagous groups (e.g., Tetranychidae, Tarsonemidae, Eriophyidae and Pentheleidae) can be significant pests in horticulture, agriculture and forestry. The research of mites is of great importance due to their prevalence and role in the cycle of materials; there can be tens of thousands of individuals belonging to up to 300–400 species in a handful of tropical soil, moss, bark, hanging soil, bromeliad funnel or tussock. The objective of our Special Issue is to provide a wide overview of the frontiers of ecological research on this important area of scientific interest.

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