

Special Issue

From the Field to the Table: Unearthing Wild Fruit Species for Enhanced Prospecting and Utilization—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Limited knowledge of many wild fruit species contributes to their underutilization. However, these species are valuable, especially as they often contain nutritionally and bioactively rich compounds that make them functional foods and natural sources of pigments. They may also play a crucial role in addressing food and nutritional insecurity, due to their resilience to extreme weather conditions, their ability to withstand biotic and abiotic stress, and their importance as genetic resources for crop breeding. Given these factors, non-traditional and underutilized fruits are considered essential for the mitigation of global food challenges, particularly in the context of sustainable population growth and malnutrition. The objective of this Special Issue is to compile information on the geographic distribution, systematics and phylogeny, phenotypic variability, genetic resources and breeding, phenology, reproductive biology, composition and biological activity, postharvest management, domestication, and sustainable agronomic practices of wild fruit species with significant horticultural potential.

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