Special Issue Plastic Pollution

Message from the Guest Editor

Plastic is widely used, with an annual production of more than 322 million tons. Plastics debris comes from both land-based and marine-based activities. Plastic pollution has become a serious threat to environment and ecosystems health (damage to habitat, ingestion of both plastics and microplastics, vector of chemical compounds and microorganisms, release of additives), and sea-related socio-economic activities (tourism, fisheries). In order to understand plastic fate and behavior in the environment, more research is need. Manuscripts on all aspects related to plastic pollution. including analytical methodologies for sampling, characterization and analysis of plastics (macro-, microand nano-), revealing the toxicological mechanisms of plastics and possible environmental and health effects, ecotoxicological evaluation of plastic impacts, plastics as vectors of environmental contaminants and microorganisms, mitigation strategies, legislation, and the socio-ecological and socio-economic aspects of plastic pollution, are sought. Both research and review papers are welcome.

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