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Pollinator Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Message from the Guest Editors

Although it has been studied for over a century, insect pollination has many aspects that are still poorly understood, starting from the rule of actors involved. Bees are usually considered to be the main pollinator group of insects, but an increasing amount of data has highlighted how other groups can be more important as pollinators. Pollination is largely affected by the biotic and abiotic components of ecosystems, such as pollinator predators or landscape complexity and its uses. The recent decline in insects is deeply alarming due to the negative effects on this important ecological service. Moreover, climatic change can modify both plant and insect communities, but also change the interaction between them. This Special Issue will focus both on research on insect–flower interactions, the causes of pollinator decline and on strategies that enhance the ecosystem services they provide.

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