



River Ecosystem Processes in the Context of Sustainability

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Message from the Guest Editors

Rivers are complex and fragile environments under continuous change and movement induced by man and nature, started centuries ago. Currently, the biggest threats posed to river ecosystems are originating from accelerating natural processes that arose partly due to human impacts. Because of this accelerated pace, river ecosystems have not had enough time to adapt to the changes and sustain themselves, which is now more true than ever. Hydromorphological processes, pollution, hydraulic structures, water regime changes caused by climate change, and changes in riparian and aquatic biodiversity are some of the issues that are exceptionally important for river ecosystems. In order to get to a sustainable solution for the future, we have to address problems in a multi-dimensional and multidisciplinary way, which requires the involvement of different scientific disciplines.

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