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Dam Removal Projects on the Rivers: Risks and Benefits

Message from the Guest Editor

The removal of dams and reservoirs may seem to be an unforeseen and sometimes controversial step in water management. The removal of barriers may be different for each country or region, as each differs greatly in terms of politics, economy, and social and cultural awareness. Arguments and approaches to this problem vary across states and regions, depending on the political system, economy, and culture, as confirmed by the qualitative and quantitative intensities of the dam removal process and its global geographical variation. Currently, it is difficult to identify river systems that are not to some degree regulated partially (single dams) or completely (cascades) by reservoirs retaining water. This Special Issue compiles papers that aim to provide an overview of dam and reservoir removal projects and the environmental effects of dismantling dams, including a summary of the national/regional implications and constraints, the presentation of various case studies of dam and reservoir removal projects, and the identification of the main stakeholders involved in the debate, as well as their arguments and attitudes towards dam and reservoir removal projects.

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