

Special Issue

The Evolution of Sorbents Based on Natural Materials for Wastewater Pollution Control

Message from the Guest Editors

Wastewater treatment involves the use of mechanical, physical, chemical, and biological processes to remove various chemical pollutants from wastewater. Biological wastewater treatment is a common and widely used treatment method. However, conventional wastewater treatment plants are not sufficiently efficient in removing pollutants that cannot be metabolized by microorganisms. Many of these substances are classified as contaminants of emerging concern, posing a significant risk to the aquatic environment or a hazard that is transmitted through them. Among the many methods for their removal, sorption appears to be one of the most promising, as it has proven to be simple, cost-effective, highly efficient, and versatile in dealing with chemically diverse compounds that require removal. To make it even more cost-effective and sustainable, sorbents based on natural materials of microbial, plant, animal, and mineral origin are being studied in detail. This Special Issue is devoted to new research and recent contributions on the synthesis, characteristics, and application of sorbents from natural materials and their use in the removal of pollutants from wastewater.

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