

Special Issue

Aquatic Microplastic Pollution: Occurrence and Removal

Message from the Guest Editor

Microplastic pollution has emerged as a critical environmental issue, posing potential risks to aquatic ecosystems, biodiversity, and human health. Despite growing research efforts, knowledge gaps remain regarding the sources, transport, transformation, and ultimate fate of microplastics in the aquatic environment. Additionally, the effectiveness of existing removal technologies and the development of innovative strategies for mitigating microplastic pollution in aquatic environments require further exploration. This Special Issue aims to advance our understanding of microplastic occurrence, behavior, and removal techniques in various aquatic environmental compartments, such as freshwater, rivers, estuaries, coasts, and oceans. We welcome original research and review articles on topics such as advanced microplastic detection and quantification, environmental fate and impacts, removal technologies, biodegradation potential, and policy implications. Contributions addressing interdisciplinary approaches and novel solutions for aquatic microplastic pollution management are highly encouraged.

Guest Editor

Dr. Lixin Zhu

State Key Laboratory of Estuarine and Coastal Research, East China Normal University, Shanghai 200062, China

Deadline for manuscript submissions

25 October 2025



Water

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.0
CiteScore 6.0



mdpi.com/si/235324

Water
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
water@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
water](https://mdpi.com/journal/water)





Water

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.0
CiteScore 6.0



[mdpi.com/journal/
water](https://mdpi.com/journal/water)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

In the context of global changes, the sustainable management of water cycles, going from global and regional water cycles to urban, industrial and agricultural water cycles, plays a very important role on the water resources and on their relationships with food, energy, biodiversity, ecosystem functioning and human health. *Water* invites authors to provide innovative original full articles, critical reviews and timely short communications and to propose special issues devoted to new technological and scientific domains and to interdisciplinary approaches of the water cycles. We ensure a critical review process and a quick turnaround between submission and final decision.

Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Jean-Luc PROBST

Centre de Recherche sur la Biodiversité l'Environnement (CRBE) UMR
CNRS/UPS/INPT/IRD, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
(CNRS), University of Toulouse, Campus ENSAT, Auzeville Tolosane,
Toulouse, France

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), Ei Compendex, GEOBASE, GeoRef, PubAg, AGRIS, CAPlus / SciFinder, Inspec, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Water Resources) / CiteScore - Q1 (Aquatic Science)