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Do We Still Need Natural History Collections?

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Message from the Guest Editors

Natural history collections, especially in museums, are special treasure chests that store a wide variety of information that can be used in various scientific fields. Specimens from natural history collections, particularly if properly handled and housed, can provide valuable material for distributional, genetic, or environmental analyses at temporal and spatial scales.

This Special Issue focuses on the use of natural history collections in science today. We invite biologists, taxonomists, ecologists, palaeontologists, geologists, and other researchers, as well as collection managers who have worked with natural history collections to contribute to this Special Issue. Our goal and vision is to acknowledge that natural history collections are fundamental to science today.

The following list includes some of the topics covered:

- history of important natural history collections;
- significance of specific natural history collections for current research;
- the future of natural history collections: suggestions on how to improve their usefulness;
- cases studies of research on natural history collections;
- curation of natural history collections.



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