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Diversity, Distribution and Conservation of Bryophytes

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Bryophytes are the most diverse group of land plants after angiosperms. They are significant contributors to biodiversity in many temperate ecosystems and play a crucial role in ecosystem functioning. Bryophytes can live in different and stressful environments and often show wide distributions, even if many species require specific environmental conditions at a local scale. However, the ranges of individual species are changing, some are expanding, and others are disappearing. Moreover, their suitable microhabitats deteriorate drastically due to habitat destruction or fragmentation, climate change and over-exploitation of water resources and, therefore, can be subject to risk of extinction; therefore, many species are considered threatened at global and/or regional scales.

This Special Issue is open to articles on bryophyte diversity and distribution, as well as on the conservation, recognizing and listing of rare and decreasing species, recording their distribution, biology and specific threats that lead to biodiversity loss.



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