



Animals as Biological Indicators of Pollution in Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems

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Message from the Guest Editor

Animals play a very important role in environmental studies. The use of animals as bioindicators/biomonitors makes it possible to determine not only the degree of environmental contamination but also the extent of exposure of living organisms to certain substances.

The present Special Issue aims to demonstrate the diversity of research focusing on broadly understood environmental research, where animals can provide valuable information on the degree of contamination of various ecosystems and their level of exposure, allowing hazards to be identified and risk assessments to be performed.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- The use of animals in pollution monitoring and assessment;
- The use of animals as biological indicators to direct or indirect estimates of pollutant exposure;
- The use of animal sentinels to the early detection and identification of environmental hazards;
- The synthesis of biomonitoring data with toxicological, epidemiological, and health data;
- The design and development of biomonitoring systems.





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