



Role of Animals in Ecosystem Health and Maintenance

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Dear Colleagues

The pivotal role of certain organisms towards the maintenance of ecosystem health and functionality has been the object of studies in ecology for many years.

These species are often considered to be ‘foundation species’; however, this term can have multiple meanings and includes, amongst others, habitat formers, allogenic ecosystem engineers, and top predators.

In recent years, there has been some debates as to what should be considered a foundation species and what is the role of many other species towards maintaining a resilient, resistant, and functioning ecosystem.

We therefore propose a Special Issue aiming to bring together the latest body of research on the role of specific traits of animals to maintain a functional and healthy ecosystem. Submitted manuscripts should advance the field by furthering our understanding of what constitutes ‘foundation species’ and help to further elucidate their role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem, but we encourage broader submissions that help us in furthering knowledge in this direction.





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