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# **Ecology, Biodiversity and Evolution of Desert Ecosystems**

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Deserts represent nearly a third of the Earth's surface and are defined by a moisture deficit, regardless of temperature. Despite the name, deserts are extremely biodiverse, harboring countless life forms with adaptations to aridity, and harsh and unpredictable environments. However, deserts are relatively new in the Earth's history and their extreme biodiversity is even more recent, highlighting the need of understanding the evolution of such fragile ecosystems.

This Special Issue aims at improving our understanding of how deserts work, how their biotas evolve, and the challenges they face in the context of climate change and increased human impact.

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