

## Special Issue

# Plastic Contamination: Challenges and Solutions

### Message from the Guest Editors

Plastics are popular synthetic materials due to their advantageous properties, which have led to their increased use in multiple applications. Either in larger or smaller sizes, plastics are continuously released to the environment. For this reason, plastics now contaminate virtually every ecosystem on the planet. The accumulation of plastics can have negative effects on organisms and ecosystems. Most of this contamination originates from an unsustainable use and management of plastics. The Issue welcomes work responding to the following subject areas: (i) strategies or technologies to improve the production, use, and waste management of plastics; (ii) analytical methods for the assessment of plastics; (iii) concentrations and characteristics of plastics in the environment; (iv) ecotoxicological or abiotic effects of plastics; (v) the role of plastics as vectors of contaminants and pathogens. This Special Issue also welcomes contributions regarding changes in plastics policies, consumption, incorrect disposal, and waste management during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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