



Behavior, Ecology and Evolution of Subterranean Fish

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

There are currently 304 species of cave and groundwater fishes, 53 species of interstitial fishes, and 55 species with troglomorphic features from non-subterranean habitats, such as deep rivers, reaching 412 taxa. This significant level of diversity is particularly intriguing and represents great models for behavioral, ecological, and evolutionary studies. Caves and other subterranean habitats can represent filters and the specializations found in these taxa are unique.

These specializations include mainly aspects of behavior, morphology and ecology. Even more, many species occur in regions without legal protection, and there is a great need for studies and proposals for effective protection. Finally, due to global climate change, parts of these underground habitats (whether lakes, rivers, flooded caves or phreatic waters) are under threat. Therefore, increasing knowledge about these species is essential.

We cordially invite the submission of original or review papers focusing on the behavior, ecology and evolution of subterranean fish. Your valued research is of the highest significance to us.





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