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Waterlogged Archaeological Woods

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Comprehensive information and up-to-date knowledge on the waterlogged archaeological woods (WAWs) under degradation by biotic and abiotic agents is crucial for developing the appropriate strategies of conservation and for exploring the significance of human cultural context embedded in WAWs. A wide range of rapidly advancing analytical methods, such next-generation sequencing for identification of microbiota, have been employed to elucidate the characteristics of WAWs. However, nearly all information available to date is still too scattered and fragmentary to provide a coherent account of the different perspective in WAWs. In this regard, compendium in this special issue has to design to addressing a holistic coverage of relevant information across diverse disciplines. Priorities are given to novel and interdisciplinary challenges for shaping WAWs as one of the most precious cultural artifacts.



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