



Microplastics in the Marine Environment, Freshwater and Sewage Sludge: Occurrence and Biological Impact on Aquatic Organisms

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Message from the Guest Editors

Though in recent decades, the scientific community has largely focused on the occurrence of microplastics in aquatic environments, the body of knowledge regarding the accumulation and biological effects of environmental microplastics is still significantly limited compared to that on manufactured microplastics.

Therefore, this Special Issue welcomes any novel exciting research on microplastics occurrence in aquatic environments, with a special focus on the impact they might have on the ecosystem and biota, including their transfer through the food web and possible implications for human health. Studies exploring innovative methodologies for the characterization and quantification of microplastics in environmental matrices and biota, as well as for their elimination or for the mitigation of their harmfulness, or focusing on natural biodegradable materials that can replace plastics.





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