



Taphonomy and Palaeoecology of Quaternary Vertebrates: Advances in Fossil and Experimental Studies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Taphonomic studies allow for a better understanding of the processes of formation and preservation of fossil assemblages, and the identification of biases can alter the palaeoenvironmental interpretations deduced from faunal lists. A taphonomic analysis of a fossil assemblage is an essential prerequisite for palaeoecological studies. In turn, palaeoecology uses fossils data to examine how organisms and environments change throughout time. By studying patterns of evolution and extinction under environmental change, palaeoecologists can examine concepts of vulnerability and resilience in species and environments at different scales. The Quaternary period is well represented in geographically extensive and high-temporal-resolution records and particularly important to human evolution. Vertebrate assemblages are frequently well preserved in Quaternary deposits. Recently, taphonomic and palaeoecological analysis on Quaternary vertebrate assemblages have greatly developed, and we want to encourage contributions from (not restricted to) palaeontology, zooarchaeology, palaeoanthropology, palaeoclimatology, paleoenvironmental studies and modern taphonomic referentials and experiments.





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