

Editorial Note on Advances in Environmental Biology

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The impacts of human activities on the environment have been accelerated during the past decades, due to rapid population growth, urbanization and industrialization, without due regard to environmental protection. This special issue is dedicated to all aspects of environmental biology, which include review and research articles related to environmental pollution, environmental biotechnology, environmental conservation, environmental toxicology, public health and safety, environmental education, environmental restoration, etc.

In particular, major emphasis will be paid on emerging chemicals, e.g., flame retardants and pharmaceutical products which have found their way into human bodies upon their release into our environment, through bioaccumulation, biomagnification in food chains and food webs, and ending up with rather high concentrations in our food items, especially in large predatory fish such as tuna and sword fish. Novel biological and molecular techniques are essential for rapid and accurate screening and toxicity assessment; and effective bioremediation and phytoremediation techniques are also needed for treating waste materials as well as the sustainable restoration of contaminated sites.

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