



Special Issue on
Functional Ecology and Ecosystem Functioning
Call for Papers

Functional Ecology and Ecosystem Functioning examines the relationships between organismal traits, ecological processes, species interactions, and the performance of ecosystems. Major themes include functional traits, biodiversity, species coexistence, ecological niches, community assembly, trophic interactions, nutrient cycling, energy flow, productivity, decomposition, ecosystem stability, resilience, and ecosystem responses to environmental change. The topic also considers how functional diversity and species composition influence ecosystem processes and services across different spatial and temporal scales, with applications in biodiversity conservation, ecological restoration, climate change research, and sustainable ecosystem management.

In this special issue, we intend to invite front-line researchers and authors to submit original research and review articles on exploring **Functional Ecology and Ecosystem Functioning**. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Functional traits
- Functional diversity
- Species interactions
- Community assembly
- Ecological niches
- Species coexistence
- Trophic interactions
- Food web dynamics
- Nutrient cycling
- Energy flow
- Primary productivity
- Decomposition processes
- Ecosystem stability
- Ecosystem resilience
- Ecosystem services
- Ecological restoration

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