

Editorial

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As well all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed significant challenges to global health and economies and provided valuable lessons for environmental management and sustainability (Kessa et al., 2021; Waniek, and Castanho, 2022). This unprecedented crisis has highlighted the intricate relationship between human and ecological health, emphasising the need for proactive measures and long-term strategies to mitigate risks and promote sustainability (Behradfar et al., 2022; Celik Omeraga et al., 2023). From recognising the interconnectedness of these two domains to fostering collaborative governance and promoting behaviour change, the pandemic has revealed crucial insights that can shape our approach to environmental management.

Contextually, this special issue (SI) expects to expand the discussion and explore the critical lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and their implications for creating a more sustainable and resilient future.

To conclude, the guest editors would like to close by thanking all the researchers who contributed to this SI. We are also thankful to the Editor-in-Chief of *PIE* and reviewers who worked professionally to review papers and provide authors' feedback. So, we genuinely expect the papers in this SI will serve as a helpful reference for researchers across diverse thematic fields.

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