



Special Issue

Environmental Health Indicators for Policy Support

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Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of environmental health indicators (EHIs) has been with us for more than a quarter of a century now, however, they have not always been subjected to the levels of scientific scrutiny and evaluation that they merit. This Special Issue is intended to address this gap. Its aim is to bring together experience in the field and set a benchmark for future EHI development. In this context, contributions are particularly invited that:

1. Review recent developments in, and applications of, EHIs and elicit the lessons that can be learned from them;
2. Analyse the role of EHIs in evidence-based policy on environment and health, the implications of using them, and the impacts they have had;
3. Reflect on the underpinning science relating to EHIs, and the issues that still need to be addressed;
4. Explore relationships between EHIs and other policy tools—e.g. risk assessment, health impact assessment, risk communication
5. Examine the potential for using EHIs in new and more targeted ways—e.g. in relation to vulnerable groups, or to address emerging public health issues.

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