

Foreword for Special Issue

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With the development of modern society and expansion of world population, the environmental pollution and chemical toxicity becomes a hot topic in public health researches. To evaluate the heavy metal content in ecosystems and food sources is of great interest, but at the same time it has high difficulties. The purpose of this special issue is to develop the remediation and management strategy and provide guidelines to avoid heavy metal exposures, and identify the data and knowledge gaps that need to be filled by future research.

In this special issue, authors from Sri Lanka have thoroughly measured the levels of a variety of trace

elements in ten kinds of sea cucumbers by using sound method. This research provided novel and useful information on the general bioaccumulation pattern of heavy metals in marine organisms. In addition, it helps to develop general healthy diet guidelines.

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