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Scope:

Litter has a profound negative impact on the environment and societal wellbeing. The impact of litter and plastic pollution on our marine environment has been documented in research and entered into mainstream consciousness since the broadcasting of the BBC's limited series 'Blue Planet II' in 2018. Litter, however, is not confined to coastal environments and can be found in any other landscape. The presence of litter not only leads to a degradation of environmental quality, but also to a reduction in the perception of quality of life by local residents and in a decrease in repeat visitation by travellers. Littering is the improper disposal of waste and is deemed an anti-social behaviour. Yet, littering has been on the rise. The Covid-19 pandemic has delivered a setback to litter prevention due to an increase in takeaway containers and PPE. As more people have re-discovered the outdoors, littering incidences have increased significantly. Much of this litter can be classified as recreational litter, i.e., litter left behind by those who engage in leisure activities.

This Curated Collection invites empirical research articles which explore creative, innovative and practical solutions for the tourism and hospitality to move towards a litter-free future. This may include research into changing behaviours of tourists to reduce littering. Articles may also highlight strategies which the tourism and hospitality sector can employ to re-orientate their operations towards reusable rather than disposable materials. This is significant in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Articles may also investigate the impact of recreational litter on local residents and the environment. We welcome references to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, specifically those goals and targets linked to encouraging sustainable lifestyles, reducing waste and littering and protecting natural and marine environments from litter pollution

- Submission
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- To ensure the manuscript gets correctly identified for the curated collection, please use the option "SI: Litter-free tourism"
- It would be pivotal to send in your manuscript before the final deadline of **30 Jun 2023**