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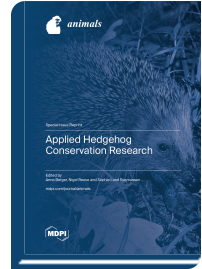
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Hedgehogs (order: Eulipotyphla; family: Erinaceidae; subfamily: Erinaceinae) are familiar and popular spiny mammals, but they face many challenges in modern human-dominated environments. In this Special Issue "Applied Hedgehog Conservation Research", we present an anthology of 30 recent articles from the journal *Animals*, which helps fill some of the many gaps in our knowledge of hedgehogs and describe new approaches to their study. In several Western European countries, there is evidence of a significant decline in the hedgehog population. By bringing the articles in this Special Issue together, we hope to inspire further research that will contribute to evidence-based conservation initiatives in order to protect this much-loved species and prevent further population decline.



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