

Introduction of the special edition

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The Master in Environment has been consolidated in the Maranhão scenario as a postgraduate program of excellence for having activities in all the necessary axes in the formation of a Master in Environment. The program conducts activities in the fields of research, teaching and extension in order to involve faculty and students through the formation of a professional that acts in a multi and interdisciplinary way. In this perspective, the Master in environment holds annually the Environment Forum of the State of Maranhão. In 2019, the third edition of the event was held with the theme: Water Resources Management in Maranhão - Potentialities and Weaknesses for a Participatory and Decentralized Management, which presented 149 scientific papers divided into two distinct areas 82 works in the area of planning and environmental quality and 67 works in the area of health and environment. Due to the importance that the event has been showing to the State and the high scientific quality of the presented works, it was considered pertinent a wider dissemination, where all the scientific community would have access to the accomplished works, hence the idea of a Special Edition in a renowned Scientific Journal. Thus, to compose the special edition of the III Forum on the Environment, 15 articles were selected, which later underwent an "ad hoc" peer review to ensure quality. The articles have varied themes and range from environmental monitoring using georeferencing technologies, going through proposals of intervention methodology for environment recovery to articles focused on the influence of anthropic and environmental factors on human health. Thus, it is expected to

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contribute significantly to the consolidation of research in the state of Maranhão considering that the articles present as authors not only teachers of the Master in Environment, but also students of different levels, master and undergraduate students of different courses.

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