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MICROPLASTICS IN AQUACULTURE: A BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS BASED ON WEB OF SCIENCE DATA

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze bibliometric repertoire on the topic microplastics in aquaculture with an understanding that occurrence of microplastics contribute to aquaculture pollution resulting in environmental hazards. Rising concerns on the theme is in relation to hazardous biotic as well as a biotic build-up of microplastics from off shore, on-shore anthropogenic activities in aquaculture practices, distressing ecosystem balance and global health. Bibliometric analysis on the search string 'microplastics in aquaculture' was obtained from Web of Science database dating publications 2011 onwards, signifying the recent and surging discourse on the issue. Country and organization based bibliographic outcomes depict larger participation of China with other regions in expanding its research initiatives. Besides the main theme, drawing relations to greater co-occurrence of key terms identifies with words such as fish, pollution, toxicity, sustainability and ingestion. Association to attainment of seven Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can also be deduced from analyzed records.

KEYWORDS: Aquaculture; Microplastics; Sustainability; Hazard; Pollution; Bibliometric Analysis.

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