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# Landscape Ecological and Social-Ecological Approaches in Agro-Ecological System

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

In recent decades, rural areas have suffered from extreme events caused by climate change, ecologically unfriendly farming methods, and other multisource factors. Moreover, the extensive functions performed by agroecological systems, are largely ignored, thus causing the instability of the agricultural environment and the loss of biodiversity.

The topics of this Special Issue include but are not limited to: (1) The impacts of farmland fragmentation on agricultural environment and its surrounding habitats; (2) the changing microclimatic phenomena; (3) hydrology and water quality in rural areas; (4) the relationship between pests and beneficial insects, as well as insect food chains in the rice paddies; (5) data from qualitative interviews of relevant stakeholders, as their opinions and perspectives are of great importance in promoting sustainable agriculture; and finally (6) promoting the Satoyama Initiative and policies, accelerating the discussion of related themes.











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