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Land and Farming System Dynamics on the Mediterranean Basin: From Global to Local Case Studies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The Mediterranean basin has a long history of agricultural production contributing to many other ecosystem services at the same time. Mediterranean farming systems are characterized by small scales, low intensity, and high natural value systems, e.g., silvopastoralism, mixed farming, or agroforestry. Today, these systems coexist with more intensive and input-demanding ones, and are mainly located on the coastal plain where other pressures coexist, such as strong urbanization and massive tourism. In this Special Issue, we invite papers in form of case studies that present and discuss current farming system dynamics in the Mediterranean, and their impacts on farming practices, species diversity, and local food systems. Moreover, we encourage papers aimed at identifying and discussing the main drivers of territorial dynamics in these areas at different spatial scales. Case studies involving stakeholder perception of changes and their future visions for scenario analysis are welcome. The link between identified environmental patterns and the capacity of the agricultural systems to contribute to the local food system of urban areas is also of interest.



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