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Challenges for Preserving Rangelands: Navigating Disturbances for Sustainable Ecosystem Services

Message from the Guest Editors

Rangelands cover approximately 50% of the Earth's land surface, support extensive livestock husbandry and provide multiple ecosystem services, including food production, biodiversity conservation, climate regulation and recreation. However, rangeland agroecosystems are under increasing pressure from anthropogenic drivers such as land use change, disturbance regime alteration, increased nutrient deposition, grazing by domestic herbivores, fire, plant invasions and encroachment. These drivers are altering the structure and functioning of rangelands, threatening the provision of services. This Special Issue focuses on different natural and anthropogenic disturbances affecting rangelands and their consequences for their structure and function. Disturbances can be considered abiotic (drought, floods, fire), chemical (herbicides, eutrophication) and biological (overgrazing, encroachment, invasion). Strategies to restore and improve their productivity and sustainability in the face of disturbance are also encouraged. Research and review articles and short communications are invited

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