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Monitoring Plant Diversity and Community Assembly in Forest Ecosystems

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Message from the Guest Editors

Covering nearly one-third of biosphere lands, forests represent the most complex terrestrial ecosystem. However, the impact provided by anthropogenic disturbances, such as nitrogen deposition, timber over-exploitation, altered disturbance regimes, invasive species, land-use change, and climate change, calls for new scientific contributions to explore the basic ecological mechanisms supporting forest plant diversity and relative functions, as well as new performant approaches to monitor their dynamics and naturalness degree.

In this Special Issue, we encourage researchers to submit their manuscripts on the following topics:

- Effects of climate and land-use changes on forest plant communities;
- Spatio-temporal patterns of plant diversity and assembly rules in forests;
- Functional trait-based assembly rules;
- Long-term ecological research studies (LTER network) in forests;
- Aspects related to the observer's bias in monitoring activities;
- Trees spatial point pattern analysis;
- Structural and biological indicators











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