



Land Use and Environmental Impacts in Protected Areas: Assessment, Monitoring and Management for Future Sustainability

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The environmental impact of land use is evident from various human activities, such as outdoor recreation. These activities are observed not only in ordinary areas but also in protected areas. Land use and land cover are always changing in protected areas, and therefore their environmental impacts are highly dynamic there. The roles of protected areas are not uniform and management practices in protected areas are often amended by outside pressures. This Special Issue invites a wide range of natural and social science papers on land use and land cover changes, and the resultant environmental impacts occurring in protected areas. It seeks papers addressing the state-of-the-art in methodologies of assessment and monitoring of environmental impacts, such as the use of drone, laser scanning, and remote sensing with ultra-high resolution; papers developing new management frameworks such as partnerships between urban and rural, between non-residents and residents, and between locals and scientists; papers addressing land governance of protected areas; and papers discussing new roles of protected areas with regard to future sustainability.





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