# **Special Issue**

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

### Message from the Guest Editors

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 nonresidents 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.

### **Guest Editors**

Prof. Dr. Teiji Watanabe Faculty of Environmental Earth Science, Hokkaido University, Hokkaido 060-0808, Japan

#### Dr. Aleksandra Tomczyk

Faculty of Geographical and Geological Sciences, Adam Mickiewicz University, 61-712 Poznań, Poland

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (28 February 2019)



# Environments

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.7 CiteScore 5.7



mdpi.com/si/15088

Environments Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 environments@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ environments





## **Environments**

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.7 CiteScore 5.7



environments



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Environmental issues are quickly becoming central political, economic and academic topics of the twentyfirst century. A large number of modern challenges are directly or indirectly caused by complex interactions between environmental issues. Such issues require interdisciplinary research, knowledge and insights to understand and, ultimately, for solutions to be found. Through the journal Environments, we strive to create a platform for meaningful discourse by accepting contributions from a wide range of fields. We sincerely hope you will consider publishing your distinguished work in this highly-accessible, peer-reviewed journal.

### Editor-in-Chief

#### Prof. Dr. Sergio Ulgiati

 Department of Science and Technology, Parthenope University of Naples, Centro Direzionale, Isola C4, 80143 Napoli, Italy
School of Environment, State Key Joint Laboratory of Environment Simulation and Pollution Control, Beijing Normal University, No. 19 Xinjiekouwai Street, Beijing 100875, China

### Author Benefits

### **High Visibility:**

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), PubAg, AGRIS, GeoRef, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Environmental Sciences) / CiteScore - Q1 (Ecology, Evolution, Behavior and Systematics)

### **Rapid Publication:**

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 19.2 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 3.4 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).