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Biological Control of Forest Invaders

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Forests can be invaded by a range of non-native organisms. In this Special Issue, we focus on invasions by alien (non-native) forest plants and their biological control. Recent overviews in some regions of the world suggest pervasive, far-reaching effects of such invasions on specific organisms, and ecosystem processes. Although many aliens fail to naturalize or to invade, the rate of introduction is such that all forests globally are at risk. Many introductions were well-meaning as the plants in question possessed desirable attributes and their potential as invasives was not understood. Biological control of forest invaders has sometimes relied on the classical approach with the selection of agents in the native range. In other cases, biocontrol agents have been found in the invaded range. The agents themselves represent a range of organisms although most are microbes or arthropods. We encourage studies from all fields that touch on forest plant invasions, to contribute to this Special Issue in order to promote knowledge and improve strategies for biological control.

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