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Interactions between Management and the Use of Forest and Semi-Natural Habitats

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Message from the Guest Editors

Forest landscapes can be viewed as mosaics of woodlands and other land cover habitats, either natural or semi-natural. Edges between woodlands and other land cover types are often fundamental ecological niches that might be shaped with forestry operations. Management and planning of these landscapes requires one to adopt an all-lands approach, with boundaries at different spatial scales to define management from multiple perspectives and for multiple land cover types. Topical issues in forestry need to acknowledge the mutual ecological and socio-economical relationships between forested and non-forested land cover types. A bifurcated model of management of woodlands as opposed to the management of non-forested habitats might not be the best solution to provide an array of ecosystem services. The spatial and temporal interrelation between forest ecosystems, their management, and the associated ecosystems should be transposed to landscape-scale planning approaches. This should be combined with a landscape-scale governance and regulatory system. We welcome reviews and works on the abovementioned topics, which result from ecological, economical, social, and political investigations.



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