



Impacts of Complex Forest Structures on Tree Regeneration

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Variability in forest structures results in changes in understory light environments, moisture and nutrient availability, and temperature. Each of these abiotic factors influences the success of tree regeneration, both in density and species composition. Understanding the dynamics of seedling establishment and growth in relation to overstory structure is an important first step in the management of these complex forest structures.

This Special Issue of *Forests* is focused on the effect that complex forest structure has on the establishment and growth of tree regeneration. Research articles should focus on the establishment and/or growth of tree seedlings in response to natural or anthropogenic disturbances that create forests with horizontal and vertical complexity. Studies that describe silvicultural techniques to facilitate tree regeneration in uneven-aged systems and/or quantify the abiotic conditions created by complex forest structure and describe the mechanisms related to successful regeneration are encouraged.





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