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Effects of Forest Management Practices on Bat Habitat and Community Structure

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Bat populations throughout the world are declining due to multiple factors including disease, habitat loss and fragmentation, wind energy development, agricultural expansion, hunting and collection, human disturbance of roosts, urban development, and climate change. Most bats use forests or woodlands for part or all of their life cycle. Human communities throughout the world also depend on forests for their many products ranging from timber, to food, to material for handicrafts. Thus, forest management practices that meet the needs of bats and humans are required for long-term sustainability of both. Studies examining the effects of forest management practices have been increasing since the 1980s, but there are still many questions left unanswered. This Special Issue of *Forests* will focus on studies that examine the effects of forest management practices at the stand and landscape-scale on bats around the world. We invite papers that focus on a variety of bat responses that utilize field experiments as well as models of long-term effects of forest management across large landscapes and reviews of bat responses to certain silvicultural methods.



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