



## Protected Areas in Forest Conservation: Challenges and Opportunities

Guest Editors:

**Prof. Dr. Panayiotis  
Dimitrakopoulos**

Department of Environment,  
University of the Aegean, 81132  
Mytilene, Greece

**Dr. Nikoleta Jones**

Department of Land Economy,  
University of Cambridge  
Conservation Research Institute,  
University of Cambridge,  
Cambridge CB3 9EP, UK

Deadline for manuscript  
submissions:

**closed (30 September 2020)**

### Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue aims to explore the role of protected areas in forest conservation and discuss their effectiveness focusing on challenges but also on opportunities for new policy directions. We invite contributions which explore the strengths and weaknesses of protected areas for forest conservation by presenting evidence of case studies from across the globe representing different types of protected areas and forest management frameworks. Ecosystem services is expected to be a key concept in the special issue especially regarding the role of Protected Areas in providing these services and links with human well-being. In this context, studies which use an inter-disciplinary approach, exploring both ecological and socio-economic impacts of forest protected areas, are warmly welcomed. Papers submitted in this special issue are also expected to contribute in the on-going academic and policy discussion regarding new management tools linked with forest conservation (eg. re-wilding, nature-based economies) which are proposed as more effective initiatives in protecting forest ecosystems.





# forests



an Open Access Journal by MDPI

## Editor-in-Chief

**Prof. Dr. Giacomo Alessandro Gerosa**

Department of Mathematics and Physics, Catholic University of Brescia, I-25121 Brescia, Italy

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Forests* (ISSN 1999-4907) is an international and cross-disciplinary, scholarly forestry journal. The distinguished editorial board and refereeing process ensures the highest degree of scientific rigor and review of all published articles. Original research articles and timely reviews are released online, with unlimited free access.

Our goal is to have *Forests* be recognized as one of the foremost publication outlets for high quality, leading edge research in this broad and diverse field. We therefore invite you to be one of our authors, and in doing so share your important research findings with the global forestry community.

## Author Benefits

**Open Access:** free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

**High Visibility:** indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), Ei Compendex, GEOBASE, PubAg, AGRIS, PaperChem, and other databases.

**Journal Rank:** JCR - Q2 (Forestry) / CiteScore - Q1 (Forestry)

## Contact Us

---

Forests Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/forests  
forests@mdpi.com  
X@Forests\_MDPI