Special Issue

Non-timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and Prospects for Bioeconomy in the Tropics

Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue we call for papers that explore the role and relevance of bioeconomy in adding value to NTFPs, as well as those that explore the benefits of bioeconomy for both industry and forest-dependent communities alike. We call for papers that summarize, interpret and review data that attempt to include a characterization and inventory of NTFPs (rather than only focusing on single NTFPs) used by households across the world that might benefit from the growing bioeconomy agenda. Our questions are as follows: What is the potential of NTFP-based bioeconomy in livelihood security and income inequality mitigation?

From the diversity of the NTFPs used by forest livelihoods, how many and which potential NTFPs are likely to be successfully included into the bioeconomy of national/regional agendas?

How can markets for NTFPs be beneficial to biodiversity and communities where biodiversity knowledge originates, in addition to being beneficial to industry? What are the policy and governance implications for transition to NTFP-based bioeconomy?

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