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Reimagining Conservation and Management: Prioritizing Human Dimensions in Sustainable Forestry

Message from the Guest Editors

Forests are important storehouses of biodiversity and provide livelihoods for over a billion people worldwide including many living in extreme poverty. The current and future challenge for forestry is how to play an important role in addressing climate change and global environmental governance in the face of deteriorating environmental conditions in many parts of the world. Knowledge of how forestry work that does not include consideration of the integral role of humans in these systems is unlikely to provide a complete understanding required to achieve conservation or sustainable use of natural resources. We really should rethink the human dimension of conservation and management in sustainable forestry. This rethinking requires an interdisciplinary approach that includes information about how humans interact with natural resources. Although research on and practices of sustainable forestry have achieved remarkable results over the past 30 years, the development of the social economy and the current challenges of world forestry necessitate further research to improve the future of forestry.

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