

Special Issue

Research on Vegetation Change in Forest Wetlands

Message from the Guest Editor

Forest wetlands are complex and special ecosystems that provide several functions of vital importance to the environment. They regulate water flows and protect coastal areas and lake shores from erosion and storm effects. They improve water quality and are important for the nutrient cycle. In addition, they are important for wildlife, as they provide breeding grounds for fishes and birds. However, globally, forest wetlands have declined due to deforestation, land use, hydrological changes and urbanization. The conservation and restoration of forest wetlands is therefore of great importance. Vegetation is a functional element in forest wetlands and plays an irreplaceable role in biodiversity conservation. Therefore, vegetation changes can result in a loss of crucial ecosystem functions and/or biodiversity. This Special Issue will focus on research on vegetation change in forest wetlands with a focus on the response of vegetation to:

- climate change;
- environmental change;
- degradation;
- land use;
- invasive species.

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