Special Issue

Integrating Multi Criteria Decision Analysis in Forest Planning

Message from the Guest Editors

In the context of sustainable forest management, forest planning is a complex process often involving a number of different stakeholders, objectives, and possible alternative solutions to the decision problem. As a result, there is a need for tools and methods that can support the planning process by analyzing synergies and trade-offs between different forest values. One such tool is multi criteria decision analysis (MCDA). which can help decision-makers to synthesize information so that the problem is defined, the objectives identified, and the 'best' alternative based on the importance of these objectives could be identified. The present Special Issue will comprise a selection of papers dealing with integrating MCDA in forest planning. We are particularly interested in papers dealing with the development of MCDA methods for forest planning, including MCDA integrated into forest decision support systems. Further, we encourage papers on case studies where MCDA has been applied to forest planning in innovative ways, to support sustainable forest management and the involvement of stakeholders.

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