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Forest Certification and Sustainable Governance

Message from the Guest Editor

Voluntary forest certification and governance institutions and regulations for sustainable forest management have developed complex interactions involving government actors, the private sector, and civil society. In high-income countries, forest certification has been supported by an existing capacity to comply with sustainability regulations and, due to high rates of adoption, hybrid governance is considered. In low- and lower-middle-income countries, forest certification is seen as a complementary support for law enforcement, illegality reduction, and resource utilization effectiveness, also being seen as a potential non-state governance tool. Some other perspectives, including the capacity to address environmentally sensitive markets, mobilize stakeholders, increase inclusion, and reduce poverty, are worth investigating when it comes to better understanding the complementarity between forest certification and sustainable governance. For this Special Issue, we encourage studies promoting knowledge regarding forest certification and its complicated relationship with forest sector governance instruments and institutions.

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