

Special Issue

(Towards) Sustainable Mangrove Socioecological Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Mangroves are increasingly recognized for the important roles they play globally as a carbon store, nationally protecting shorelines, and locally as source of natural resources for coastal communities. The services they provide mean they are important socioecological systems, where mangrove extent and health are influenced by social processes (knowledge, policy and institutions) operating across governance levels, and where mangrove changes can have profound effects on livelihoods. Despite the multiple benefits that mangrove ecosystems provide, they are under increasing pressure from a changing climate, resource overuse, clearance and coastal development. There is a pressing need to understand the dynamics of human–nature interactions and feedbacks in mangrove socioecological systems, their resilience in the face of social and biophysical change and how this knowledge might be applied to identify sustainable futures. We encourage studies from all fields to contribute to this Special Issue, but particularly from those using interdisciplinary approaches, in order to promote knowledge and strategies for a sustainable future for mangrove socioecological systems across the globe.

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