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Impacts of Non-native Trees: Basic and Applied Aspects

Message from the Guest Editor

Non-native trees have been widely planted worldwide to provide a wide variety of ecosystem services, ranging from natural resources (e.g., timber, tannins, or cork) to amenities or ornamental values. However, some of these species may have undesired effects in the introduced ecosystems. Moreover, some of these impacts may involve important economic losses or direct harms on people. Although impacts are often associated with invasive species, some of them may appear at low densities. Predicting impacts by non-native trees is challenged by the strong context-dependency of impacts, by the scarce information on the impact-abundance relations, by the biased selection of a few high-impact trees for scientific studies, or by the time lags that may hide the invasive potential.

We encourage studies from different fields, providing empirical information on the impacts of non-native trees on the structure and function of ecosystems or their components, as well as on ecosystem services. We also encourage studies contributing to improved risk assessment and the efficient management of non-native trees. Original studies and reviews are both welcome.

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