Special Issue

Role of Microorganisms and Plants in Forest Restoration: Research Progress and Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue delves into the intricate relationship between microorganisms and plants in the context of forest restoration, a field that is gaining increasing attention due to the pressing global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution.

The Special Issue aims to bring together the latest research findings, highlight innovative strategies and advancements in this field, and promote interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration, fostering the development of innovative approaches to forest restoration.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Plant-microbe interactions in forest ecosystems.
- Role of mycorrhizal fungi in forest restoration.
- Bioremediation strategies for contaminated forest soils.
- Impact of climate change on forest microbiomes.
- Restoration of degraded forest soils through microbial amendments.
- Plant succession and microbial community dynamics.
- Innovative technologies for monitoring forest restoration progress.

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