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Contribution of Forestry Ecological Restoration Projects to the Realization of Sustainable Development Goals

Message from the Guest Editors

In order to protect and restore ecosystems, countries around the world have implemented a series of unprecedented forestry ecological restoration projects (FERPs). FERPs are not only an important way to achieve the 15th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of the United Nations but it is also closely linked to many other SDGs. This Special Issue aims to provide an overview of important research in the following areas: (1) theoretical logic, implementation framework, and research progress of FERPs for the realization of SDGs; (2) evaluation of the impacts of FERPs on terrestrial ecosystems (including land cover, vegetation cover, ecosystem services, etc.) in the context of the SDGs; (2) evaluation of the impacts of FERPs on environmental impacts (including air pollution, water purification, carbon emissions, etc.) in the context of the SDGs; (3) evaluation of the impacts of FERPs on socio-economic impacts (including farm household income, rural economic structure, food security, etc.) in the context of the SDGs; and (4) evaluation of the impacts of FERPs on cutting-edge methods (including causal inference, Al, etc.).

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