

Special Issue

Forests, Their Diversity, and Conservation

Message from the Guest Editors

Forests are mainly found in three biomes, from the boreal forests of the high latitudes, via temperate forests, to the tropical forests of low latitudes. Approximately 80% of all terrestrial animal and plant species can be found in forests. With an ever-growing human population, increase in international trade, expansion of anthropogenic land use, and the premise of infinite economic growth on political agendas, forest areas and forests are increasingly under pressure and continually receding. A lot of hope arose for the environment in the 2010s. International efforts to curb global deforestation by 2020 were agreed upon to achieve a number of objectives on the global stage. The UN Decade on Biodiversity (2011–2020) aimed to mainstream biodiversity with a vision of harmonizing humans with nature, with a main objective to slow species extinction rates. We are looking for contributions that focus on forest conservation and biodiversity through a variety of angles and vantage points. Papers published in this Special Issue will help to raise the bar of understanding and shape policies to maintain the essential role of the forests for people, biodiversity, and Earth.

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