Special Issue

Protected Areas in Forest Conservation: Challenges and Opportunities

Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue aims to explore the role of protected areas in forest conservation and discuss their effectiveness focusing on challenges but also on opportunities for new policy directions. We invite contributions which explore the strengths and weaknesses of protected areas for forest conservation by presenting evidence of case studies from across the globe representing different types of protected areas and forest management frameworks. Ecosystem services is expected to be a key concept in the special issue especially regarding the role of Protected Areas in providing these services and links with human well-being. In this context, studies which use an inter-disciplinary approach, exploring both ecological and socio-economic impacts of forest protected areas, are warmly welcomed. Papers submitted in this special issue are also expected to contribute in the on-going academic and policy discussion regarding new management tools linked with forest conservation (eg. re-wilding, nature-based economies) which are proposed as more effective initiatives in protecting forest ecosystems.

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