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Natural Regeneration in Mixed Hardwood Forests

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues: Natural regeneration is the predominant mechanism of recruitment in managed mixed hardwood forests. However, natural regeneration is often hindered by human-driven alterations to disturbance regimes, species pools, and landscape structure. Understanding the mechanisms of natural regeneration, and how they are influenced by silvicultural practices, is critical to maintaining desired tree species that sustain the ecological and economic integrity of these forests. Examinations of these mechanisms must be made within the context of species traits, disturbance regimes, forest succession, and interspecific competition. For this special issue of *Forests*, we invite contributions that examine the mechanisms, challenges, and applications of natural regeneration across the global distribution of mixed hardwood forests. We hope this issue will help synthesize our knowledge of natural regeneration and provide valuable information for the management and restoration of mixed hardwood forests.

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