Special Issue

Long-Term Vegetation Dynamics and Forest Landscape Change

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to cover the following issues and topics of interest:

Fast versus slow; early stages of forest succession and long-term dynamics of late-successional forests: The early stages of forest succession are often much faster than expected;

Natural and anthropogenic change in the forested landscape: In general, in the subtropics and tropics, deforestation still takes place, while in vast areas of the temperate zone, forests are expanding and taking over the areas formerly used by agriculture. The balance at the global scale is still negative;

Forest recovery following natural disturbances: Natural disturbances are important factors that shape the composition and structure of almost every kind of forest ecosystem. Recovery following natural disturbances is often fast, and the role of pioneer species varies greatly among forest types, the disturbance site, and the local species pool;

Forest recovery following man-made disturbances: In some cases, the interaction between natural and man-made disturbances can profoundly alter the composition and structure of the next generation of forest trees.

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