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# **Common Properties for the Sustainable Management of Territories**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

In recent decades, the concept of biodiversity conservation has evolved thanks also to the crucial contribution of local communities in protecting the natural environment. In this perspective, an aspect of significant and renewed interest is represented by common properties—those resources that, by tradition, local communities own and manage collectively and which generally concern forests, woods, pastures, waterways, etc. They are institutions, currently custodians of multiple values—tangible and intangible that have played a fundamental role in the conservation of natural resources and that can now make it possible to rediscover new forms of sustainable and solidarity-based territory management.

The aim of this Special Issue is to promote an international and interdisciplinary scientific comparison on the broad and complex theme of common properties, both in terms of environmental protection and territorial economic, social and cultural development policies.









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