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## Socio-Ecological Considerations for River Restoration and Conservation through the Lens of Wild Rivers

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Nowadays, there is a general recognition of the environmental damage caused by the use and control of rivers and their catchments. Restoration and conservation science have moved from ecological to wider human benefit goals (i.e., socio-ecological considerations) and, in turn, from a paradigm based on a static reference to processes based on dynamic variables and their trajectory.

This Special Issue aims to address the question of how we can consider the nature of fluvial processes as a means of sustaining human wellbeing. In other words, what can we learn from wild rivers in terms of restoration and conservation? Here, we consider a wild river as a river system that is unmodified or slightly modified and therefore in near natural condition, where our cultural environment is often inseparable from the natural riverscape (especially in western countries). In short, our objective is to examine our natural fluvial heritage in different ways in order to raise awareness and educate. We believe that restoration and conservation projects need to be driven by data in order to close the gap between ecological need and social urgency.



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