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Relationship Between Land Use and Land Degradation

Message from the Guest Editors

Land degradation has emerged as one of the most pressing global environmental challenges of the 21st century, threatening food security, biodiversity, and sustainable development. With escalating population growth and intensifying anthropogenic pressures, the interactions between land-use changes and land degradation are expected to intensify. Despite growing awareness of this issue, comprehensive analyses of the spatiotemporal patterns, feedback mechanisms, and future long-term trajectories characterizing land use–land degradation relationships are still lacking. These knowledge gaps hinder policy formulation and land management strategies, constraining socio-economic development and human well-being, particularly in vulnerable regions. To address these challenges, integrated environmental and societal impact assessments are urgently needed to unravel the complex dynamics between land-use changes and land degradation. Such insights are vital for guiding sustainable land management and achieving LDN targets.

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