

## Special Issue

# Conserving Biodiversity to Safeguard Ecosystem Services: Pathways to Sustainability

### Message from the Guest Editors

Global biodiversity loss has accelerated at an unprecedented rate—per the IPBES Global Assessment Report (2019), over 1 million species face extinction, threatening the provision of critical ecosystem services that underpin human wellbeing. Arid/semi-arid regions, tropical forests, and agricultural landscapes—key hotspots of biodiversity—are particularly vulnerable to land-use change, climate change, and unsustainable human activities. Safeguarding biodiversity is no longer an ecological priority alone but a foundational requirement for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, gaps remain in understanding the linkages between biodiversity conservation practices and ecosystem service persistence, as well as context-specific pathways to balance conservation with human livelihoods.

The goal of this Special Issue is to compile high-quality original research articles and review papers that advance knowledge on how biodiversity conservation can effectively safeguard ecosystem services, with a focus on actionable pathways to sustainability.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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