

## Special Issue

# National Parks and Natural Protected Area Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to explore scientific conservation strategies for national parks and protected area systems from a global perspective. It seeks to draw on the experiences and best practices of leading countries in developing ecological networks and corridors, with particular attention to the challenges faced by developing countries under the dual pressures of climate change and biodiversity loss. By systematically analyzing the latest theories, governance practices, and innovative mechanisms from around the world, this Special Issue aspires to offer actionable insights and policy recommendations for building and managing effective protected area systems across different development contexts. Ultimately, it contributes to the global vision of achieving harmony between humans and nature. This Special Issue will welcome manuscripts that link the following themes:

- National park management;
- Natural protected area system construction;
- Natural protected areas under climate threat;
- The land management of natural protected areas.

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