

Special Issue

Science-Based Approaches to Promote Sustainable Land and Resource Management in Protected Areas: Latest Insights from the Fields of Geography and Recreation Ecology

Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we expect to create an integrated collection of applicable management solutions for protected areas (PAs), focusing on the latest geography and recreation ecology insights. This Special Issue welcomes papers focusing on topics including (but are not limited to) the following:

- The potential risks under the current use and management of PAs;
- The latest advances in the monitoring and management of visitors and their environmental and social impacts on PAs;
- Spatial understanding of land and resource management issues as related to recreation and tourism;
- Experiences and progress in the efficient management of natural resources in PAs: lessons from both developed and developing countries/regions;
- Participatory monitoring systems for PAs: their effectiveness and future development;
- Utilization of voluntary big data for visitation analyses;
- Efficacy of traditional and state-of-the-art methods for recreation resource management and infrastructure maintenance.

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