## Special Issue

# Forests in the Landscape: Threats and Opportunities

## Message from the Guest Editors

Thirty years have passed since the Rio Earth Summit set the goal of arresting deforestation and forest degradation worldwide. However, the recent slowdown in deforestation in tropical regions has been inconsistent at best. At the same time, the increase in forest cover elsewhere has largely/often been plantation monocultures or patchy protected areas, which do not provide the stable, biodiverse ecosystems and highquality ecosystem services of primary forests. Conversion to agriculture, bioenergy, industrial forestry, and climate change are just some of the challenges confronting the Rio challenge. In response, much discussion has centered around the ecological. governance, and planning aspects of the landscape approach as a means for protecting forest ecosystems that are essential for climate stabilization, biodiversity, and ecosystem services while addressing development and human rights in forest communities. This Special Issue explores the drivers of forest loss and ways to respond holistically to the unmet Rio challenge including the institutional structures and processes (governance) of public and private institutions for forest conservation.

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