# Special Issue

# Eco-Sensitive Areas: Ecosystem Services, Protected Lands, and Current Challenges

# Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to address critical knowledge gaps on our basic understanding of land use/cover change, ecosystem services and how they have changed in eco-sensitive areas, and societal trends in and outside of eco-sensitive areas for dealing with future challenges. A particular focus is placed on studies regarding protected land and that are interested in the management and preservation of biodiversity and landscapes in these areas.

We invite authors to submit theoretical considerations and descriptions of practical case studies concerning ecosystem services and protected lands in ecosensitive areas:

The mapping, quantification, and assessment of ecosystem services and their dynamics;

The assessment of the effectiveness of protected lands due to protection and restoration;

The optimization of the layout of protected lands for enhancing the delivery of ecosystem services;
The identification of eco-sensitive areas from the perspective of ecosystem services and remote sensing;
The land use and trade-offs of ecosystem services;
The identification of external threats to eco-sensitive areas.

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