



Impacts of Human Activities on Natural Vegetation Conservation in the Protected Areas

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Protected areas are clearly defined geographical spaces, recognized and managed to achieve the long-term conservation of nature, ecosystem services, and cultural values. They include some 13% of the global land surface and 1.5% of the oceans and represent the most important sites for biodiversity conservation. Although natural vegetation plays an important role in the conservation of the entire ecosystem and all its components (plants, animals, soil, etc.), anthropogenic activities that can alter its balances are in sharp increase also in protected areas.

This Special Issue will focus on new interdisciplinary research and significant advances in the evaluation of impacts of human activities on natural vegetation conservation in protected areas. Authors are encouraged to submit their manuscripts on the following topics:

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- 2) Economic evaluation of impacts on vegetation;
- 3) Proposals to mitigate the impacts on vegetation and improve the environmental sustainability.





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