



Values and Challenges in Protection of Threatened Species and Communities of Plants, Lichens, and Fungi

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The continuing decline of biodiversity is one of the most important issues to be faced worldwide.

Land clearing and degradation, field monocultures, habitat loss and degradation, and invasive alien species have strongly aggravated the impoverishment of biodiversity.

The aim of this Special Issue is to assess the biodiversity loss, the extinction risk and the conservation status of species (plants, lichens, fungi) and communities, to discuss the reasons of this loss, to recognize the threats, to propose actions aimed at halting the loss of biological diversity and at controlling threats affecting species and communities.

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