



Botanic Gardens and Their Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

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Message from the Guest Editors

Environmental sustainability emerged as an area in which botanic gardens could have a significant impact. There was also the sense that botanic gardens are currently not doing enough about sustainability, particularly in influencing behavioral change amongst visitors and, in this way, achieving real societal impact. The delegates felt that it was appropriate that we show leadership as the world struggles to slow and reverse environmental degradation and mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. This is appropriate because environmental sustainability is consistent with our values, because our visitors are high consumers with societal influence, and because we have technical knowledge and skills that could be applied to solving problems and providing solutions for a more sustainable planet.





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