



Global Governance and Biodiversity Loss

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Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic has made global inter-dependencies blatantly clear, not only among human societies but also between humans, their production systems, and natural ecosystems. The pandemic has also shown distinctly global and local inequalities, as well as a variety of problems related to governance gaps in various fields—from health systems to biodiversity conservation.

Recent analyses on the causes of biodiversity loss have shown the importance of international dynamics in driving land-use changes resulting in large-scale clearing of native ecosystems. The expansion of export-oriented monocrops, mining, and timber extraction (to supply the consumption in distant world regions) is among the most important drivers of tropical biodiversity decline.

This Special Issue aims to provide an outlet for studies dealing with the analysis of global relations, processes, inter-dependencies, and governance settings shaping biodiversity conservation and loss. Articles addressing the drivers of tropical biodiversity loss—and the associated governance challenges—across geographical scales are particularly welcome.





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