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Shifting Paradigms: Reimagining Human-Nature Relationships for Sustainable Biodiversity Conservation

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue delves into the need for transformative change in biodiversity conservation, placing a spotlight on the behavioural shifts needed to address the challenges to nature posed by human activity. Emphasizing the urgency of reshaping human behaviour and attitudes towards nature, it draws from influential works, many of which have contributed to the IPBES Global Transformative Change Assessment (expected to be reported in 2024), which stresses the critical need for radical transformations. This Special Issue underscores the exploration of human motivations, attitudes, and values driving conservation behaviours. Furthermore, emerging conservation paradigms will be explored, emphasizing the integration of social sciences to understand the complexities of human-nature interactions. This Special Issue advocates for interdisciplinary collaboration to fill gaps in how we understand the behavioural drivers of conservation action and how we can support those that are effective. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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