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Integrating Ecosystem Services and Indigenous Knowledges for Sustainable Resource Management and Policy

Message from the Guest Editor

The increasing urgency of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation calls for holistic and inclusive approaches to sustainability. While ecological and economic models have long shaped natural resource management, there is growing recognition of the critical role Indigenous knowledges and biocultural relationships play in shaping sustainable outcomes. Ecological economics offers a transdisciplinary framework for valuing ecosystem services in both tangible and intangible ways, especially when viewed through the lens of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), whose cultural, spiritual, and livelihood connections to land and nature are deeply interwoven. The aim of this Special Issue is to explore the integration of ecosystem service valuation, Indigenous knowledges systems, and community-based approaches into environmental decision-making and policy. We welcome original research, theoretical contributions, and applied case studies that advance sustainable development by linking ecological, social, and economic dimensions—particularly through culturally grounded perspectives.

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