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GIAHS and Community-Based Conservation in National Parks

Message from the Guest Editors

Nature conservation worldwide has been shifting from separating “wilderness” from people to more inclusive approaches of win-win for both nature and humans since the 1980s. This evolution of approaches that involve communities and local people in protection strategies has paralleled new understanding of the dynamics of ecology, where nature is more recognised to be dynamic, changing, and with man a part of, not separate from, an integrated whole (Botkin 1990). Community-based conservation thus emerges and spans a wide range of approaches that share the dual belief that the involvement of communities living in national parks and reserves is both ethnically fair and ecologically effective. The conventional “Yellowstone model” growing out of the national park system of the United States is considered unsuitable for inhabited landscapes, and traditional and local societies are becoming the solution to conservation instead of being the problem. More details at: https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/GIAHS_national_parks

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