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Sustainable Management of Semi-aquatic Ecosystems

Message from the Guest Editor

Semi-aquatic ecosystems are unique as they are ecotones that have characteristics of both the adjacent aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem. As ecotones or transition zones, these ecosystems have ecological and biophysical gradients. Their uniqueness leads to high biodiversity and many ecosystem services. This is the reason they have been utilized for thousands of years and why many are heavily degraded. In this Special Issue emphasis will be given to riparian areas, wetlands and deltas. These areas face constant pressure due to many anthropogenic factors and, especially, agriculture and urbanization. Many of the ecosystems have been cleared for agricultural activities while most of the most population lives in or along riparian areas, wetlands and deltas. Their restoration and conservation is a priority worldwide since they are essential for human well-being.

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