

Special Issue

Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Livelihoods in Vulnerable and Degraded Regions

Message from the Guest Editors

Globally, approximately 25% of the total land area has been degraded, which affects around 3.2 billion people. Many restoration initiatives have been launched in recent decades with the aim of improving ecosystem service and sustainable livelihoods. Restoration initiatives not only return 'natural capital' but also contribute to social, financial, and human capital, including through the creation of jobs, thriving environments, and harmonious communities. In turn, residents' livelihoods are affected by the involved restoration project. This Special Issue invites research contributions on farmers' livelihoods, poverty alleviation and sustainable development in vulnerable or degraded regions. We also encourage empirical research of the achievements, measures, technology and policies of each restoration case around the globe. Original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas covered in these submissions may include (but are not limited to) the following: ecological restoration, Grain for Green, sustainable livelihoods, land degradation, poverty alleviation, human–natural interlaced zones, smallholder farmers and rural development.

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