Special Issue

Achieving Sustainability in the Nexus of Forest and Agricultural Ecosystems

Message from the Guest Editors

The purpose of this Special Issue is to focus on the need to develop conservation and sustainable use actions that allow combining forest ecosystems with agricultural use. The increase in deforestation in order to use land for crops has caused fragmentation of forest habitats, in many cases preventing the movement of species. Connectivity makes genetic variability among different populations possible, and in addition to increasing the capacity to recover from any type of disturbance, it can also enhance the guarantees of survival for certain populations against possible local extinctions. For this reason, the existence of connectivity between forest and agricultural habitats is important. This Special Issue will contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the importance of connectivity analysis in a holistic manner that maximizes the full potential of its procedures as a tool for conservation. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Ecological connectivity;
- Species movements;
- Habitat fragmentation;
- Land use and environmental planning.

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