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# **Assessing Ecosystem Services Applying Local Perspectives**

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Ecosystem Services (ESs), or nature's services, play a vital role in supporting human well-being. This role is critical for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) as a significant part of their well-being is derived from the use and management of natural resources that people have rights and/or access to. Various ES approaches have been applied to assess this role. This Special Issue aims to highlight important innovative approaches that can be used by researchers/policy decision makers/government authorities to understand the role of ES in IPLCs' well-being.

The main aims of this issue are:

- 1. To highlight the innovative approaches that can be used to understand and evaluate links between IPLCs' well-being and natural resources;
- 2. To suggest and underpin non-monetary values of natural systems for IPLCs;
- 3. To inform policy decision-making and other relevant agencies about the value of IPLCs' connections with nature.

The listed keywords suggest just a few of the many possibilities. If you are uncertain about whether your paper fits into the scope of this Special Issue, please feel free to contact the Guest Editor.









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