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Linking Biodiversity and Cultural Diversity: New Approaches for Fostering the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

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In the current Anthropocene, dominated by an unprecedented global and climate change-centered crisis, biodiversity is threatened as possibly never before during human history. However, if we want to promote and foster the truly sustainable use of natural resources, collaboration with those human communities who still retain complex conglomerates of traditional/local environmental knowledge, practices, and beliefs (LEK) could be essential. This SI will focus on the links existing between biodiversity and cultural diversity (including linguistic diversity), in order to see how these two dimensions are interconnected, if they are mutually dependent, and especially how these relationships could improve bio-conservation strategies. The SI will particularly welcome contributions focusing on the mutual interdependence and threats of these diversities, their intertwined co-evolutionary mechanisms, as well as their representations in the public space. Contributions at the crossroad between environmental sciences and cultural studies, esp. in human ecology, linguistic ethnobiology, biocultural heritage, and environmental humanities, will be particularly welcome.



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