



Ethical Issues in Conservation

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Message from the Guest Editor

Increasingly under discussion are larger conservation goals and strategies such as the (now adopted) goal of 30% protected area of earth and sea by 2030, or even more ambitious the vision of Half Earth. A number of difficult ethical issues emerge here: where will protected or conserved land be set aside, and who will benefit (or be harmed) in the process; who (e.g., which countries) will pay to achieve these conservation goals and what is a fair and equitable outcome? Furthermore, how will those living in or near to these conserved areas be impacted and how will their traditional rights or uses be curtailed (or expanded if given more direct management control). There are many difficult ethical and value-added aspects of these conservation strategies in need of working through and it is hoped the Special Issue organized here will help advance discussion and resolution of some of these difficult questions.

