



Emerging Trends in Conservation Funding and Financing of Protected Areas

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Message from the Guest Editors

The Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, developed during the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15), has proposed 23 targets to be achieved by 2030. These include the effective conservation and management of at least 30% of terrestrial and inland water areas (including seas and coastlines), which are designated Protected Areas (PAs).

This Special Issue, therefore, welcomes submissions that will help to expand our collective and conventional understanding of the financial mechanisms set up to support PAs (e.g., government subsidies, international aids, voluntary donation, fee collection systems, taxes and park revenues, etc.)

Applicable funding and financing strategies are not limited to conventional sources and conditions that contribute to or hinder the funding and financing of PAs; they may also include emerging ones (e.g., crowdfunding, green bonds, conservation trust funds, biodiversity offsets, credit and trading systems, etc.) that function on a number of levels from macro-economic policy to individual willingness to pay on the part of (potential) PA visitors.

