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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Mangroves provide many fundamental ecosystem services. Hence, after disturbances—both natural, such as tropical storms or tsunamis, and anthropogenic, e.g., by deforestation, oil spill or conversion to shrimp ponds—reforestation efforts are widespread, with the intention of accelerating the return to vital mangroves, which are able to provide their ecosystem services to humans again. Most of these labor-intensive initiatives, however, fail for a variety of reasons and the question arises whether natural grow back wouldn't be an easier and probably more successful way back to intact mangroves, even if a certain time lag has to be accepted. This Special Issue of *Diversity* is aimed to provide a platform to present case studies of successful and failed restoration projects and to discuss the underlying reasons. It also welcomes studies investigating natural regeneration dynamics in disturbed mangrove forest and so on.

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