



## Forests in Protected Areas: Removing Threats and Improving Preservation

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Protected areas, the backbone of biodiversity conservation, have gained global attention in the last decades. The focus on biodiversity conservation has slowly widened and now includes more complex topics like socio-ecologic dynamics and human well-being. Forests are seen as an important part of the answer to an increasing demand for qualitative and qualitative benefits from PAs due to their capability to provide a wide range of services.

However, even for forests in PA, new challenges have arisen, such as altered climatic conditions, biodiversity loss, and complex socio-ecologic changes. In these conditions, improved management and policy approaches for better preservation of forests within the PAs are urgently needed alongside ongoing efforts aimed at stopping deforestation and restoring the vitality of forests.

This Special Issue's goal is to investigate novel approaches for sustainable forest management in PAs, emphasizing solutions for improving biodiversity and adjusting to changing climatic circumstances in a harmonized socio-ecological system. Research articles, empirical work, reviews, and case studies that show successful examples from the field are also welcome.





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