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## Forest Transitions to Sustainable Futures? Examining Qualitative Aspects of Forest Cover Increases

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### Message from the Guest Editors

A ‘forest transition’ (FT) is a turnaround in a region’s longer-term trend of net deforestation to reforestation, initially documented in temperate zones. Tree cover increases which have recently been described as FTs in some tropical regions are often distinguished by significant changes in forest bio-physical characteristics (especially tree species composition in re-growing natural forests as well as newly established plantations) and associated transformations of ecosystem functions and human-environment interactions.

For this Special Issue of *Forests* we invite case studies which investigate and document aspects of ‘quality’ of such recent FTs beyond simple tree cover, with a view on criteria of sustainable development. The studies can be in one or a combination of the following fields: 1.) forest ecology and management, 2.) rural livelihoods and economic development, and 3.) ecosystem functions and services. We particularly encourage the submission of case studies from biodiverse forest ecoregions in the tropics.



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