



## Forests as Nature-Based Solutions: Ecosystem Services, Multiple Benefits, and Trade-Offs

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are actions related to effective protection, sustainable management, and restoration efforts to recover degraded ecosystems, which in turn has benefits on human well-being and the status of biodiversity. NbS rely on natural processes and ecosystem services (ES) to address challenges rather than relying solely on artificial, engineered solutions. Forests, being one of the most preserved and relatively abundant natural ecosystems, have great potential to provide NbS.

However, there are several challenges related to the implementation of NbS in forestry. We welcome papers that investigate those NbS-related challenges either (1) in the context of the ecological restoration, conservation, or enhancement of forests' capacity to provide ES or (2) as studies of stakeholders' (e.g., forest owners and decision makers) perceptions, attitudes, positions towards adapting/altering forest management to enhance the supply of ES, or even (3) the preferences of the general public and businesses regarding implementing different NBS-related strategies, as they are commonly the ones that benefit from the increased provision of forest ES.





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