



New Challenges towards More Effective Integration of Tropical Forest Restoration and Conservation

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With forest degradation increasing in the tropics, forest restoration is being employed as an effective and recognized management strategy. Reforestation and afforestation are two distinct methods being used. They are often considered for their biophysical aspects and for their environmental benefits (e.g., carbon sequestration, watershed management, biodiversity).

Technical skills are necessary for implementing both forest restoration and afforestation, but they are not enough for the success of restoration programs. Understanding the social and economic aspects is essential if restoration activities are to be effective.

This Special Issue of Forests aims to identify and better understand the social and economic issues (challenges and benefits) of forest restoration programs in the tropics and their contribution for the success of restoration programs. Submitted manuscripts should not have been published or submitted elsewhere. Through case studies and more global contributions, they should illustrate the importance of considering bottom-up approaches in forest restoration.





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