

Special Issue

Ecology of Alien Species in Forests

Message from the Guest Editors

Human activities in forest ecosystems have favored the arrival of alien species, both intentionally and accidentally. Forests have thus become the host habitat for many exotic species, which has often led to significant alterations in the biodiversity and functioning of these ecosystems. Alien species have sometimes caused significant impacts that threaten populations of forest species, or have become a new resource for native species. In either case, the establishment of new interactions with the native communities determines the ecological integration or naturalization of the alien species in the host habitat, and with it, its ability to persist and spread, and to either support biodiversity or detrimentally impact native communities.

In this Issue we welcome contributions on the ecology of alien species in forest ecosystems. This includes all types of organisms, functional roles, and types of interactions with the native forest communities—either antagonistic or mutually beneficial. A better knowledge of the ecology of alien species in forests is essential in order to better understand the functioning of the novel communities resulting from biological globalization.

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