



## Origins of the Biological–Cultural Heritage of the Maya Forest

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Tropical forests are regularly dismissed as fragile landscapes with resources that are inadequate for sustaining large populations without substantial alteration. This is the very attitude currently putting these environments at risk. Yet, long-surviving food production practices, involving sophisticated understandings of forest ecology and the benefits of managing vegetation for land cover, suggest Indigenous populations in the tropics did indeed develop sustainable practices, skills, strategies, and methods to support themselves in such environments. The example of the Maya milpa-forest-garden is one case among many, which is worthy of detailed investigation to identify traditional ecological knowledge from the past that can inform development programs and policies of the future.

The aim of the Special Issue is to gather a collection of archaeologists working with Lidar working with Geographic Information Systems to examine areas of architecture and cultivable lands in the Maya forest.

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