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The Governance of Natural Forest Regrowth as a Restoration Option

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Dear Colleagues,

Forests which regenerate naturally on previously deforested land are important for the conservation of biodiversity and the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. In the context of the global restoration agenda, natural forest regrowth is increasingly being recognized as an important “nature-based solution”. However, natural forest regrowth, as both a process and an outcome, often falls under the radar of land management norms and policies and socially inclusive environmental regulations, thus limiting its long-term conservation and sustainable use. This “invisibility”, often driven by cross-sectorial overlaps and technocratic approaches that ignore local needs and aspirations, impinges negatively on the livelihoods of forest- and agricultural-dependent people.

This Special Issue aims to provide a global overview of the key institutional, policy, regulatory, and normative dimensions governing the process, and the socio-ecological outcomes, of natural forest regrowth, through either passive or assisted processes.



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