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# Ecosystem Services, Sustainable Rural Development and Protected Areas

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## Message from the Guest Editors

The purpose of this Special Issue is to invite academics and researchers to submit proposals for papers oriented to enhancing the sustainable rural development and protection of natural areas. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- evaluation methods and techniques for supporting choices in sustainable land planning in rural areas;
- criteria and indicators for sustainable rural development;
- criteria and indicators for monitoring ecosystem services in protected areas;
- innovative models for identifying and solving conflicts between groups of stakeholders;
- innovative tools for land planning and management in protected and other conservation areas;
- strategies for improving the sustainable supply of ecosystem services in rural areas; and
- protection, management, and safeguarding of natural areas.









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