

## Special Issue

# Eco-Sensitive Areas: Ecosystem Services, Protected Lands, and Current Challenges (Second Edition)

### Message from the Guest Editors

There are many eco-sensitive areas around the world, covering a sizeable portion of the world's terrestrial surface. However, due to excessive human land use activities and climate change, these regions are currently facing numerous challenges that affect the structure, quality, and ability of these ecosystems to provide services and products. In response to these challenges, many policies have been implemented, including designating protected land areas and providing ecological compensation, in order to balance the relationship between ecological protection and socio-economic development. This Special Issue aims to address critical knowledge gaps in our basic understanding of land use/cover change, ecosystem services, how they have changed in eco-sensitive areas, and societal trends in and outside of eco-sensitive areas in terms of dealing with future challenges. A particular focus is placed on studies on protected land and research into the management and preservation of biodiversity and landscapes in these areas.

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