# Special Issue

# Land Degradation in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA): Assessment and Conservation

## Message from the Guest Editors

The journal *Land* presents this Special Issue entitled "Land Degradation in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA): Assessment and Conservation". Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Land degradation assessment methods (remote sensing, in situ, modeling, etc.);
- Investigating the extent of land degradation in ESA using a multitude of methods;
- The effect of external stressors such as land use change, natural hazards and human-made hazards on land degradation in ESAs;
- The ESA-land degradation-SDG nexus;
- Assessment of physical and/or chemical and/or biological land degradation in ESAs;
- Advances in land degradation mapping and characterization;
- Biophysical and socioeconomic implications of land degradation in ESAs;
- The potential of the land degradation neutrality (LDN) concept for combatting land degradation in ESAs;
- Conservation measures in ESAs for combating land degradation and linkages with nature-based solutions;
- ESA governance systems related to land conservation.

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