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Management and Biodiversity Conservation of Southern and Sub-Antarctic Forests

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The southern and sub-Antarctic forests of Patagonia, South Africa and Oceania present a high degree of biodiversity and endemism, representing an ecosystem and landscape of great value. Due to its distance from the largest production centers and the presence of forest species little known by international markets, these forests present a good degree of conservation. Although in absolute terms, human impact is generally low compared to other parts of the world, some of these ecosystems have been subject to substantial disturbance, for example, due to the historical overexploitation of forest resources and their conversion to animal husbandry. However, few studies have been carried out in the disciplines of management and biodiversity conservation. The term ‘conservation’ is considered to encompass all efforts affecting the preservation and protection of the natural environment and its resources, including measures to ensure the sustainable use of resources. The term ‘management’ includes any type of measure or intervention that is designed to achieve conservation, or to regulate resource use and other



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