



New Perspectives on New World Tropical Forests

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Message from the Guest Editors

The Neotropics include the largest rainforest on Earth, along with many other forest types that vary from dry to wet, lowland to high-elevation cloud forests, and flooded to terra firme forests. These forests harbor astonishing diversities of plants and provide many important ecosystem services, including the regulation of regional to global climates. However, our understanding of the evolutionary and ecological drivers that shape both the diversity and function of these Neotropical forest ecosystems, as well as their capacity—or incapacity—to respond to ongoing anthropogenic global change, are still part of an active debate. In this Special Issue of *Plants*, we aim to compile a collection of outstanding and groundbreaking studies that use state-of-the-art methods to help us understand the diversity and functioning of Neotropical forests. We include a variety of scientific viewpoints to enhance our knowledge on the many valuable environmental services provided by diverse neotropical forests, as well as the many threats that these forests face in a changing world.

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