



Local and Global Threats to Rural and Peri-Urban Cultural and Natural Landscapes

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Dear Colleagues,

Cultural and natural landscapes are integrated, mosaic systems of societal and environmental components shaped over centuries. Their potential can be evaluated in terms of aesthetic, natural, and cultural qualities, which should be considered from manifold, multidimensional vantage points. The growing global pressure on combined agriculture–forest and peri-urban landscapes drives their irreversible transformations within the unique and change-vulnerable traditional local landscape, its biodiversity, and ecological and cultural value.

It takes various aspects of landscape perception contributed by diverse scientific domains, such as urban planning, landscape architecture, environmental protection, environmental engineering, civil engineering, human geography and spatial governance, forest and agricultural sciences, and management and quality sciences, to appreciate the ongoing changes and the broad array of varied threats and to ensure sustainable development of areas where such valuable landscapes are.





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