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Biodiversity is a base to support all forms of life on earth, ensuring environmental sustainability in terms of providing clean and sustainable natural resources (land, air, water, soil, plants, and animals), and essential ecosystem services. Soils are widely recognized as a major storehouse of global biodiversity, and up to 90% of living organisms in terrestrial ecosystems are associated with below-ground habitats. Soil biodiversity constitutes an important source of genetic resources for biotechnological and medical innovation. Climate regulation is one of the most important ecosystem services on a global scale. The loss of soil biodiversity is deemed as one of the major soil threats in many regions of the world. For example, land clearing and concomitant degradation are the contributing factors along with the introduction of field monocultures that have further aggravated the impoverishment of biological diversity. Such activities contribute to further loss of biodiversity through an accelerated deterioration of land and water resources. This loss in biodiversity is intimately linked to the climate emergency and has been increasingly recognized by the scientific community.





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