



## Conservation and Management of Bioculturally Important Rangeland Resources

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Dear Colleagues,

Rangelands / Drylands cover more than 40% of the earth's terrestrial surface, and are home to more than two billion people. They are vulnerable to climatic variations and a range of human disturbances such as inappropriate grazing and agricultural production systems, altered fire regimes, and the introduction of non-native species. These bioculturally important rangeland resources have received little to no attention from researchers or the conservation community, and are rarely considered in rangeland conservation, management or restoration efforts, despite their importance to the culture, identity, and livelihoods of millions.

This Special Edition seeks to fill this knowledge gap, and for the first time, bring together research from across the globe focused on the use, importance, conservation, management and restoration of bioculturally important resources of dryland and rangeland ecosystems. The goals of this Special Edition are to 1) increase recognition of the importance of these resources to communities, 2) identify threats and resource management challenges, and 3) identify best practices for sustainable management, conservation or restoration.





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