



Ecological Land Suitability of the Loess Plateau and Sustainable Development Strategy in Western China

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The Loess Plateau is one of the areas with the most fragile ecological environment in China. With a background of ecological civilization construction and western region development strategy in the new era, the sustainable development of the Loess Plateau and western region has always been a hot topic of national ecological security and regional coordinated development.

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- Ecological environment construction and sustainable development of the Loess Plateau;
- Ecological suitability evaluation and land use changes of the Loess Plateau;
- Western region development and regional coordinated development in the new era;
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