

Special Issue

Forest Restoration and Secondary Succession

Message from the Guest Editor

Deforestation and forest degradation caused by fire, storms, logging, forest pests, and conversion to other land use types have been commonplace in many parts of the world. Cognizant of losses in biodiversity, ecosystem services, land productivity, and climate regulation due to deforestation and forest degradation, several initiatives have been launched to restore degraded landscapes. Equally, factors that influence secondary succession and ways by which secondary succession could be expedited need to be further explored. I hope that this Special Issue will attract restoration practitioners and forest scientists who can document site-specific restoration techniques, general restoration pathways, the success and failure of restoration projects, modelling the possible restoration outcomes and socio-economic issues regarding restoration endeavors, and ecosystem services accrued from restored forests. We encourage field studies, including experimental studies as well as monitoring and evaluation studies of restoration approaches and models to contribute to this Special Issue in order to promote knowledge and practice for the conservation and future development of forest ecosystems.

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