

Special Issue

Ecosystem Services and Disservices of Urban Forests

Message from the Guest Editor

Currently, more than 55% of the global population lives in built-up areas; as such, urban ecosystems have become the subject of a large number of studies. The term "urban forest" has a broad meaning: all forms of urban and suburban greenery dominated by trees. It confers many benefits on urban systems and people themselves. Nevertheless, it also cause nuisances (ecosystem disservices).For this issue, we are looking for original research studies that address any aspect of the planning, management, infrastructure, or conservation of urban forests as well as factors that affect their attractiveness. Research articles on the socio-economic benefits and methods for evaluating them are of particular interest. We also encourage authors to publish results regarding the use of urban woodland and its cultural and social functions. This volume will also include articles on the impact of urban forests on the health and well-being of forest dwellers. We are also interested in new findings regarding the role of urban forests in biodiversity protection, improving the climate, and removing air pollutants. The most important disservices of urban forests are those influencing people's health.

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