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Impacts of Climate Change on Human Wellbeing and Cultural Ecosystem Services

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Message from the Guest Editors

Climate change is increasingly impacting the wellbeing of human populations in the Global North and South. There is also a growing awareness of the impacts of climate-related hazards on cultural ecosystem services and associated effects on physical and mental wellbeing. However, there is still a limited understanding of how climate change impacts wellbeing across social groups, individually and collectively, in urban areas and how to address perceived impacts on diverse and valued cultural services. Moreover, disentangling the wellbeing effects of different drivers of change, including climate-related changes and unsustainable interventions in landscapes, as well indirect drivers of change, such as governance, values and worldviews, is still challenging and deserves further empirical and methodological attention. An improved understanding and evidence base regarding these concerns is of great importance for developing collective visions to respond to future climate change and to develop adequate and inclusive approaches for adaptation that acknowledge the specific wellbeing needs of diverse populations and social groups beyond materialistic aspects.



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