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*“Natural Capital, Ecosystem Services, and  
Environmental Accounting”*



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### Scope and goal of the special issue

Natural capital can be defined as the stock of natural resources generating a “natural income” in terms of valuable flows of ecosystem goods and services. The availability of natural capital ensures a life support system vital for human well-being while setting the ecological limits for the development of human economy. The notion of value in relation to natural capital and ecosystems services requires the integration of different theoretical frameworks and environmental accounting methods. A biophysical approach to environmental accounting is useful to account not only for quantity but also for quality of natural resources, ensuring a solid accounting base for further assessments. Economic accounting is also useful to convey the importance of natural capital and ecosystem services among policy makers and other stakeholders. A multicriteria approach is therefore essential to explore the complex relationships between humans and natural ecosystems, recognizing the importance of natural capital and ecosystem services for a sustainable development of human life on Earth.

Given this premise, this special issue will gather theoretical, methodological, and applied papers on natural capital and ecosystem services with a special focus on the use of environmental accounting as a tool for their assessment.

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