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Message from the Guest Editors

Climate-smart communities, as defined by the National Wildlife Federation (2016), are communities that are equipped to meet new challenges presented by climate change, such as extreme weather events, including heat waves, drought, water shortages, flooding, sea level rise, economic losses, and more. Climate-smart communities use nature-based and adaptive approaches to prepare for the impacts of climate change in ways that support people, wildlife, and habitats. For example, integrated landscape management in agriculture aims to support food production, ecosystem conservation, and rural livelihood across entire landscapes. Climate-smart agricultural landscapes, on the other hand, operate on the aforementioned principles but also integrate adaptation and mitigation into management objectives. Integration is key in climate-smart concepts, encompassing the integration of complex systems such as natural and social systems and the interaction between these two complex systems.



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