

Special Session Proposal

Human-Wildlife conflicts: from crisis to opportunities for territorial resilience

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Abstract

The session will focus on the management and resolution of human-wildlife conflicts in different contexts of mountain areas to increase the resilience of alpine territories. Presentations will show either activities already in place and the results obtained or situations where an approach based on participatory methods should be required and the challenges to initiate these kinds of processes.

The human-wildlife conflicts will be of many kinds, from depredation of large carnivores to livestock, to animal-vehicle collisions, from tourism impacts on wildlife, to the empowerment of local communities for the management of natural resources and/or the use of landscape.

Moreover, presentations should highlight the limits of the implementation of the participatory approaches and the potential socioeconomic benefits for the local communities.

The activities and experiences shown should focus on how the implementation of management and resolution methods could help a territory to increase its resilience in response to social, environmental, and economic changes.