

## **Biodiversity and Human Health: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Examining the Links**

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With the loss of biodiversity accelerating even as infectious diseases appear to be emerging and reemerging at a faster pace, examining potential relationships between changes in biodiversity and human health may lead to broader understanding of ecosystem processes and the ways in which conservation may help reduce global public health risks. Hear the perspectives of international and national experts in ecology, public health, remote sensing, and the social sciences as they explore the state-of-the-science, research priorities, and applications of data and other information to a monitoring and risk-forecasting network.

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