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# Emerging topics on forests and water

Task Force on Forest and Water Interactions in a Changing  
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Forests play a critical role in hydrological processes and their related functions. However, climate change, climate-driven forest disturbance and human activities are dramatically change forests and consequently affect water supply, environmental risks and aquatic ecosystems. Understanding and managing forest-water relations or interactions is one of the IUFRO key research themes. It directly or indirectly affects all 17 SDGs of United Nations directly or indirectly. Recently, the IUFRO Task Force of Forest and Water Interaction in a Changing Environment has organized two virtual meetings to discuss emerging topics on forests and water. About 30 world-leading forest hydrologists or Task Force members involved in this discussion. This session will provide a summary of these identified emerging topics for further discussion and inputs.

## KEYWORDS

- Sustainable Forest Management
  - Forest environment
  - Forest Fires
  - Climate Change
    - Water

## SPEAKERS

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