



‘Rainfall recycling’ as a landscape function: Connecting SDGs 6, 13 and 15

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1. Vegetation plays a critical role in the frequency and intensity of rainfall.

2. Effects of changes in forest cover on rainfall recycling (RR) depend on scale and geographic location, with fine-tuning of assessment methods in progress.

3. RR should explicitly be considered in existing climate and water management as well as in related policy frameworks and rights definitions.

4. New ways to align supply and demand for water are essential to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 6 (“clean water and sanitation”), 13 (“climate action”) and 15 (“life on land”) at local, national and global scales, with forests and trees influencing both demand and supply.



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