

Tropical Forests and Data Availability

Essay Assignment

Take the perspective of one specific actor (e.g., governments, funding agencies, universities, researchers) and describe how this actor can contribute to improved availability and accessibility of measurement data in tropical forests. Here you can distinguish between short-term and long-term strategies. Highlight the dependency on other actors, their responsibility and potential ethical conflicts (500 words, excluding literature references)

Rubric for evaluation of writing assignment

	0: No evidence	1: Below proficient	2: Emerging proficient	3: Proficient	4: Advanced
Description of case and conflict of interest	No mention of specific case or conflict of interest	Description of case or conflict of interest is unclear or incomplete	The case and conflict of interest are described reasonably for the most part, with some minor omissions or errors	Adequate description of specific case and conflict of interest with minimal error	A clear and to the point description of the case and conflict of interest. Written in an engaging way.
Formulation of arguments from actor perspective	Does not provide arguments from the actor perspective	Some arguments are formulated, but formulation is weak or logical reasoning is flawed	There are arguments provided, but overall not convincing	Clear formulation of arguments, most of which are convincing	Clear and convincing argumentation, also addressing potential counterarguments
Structure of text and use of literature	No clear structure and no use of literature	Some structure in the text and limited references to literature	There is an overall structure, with some flaws and there are several references included, that are in most cases relevant.	A clear structure in text and proper use of literature	Structure of text is clear and facilitates effective communication. Excellent use of literature, including several recent publications