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This contribution focuses on describing the interactions between the local inhabitants and environmental systems all around the world. It aims to help understand how social groups contextualize ecological knowledge and how anthropic activities contribute to modifying the environment. It includes theoretical contributions discussing epistemological foundations of the conception of the socio-ecological relationship and describes the evolution of human–nature systems. Methodological contributions analyzed the tools required for the integration of "human" and "natural" dimensions in the management of the environment; the approach of ecosystem services, long-term socio-ecological research and the local governance of common goods. Case studies reported on valuable experiences on the retro-interactions of local inhabitants with their environment matrix, incorporating, in relation to biodiversity conservation, the social and economic aspects of local inhabitants with the environmental management and sustainability.

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