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Fábio Rubio Scarano was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he is Professor of Ecology at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, since 1993. He is also a Research Associate to the International Institute of Sustainability (IIS), and to the Brazilian Foundation for Sustainable Development (FBDS), since 2015. He has a degree in Forestry from the University of Brasília and a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. Fábio has worked for private companies in the forestry sector in Brazil, and for the Brazilian government he held positions in the Ministry of Education (2005-2011) and Ministry of Environment (2007-2009), when he was Science Director of the Botanical Gardens of Rio de Janeiro. He has also been a senior leader at the NGO *Conservation International* (CI; 2009-2015). He has been a lead author in the latest reports of the United Nations' panels on climate change (IPCC) and biodiversity (IPBES). He has more than 150 scientific publications, including peer-reviewed papers and books, mostly related to climate change, sustainability science, science-policy interface, and biodiversity conservation. Ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change is one of his main topics of interest at the moment.