# Al in Ecological Restoration: Enhancing Habitat Recovery

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## Commentary

# About the Study

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E-mail: j.traveset@gmail.com Citation: Traveset J. AI in Ecological Restoration: Enhancing Habitat Recovery RRJ Ecol Environ Sci. 2024;12:004 Copyright: © 2024 Traveset J. This is an open-access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming ecological restoration by enabling more precise, data-driven decisions about habitat recovery. Ecological restoration is a critical tool in the fight to restore degraded ecosystems and mitigate the impacts of human activities on the environment. Traditionally, restoration efforts have relied on trial-anderror methods, which can be costly, inefficient and sometimes unsuccessful. However, the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing this landscape by offering innovative solutions to enhance restoration efforts. AI technologies allow for more accurate predictions, optimized restoration strategies and efficient use of resources.

## Al for habitat suitability and restoration planning

One of the primary applications of AI in ecological restoration is in habitat suitability modeling. Machine learning algorithms can analyze environmental data such as soil composition, climate, water availability and species presence to determine the most suitable locations for restoration. These models can also predict how specific plant and animal species will respond to different restoration strategies, helping to optimize reforestation or rehabilitation efforts.

Al-powered tools can also assist in mapping and monitoring restoration progress. By using satellite imagery and remote sensing technologies, Al can track changes in vegetation cover, soil health and biodiversity, offering real-time insights into the success of restoration projects. This level of precision is invaluable for adaptive management, allowing ecologists to modify restoration strategies based on observed data.

### Al in reforestation and forest management

Reforestation is one of the most common forms of ecological restoration and AI is playing an increasingly important role in making it more efficient.