

How do solar parks affect ecosystem function?

Given the projected deployment of photovoltaics, increasing land use pressures, and growing recognition of the importance of our ecosystems, there is a critical need for better understanding of the temperature impacts of solar parks and associated cascading impacts on ecosystem function.

Are solar parks good for Biodiversity?

Moreover, solar parks under development are increasingly overlapping with conservation or protected areas acting as refuges for biodiversity. However, in agricultural landscapes, which are often intensively managed and species-poor, there is potential for benefits.

How much land is regulated in wind and solar PV parks?

The majority of land regulation in wind and solar PV parks consists of private land with legal property titles (64% and 96%, respectively) (Fig. 4). For both technologies, the total share of legal private property titles is substantially higher than in the control groups.

How can a solar park be connected to other semi-natural habitats?

Connectivity between solar parks and other semi-natural habitats should be enhanced through the installation or maintenance of semi-natural linear features (e.g. hedgerows, wildflower strips) as they can act as pollinator corridors, improving connectivity and facilitating pollinator movement (Table D).

Are solar parks a threat to biodiversity?

For example, in sensitive habitats, solar park deployment has degraded habitat through fragmentation and pollution and also led to the direct mortality of wildlife. Moreover, solar parks under development are increasingly overlapping with conservation or protected areas acting as refuges for biodiversity.

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Using the state of California (United States) as a model system, our study shows that the majority of utility-scale solar energy (USSE) installations are sited in natural environments, namely shrublands and ...

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