

## Geomorphological heritage and landscape enhancement

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The hegemony of the positivist method throughout the twentieth century promised advances in Physical Geography. Only since the 1970s, when a concern with environmental issues emerged, was there a rescue from the study of ecology and the idea of the relationship between society and nature. In this context, it not only redefined geography, but all other areas that support geographic analysis: Geomorphology, Climatology, Biogeography, etc. It also revamped the analysis favored by some approaches and some scales of analysis at the expense of others. In terms of geomorphology, this, which previously had a regional descriptive and generic scale imprint, currently, has been concerned with environmental issues in a timely nature (morphodynamics) and this has appropriated the concept of landscape, expressing society's relationship with nature: that on one hand expresses the structure of natural elements (biotic and abiotic) and others, provides the material and immaterial conditions under which develops human life on Earth. Under this set of products, services and representations that different landscapes are able to sustain, it can be considered a collective heritage. The geomorphological heritage consists of a set of geomorfossítios, ie natural areas where the main attributes are related to geomorphological dynamics and landforms, with some value to society. The greatest difficulty in this task at the moment is to clarify that the geomorphological heritage has its own field of research and that, within the concept of geological heritage, currently discussed mostly by geologists, must recognize the importance of the inventory and valuation of landforms and associated processes. The geomorphological heritage is one of the keys to the dissemination of Earth Sciences, strengthens and stimulates environmental awareness education and economic and sustainable development activities.

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