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development of the Galapagos archipelago and to the advancement of science. The book describes the state-of-the-art knowledge on the Galapagos socio-ecosystem, presents modern modeling tools for the integration of information from diverse science disciplines and highlights contrasting viewpoints with regard to future scenarios for reconciling conservation with socio-economic development of the archipelago. The book is innovative in its multidisciplinary focus on conservation and in presenting up-to-date tools for scenario modeling. The book is structured into the following four chapters: The evolutionary context; biodiversity assessment and monitoring of change; a systemic approach: modeling and restoration; reconciliation of conservation with socio-economic development. Each chapter is comprised of several individual papers and ends with a chapter summary that highlights the main findings and conclusions. The book integrates the knowledge and reflections of 30 scientists, of which many have dedicated a substantial part of their professional life to the Galapagos archipelago, to the conservation of its biodiversity and to the sustainable management of its resources. The book can be considered a milestone on the way to the successful conservation and sustainable development of this unique world heritage"--