

Special Issue

Raptors Conservation

Message from the Guest Editor

The term “raptor” is not a taxonomic bird grouping, but it categorizes diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey that generally are apex predators or useful scavengers. In this respect, raptors serve also as bioindicators for the health of their ecosystems. In the Anthropocene, many raptor species have been subject to numerous environmental threats such as habitat destruction, contaminant diffusion, illegal killing and poaching, impact of anthropogenic structures (wind farms, electric lines) or activities (deforestation, intensive farming, and agriculture). All these factors have raised the threat level of some raptor species to vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered, and can lead to population collapse. All possible up-to-date information such as ecology, behavior, population dynamics and status, environmental toxicology, conservation projects, mitigation measures, rescue efforts, rehab medicine, new findings in parasitology, infectious diseases and therapeutics, clinical management, and more are welcome in order to protect these iconic animals.

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