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Closing the Conservation **Genetics Gap to Advance** Wildlife Protection at Different **Biodiversity Levels: From Genes to Ecosystems**

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This Special Issue will be a contemporary collection of papers on advancements in population and conservation genetic/genomic studies at different organization levels (i.e., populations, communities, and ecosystems) as well as strategies to close the conservation genetics gap, that is, the missing or lagging uptake of population genetic, conservation genetic, and community and ecosystem genetic research in management and (inter)national policy to preserve genetic diversity at these various biodiversity levels. We welcome submissions presenting case studies and perspectives on tools, study design, strategies, statistics, challenges, and successes to assess genetic diversity at different organizations levels and/or provide insight into communication, knowledge co-production, and co-management strategies for the preservation of genetic diversity. We are also interested in transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches that promote the communication of genetic research results, knowledge transfer, and co-production to/with different audiences and societal groups, including citizen science, community science, and co-production and management with local and indigenous groups.

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