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Message from the Guest Editors

Rodents (order Rodentia) represent the most diverse group of mammals, including about 40% of the extant species. They directly and indirectly control on the distribution, abundance and population dynamics of other animal taxa and influence the vegetation structure. Intensification of anthropogenic habitat and climate alteration poses increased threat to the diversity of them at all scales. This Special Issue invites research papers on the diversity of terrestrial small mammals at various scales, from population (genetic diversity, mainly of rare or endemic species) to community (species richness and assemblage heterogeneity) and landscape (beta and gamma diversity) levels, and especially the relationships between the structural and functional diversity within this group. We also welcome new research and advances in small mammal conservation, papers presenting novel methods used to preserve threatened species and to enhance declining diversity at the various levels, as well as new policies and assessments of species' threats and conservation statuses.

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