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Wildlife Population Genetics, Evolution and Conservation: From Theory to Practice

Message from the Guest Editors

The importance of maintaining and protecting the genetic diversity of wildlife populations to secure their long-term survival is increasingly recognized. However, genetic information is not yet routinely implemented in wildlife management programs or used to inform conservation policy despite substantial technological advances to generate and analyze genetic data in a more cost and time-effective manner and concurrent greater understanding of genetic processes linked to the fate of wild populations. This Special Issue will highlight successful case studies on the implementation of genetic data into wildlife conservation and management programs and discuss the current challenges faced by researchers and practitioners in bridging the gap between genetics research and its implementation in wildlife conservation and policymaking. For this Special Issue, we welcome contributions from all relevant communities and stakeholders to provide an overview of current challenges and to identify potential solutions to achieve routinely implementation of genetic data in wildlife conservation and management.

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