# **Special Issue**

# Mapping and Modeling Forests Using Geospatial Technologies

### Message from the Guest Editors

Forests, which cover nearly a third of the Earth's terrestrial surface, are among the most complex and vital ecosystems. This Special Issue invites contributions that leverage geospatial technologies to map and model forest ecosystems. We encourage studies that employ multi-source (e.g., multispectral, hyperspectral, thermal, microwave, LiDAR), multi-scale, and multi-temporal approaches to address key challenges in forest science. We also welcome research exploring smart, consumer-grade, and low-cost geospatial solutions to make forest monitoring more accessible. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

Forest inventories and vegetation parameter mapping;

Detection and monitoring of biotic and abiotic disturbances;

Forest cover change and dynamics analysis; Phenological trends and vegetation dynamics; Carbon and ecohydrology modeling in forest ecosystems;

Long-term forest monitoring techniques.

We invite researchers and practitioners to submit innovative studies that advance our understanding of forest ecosystems through the application of cuttingedge geospatial technologies.

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