

Special Issue

Monitoring and Control of Forest Pests

Message from the Guest Editors

Herbivorous species have shaped the structure and dynamics of forest communities for centuries. They play an important role in biogeochemical cycles and the food web. On the other hand, forest pests contribute to significant losses in forest management. They reduce timber production, sometimes cause widespread stand collapse, and have a negative impact on ecosystem services. As a result of climate change, pest outbreaks are becoming more frequent and intense. Pest management should safeguard the productive functions of forests and minimize impacts on biodiversity. Controlling forest pests means interfering with the delicate self-regulating mechanisms of ecosystems, and therefore requires continuous research into methods of pest prevention and control, as well as methods of monitoring population dynamics and predicting future outbreaks. The aim of this Special Issue is to present studies on forest pests and their interactions with the forest and social environment, their impact on the economy, and advances in methods for monitoring population dynamics and controlling their abundance, thus minimizing economic losses and increasing the resilience of forest ecosystems.

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