Special Issue

Global Threats in the Illegal Wildlife Trade and Advances in Response

Message from the Guest Editors

Thank you for your interest in this Special Issue on "Global Threats in the Illegal Wildlife Trade and Advances in Response". As defined by the Wildlife Conservation Society, the illegal wildlife trade includes the smuggling, poaching, capture, or collection of endangered species, protected wildlife, and derivatives or products thereof. Wildlife trafficking affects thousands of species of flora and fauna worldwide and drives environmental degradation, climate change, and public health risks; it is estimated to be the fourth most profitable transnational crime. As part of this Special Issue, we are eager to receive submissions from academics, conservationists, and practitioners engaged in combating the illegal wildlife trade. If you are a practitioner interested in contributing and would like to discuss the possibility of pairing with an academic, please do not hesitate to contact one of the for this Special Issue.

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