



Remote sensing based Forest Inventories from Landscape to Global Scale

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Dear colleagues,

Forest ecosystems are vital on various scales for humanity. Forests provide not only merchantable timber, but also essential ecosystem functions, such as drinking water supply, regulation of climate, conservation of biodiversity, and recreation. Yet forest ecosystems are under increasing pressure due to expanding human populations, illegal harvesting, and overexploitation, which together lead to an unprecedented loss of forests worldwide.

The purpose of this Special Issue of *Remote Sensing* is to present a number of state-of-the-art studies on the use of remote-sensing data and methods for monitoring forest ecosystems on spatial scales of the landscape and beyond.

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