



Mediterranean Forest Monitoring Using Optical and Microwave Remote Sensing

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Dear Colleagues,

Forests and woodlands are the most widely distributed vegetation ecosystems on the planet, covering approximately 4000 million ha. The importance of forest monitoring is universally recognized, due to the role played by forests in provisioning a large number of different services and in acting as the main terrestrial carbon sink. In this respect, the remote sensing of forest parameters using satellite sensors is undoubtedly appealing.

Beside the widely used visible/infrared Radiometers and LiDAR, the sensors operating in the microwave portion of electromagnetic spectrum well demonstrated their capabilities in monitoring forests at both local and global scale.

This special issue aims at exploiting the capabilities of microwave and optical/infrared sensors, in estimating the main forest parameters. Particular focus will be given to Mediterranean forests, which represent a very complex environment, due to their spatial fragmentation, heterogeneity and discontinuity in canopies that affect significantly the retrieval.

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