# **Special Issue**

# Values and Challenges in Protection of Threatened Species and Communities of Plants, Lichens, and Fungi

### Message from the Guest Editors

The continuing decline of biodiversity is one of the most important issues to be faced worldwide. Land clearing and degradation, field monocultures, habitat loss and degradation, and invasive alien species have strongly aggravated the impoverishment of biodiversity. The aim of this Special Issue is to assess the biodiversity loss, the extinction risk and the conservation status of species (plants, lichens, fungi) and communities, to discuss the reasons of this loss, to recognize the threats, to propose actions aimed at halting the loss of biological diversity and at controlling threats affecting species and communities. Manuscripts (research articles, reviews, short communications, case reports, concept papers, project reports, letters) may include quantitative assessments of extinction risk; fragmentation, invasive organisms and global change effects on biodiversity; research aimed at the mitigation of pressure and threats; in situ and ex situ conservation actions; conservation management; case studies; etc. The scale of interest can go from population to ecosystem. We look forward to receiving your outstanding research.

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