# **Special Issue**

# Drone Remote Sensing for Tracking Poaching and Wildlife Conservation

## Message from the Guest Editor

We are currently living through a major ecological crisis -the sixth mass extinction event in the history of life on Earth. The potential impacts for ecosystems and society are huge, and effectively tackling this challenge requires us to understand and protect the Earth's vital biodiversity. Monitoring wildlife and preventing poaching is fraught with challenges. Drones allow us to fill the gap between satellite- and ground-based observation of wildlife and habitats. They allow us to cover larger areas than can be surveyed by foot or camera trap surveys quickly, and allow for more detail to be resolved than is possible with satellites. Drones also offer a versatile platform for multiple remote sensing instruments. allowing us to observe with thermal and conventional cameras simultaneously, or to take advantage of the insight given by multispectral, hyperspectral, and LiDAR sensors. In this Special Issue, we bring together progress in the use of these new technologies, discuss the challenges remaining to their widespread use, and present new findings from drone-based remote sensing.

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