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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Human impacts on the Earth's ecosystems continue to expand and the amount of intact primary forest is in precipitous decline. Intact primary forest is natural forest that is free of significant anthropogenic degradation and declines in ecological function caused by such well-studied examples as fragmentation, industrial logging, over harvesting, roads and mining. Intact forest landscapes comprise perhaps only 20% of the world's remaining forest cover. There is much evidence that the world's remaining intact primary forest supports exceptional environmental and social values relative to degraded forests.

Preserving the integrity of disappearing intact primary forests is an urgent priority for current global efforts to halt the ongoing biodiversity crisis, slow rapid climate change and achieve sustainability goals. We encourage studies from all fields, including experimental studies, monitoring approaches and models, to contribute to this Special Issue in order to promote knowledge and conservation strategy for the preservation and management of the world's last tracts of intact primary forest ecosystems.

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