



Using Drones for Individual Tree Detection (ITD) and Its Applications

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Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to promote and support advancements in research activities in the domain of individual tree detection (ITD), which has benefited tremendously from the proliferation of low-cost unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and data science industry in recent years. Currently, ITD finds applications in multiple sub-sectors within forestry, including forest health monitoring, biomass mapping, forest growth modeling, deforestation tracking, disturbance and recovery analysis, canopy gap quantification, UAV-supported seed sowing, species diversity estimation, biodiversity conservation, land-use/land-change analysis, natural resource management, restoration assessment, pest detection, and three-dimensional (3D) canopy structure analysis, among others. More and more use case scenarios are emerging day-by-day with the support of state-of-the-art technological amalgamations such as UAV-LiDAR (light detection and ranging) and data fusion strategies. We hereby invite authors to consider this open-access SI to publish their original and/or review articles in the broad field of forest remote sensing and associated spheres related to ITD and its applications.





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