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Special Issue on

“Remote Sensing for Environmental Sustainability in the Asian-Pacific Region”

Worldwide urbanization and deforestation are the two main interconnected ways that human activities are continually changing and reshaping the Earth’s surface. How Earth observation and remote sensing technologies can contribute to improve the knowledge of the productivity and sustainability of natural and human ecosystems is an important theme in the global change community. In China, for instance, rapid economic growth and urbanization over the past three decades have resulted in dramatic changes in land use and land cover and have led to severe environmental consequences, which have made China’s sustainable development a grand challenge. Meanwhile, during the past few decades, environmental changes in the Asian-Pacific region have posed significant challenges to the scientific community. Therefore, the global problem of how Earth observation and remote sensing technologies may be applied to assessing, monitoring, modeling and simulating ecosystems, environments and resources at various spatial and temporal scales, translates into peculiar and very urgent questions and applications in this colossal and dynamic geographical region.

To address these key problems and concerns with this specific geographical point of view, this special issue aims at remote sensing technologies applied to the Asian-Pacific region. We invite papers describing issues of environmental sustainability in the Asian-Pacific region, especially on the following topics:

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- Landscape patterns, processes, and properties;
- Improvements in spatial, spectral, radiometric, and temporal resolutions;
- New data, sensors, and techniques for detection and interpretation of Earth surface features; and
- Use of remote sensing methods for studies of environmental impacts, human environmental and infectious diseases, climate change, energy use, and mitigation strategies.

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January 2020         Publication date

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