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Terrestrial and mobile laser scanning for national forest inventories:

From theory to implementation



In their 2025 paper published in Remote Sensing of Environment, Holvoet et al. explore how TLS and MLS can move from research experiments to operational tools within National Forest Inventories (NFIs), the backbone of forest resource monitoring across Europe. Drawing on three case studies in France, Finland, and Switzerland, the authors outline both the promise and the practical challenges of integrating 3D laser scanning into national-scale forest assessments.



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