

Editorial

The varied nature of Tropical Conservation Science

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Overview of current issue

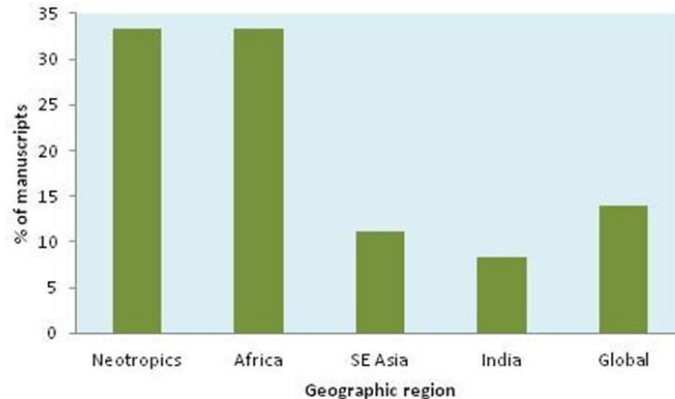
The current issue of Tropical Conservation Science (TCS) contains six research articles based on studies in Madagascar, India, Colombia, Brazil, Belize, Ivory Coast and Zimbabwe. This geographic diversity is matched by the variety of conservation themes tackled by these papers.

In the Paleotropics, the article by Zadou et al., researches the socio-anthropological dimensions associated with the conservation of the rainforests of Marais Tanoé-Ehy in southeast Ivory Coast. The study by Gandiwa profiles aspects and the conservation impact of illegal wildlife hunting in communities in the vicinity of Gonarezhou National Park, in southeast Zimbabwe. Armstrong et al. report on a study of community composition and forest structure in a Madagascar lowland rainforest. The study by Velho and Kishnadas investigates post-logging recovery of animal-dispersed trees in a tropical forest site in north-east India.

In the Neotropics, Gamba-Trimiño et al., report on the demography of the clonal palm *Prestoea acuminata* in the Colombian Andes and the viability of sustainable household extraction of palm hearts. The diversity of galling insects, the only insects capable of manipulating plant tissues to form complex structures, and their relationship with specific plant hosts, was studied by Santos de Araújo in the Brazilian Cerrado.

Number of papers published by TCS in 2011

During 2011, TCS received 68 article submissions, of which 53% were accepted for publication after passing through the peer review process. These manuscripts were published in four issues. In total, 477 pages were published during 2011. These included four editorials and 36 manuscripts. The geographic regions most represented by the papers were the Neotropics and Africa (including Madagascar), followed by SE Asia and India (see graph below). Five of the papers dealt with conservation issues at a global scale.



Readership

Through the first 11 months of 2011, TCS papers were downloaded roughly 72,000 times, a 24% increase over the same period last year. The TCS site had about 32,000 visitors, a rise of roughly 23% over 2009.

Peer review

In 2011, 72 referees (see Appendix 1) kindly assisted TCS in the peer review, and we are grateful for their participation in this process. Their contribution has helped to sustain the high quality of manuscripts published in TCS.

Indexing of TCS

From the beginning, TCS editors have sought its inclusion in various academic indexing systems. Importantly, In November of 2011 **Thomson Reuters** incorporated TCS into the following indexing systems:

- **Biology & Environmental Sciences**
- **JCR (*Journal Citation Reports*)**
- **SCIE (*Science Citation Index Expanded*)**
- **Current Contents/Agriculture**

TCS has already been included in **Scopus**, **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**, **CAB Abstracts**, **EBSCO Publishing databases**, **Google Scholar**, **Stanford University e-journal database**, **Open Access Net of Germany**, **Ulrich's Periodicals Directory**

Appendix. List of referees who kindly reviewed manuscripts for TCS during 2011

Amy Mertl	Festus W. Ihwagi	Mario Marcos
Andrew Moriarty	Fred Naggs	Markus Gusset
Antonio de la Torre	Frederico Neves	Mekuria Argaw
Aparajita Datta	Gabriela Teren	Meng Xiuxiang
B. Crowley	George Gale	Menno Shilthuis
Bernal Herrera	George Schatz	Mensah Guy Apollinaire
Brittany Bovard	Gerardo Avalos	Naiara Pinto
Bruce Clegg	Gerardo Herrera	Nicolas Lescureux
Carlos López	Ghislain Vieilledent	Nicolas Urbina
Cédric Vermeulen	Gonzalo Halffter	Pablo Cuevas Reyes
Chris Birkinshaw	Gustavo Casas	Peter Mundy
Chris Darimon	Hans Bauer	Pierre Charruau
Christiane Erondina Corrêa	Hugo Jachmann	Pierre Michel Forget
Clifford Tafangenyasha	J. Elmer Topp-Jørgensen	Richard Fynn
Daniel Brito	Jafari Kideghesho	Rita Portela
David Burslem	Jessica Gurevitch	S.K. Dhungel
Demel Teketay Fanta	Joachim Nopper	Sarah Boyle
Dietmar Zinner	Joel Saenz	Sudheera M. W. Ranwala
Eduardo Naranjo	John Parkes	Tim Caro
Edward Kohi	José da Silva Mourão	Trevor Jones
Edard T. F. Witkowski	Joseph Ogutu	Tuli Msuya
Emmanuel Torquebiau	K. A. Zeller	Uyi Osariyekemwen
Federico Bolaños	Kate Ingenloff	
Fernanda Michalski	Kevin Pelh	

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