

Conservation Science

Translating Knowledge into Actions

The new journal for conservationists worldwide

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome readers to this new journal, *Conservation Science*, and provide an overview of its aims of offering an exciting venue for conservationists worldwide. Some of the motivating factors for founding a new journal are as follows:

- 1 Existing conservation journals are not easily accessible as they are based on developed countries, and in many cases they require expensive subscription. This has particularly affected not only the scientists in the developing world but also the scientists from developed countries who are unable to pay fee of an open access option but want their research work to be easily accessible to others. We believe that scientific knowledge should be disseminated freely to promote knowledge-based actions to solve conservation problems. *Conservation Science* is therefore launched with an open access policy to facilitate the free flow of information.
- 2 Many good research works get an unexpected outright rejection because of their quality of English and writing styles. The rewards of submitting paper at *Conservation Science* is that authors can expect no complete rejection (except in case of poor science or ethical issues) but a gentle reminder to improve their manuscripts from the editorial assistants and editors. This provides an ample chance to improve the manuscripts although editors at *Conservation Science* do not compromise about the quality of the content.
- 3 Conservation problems have grown very dramatically and rapidly and that the cross-disciplinary research is relatively new. Journals that prioritize research incorporating multidisciplinary methods are scarce, and existing journals are highly selective (e.g. Biological Conservation, Conservation Biology, Conservation Letters, etc.). *Conservation Science* provides an additional venue of publication the research works that provide a solution to existing and emerging conservation problems.

The aim of this journal is to promote knowledge-based actions to solve existing and emerging conservation problems by providing an avenue to emerging conservation biologists, educators, researchers and practitioners from both developed and developing countries to publish their work, to discuss on their ideas and to share their knowledge. The subjects include, but are not limited to, conservation biology, conservation genetics, conservation

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governance, energy conservation, species conservation, habitat conservation, landscape conservation, conservation laws and policies, and conservation education. *Conservation Science* publishes Original Articles, Short Communications, Reviews, Letters to the Editor, Essays, Book Reviews and Conservation Notes. Apart from the regular issues, *Conservation Science* also publishes a thematic issue every year to highlight conservation subjects.

Conservation science is committed to the rapid review and publication of the best manuscripts. The first editorial decision is unusually very fast, ranging from 2 to 3 weeks. The accepted papers are published online immediately and circulated widely throughout the world. We believe that innovative ideas can emerge from the young scientists, and that reviewers should not be influenced by prior works of the contributors. Therefore, a double blind peer review method is used to assess the quality of the manuscripts.

Conservation Science has continued to flourish since its first announcement one year ago. We started working with a team of four editors. Now it has grown to a team of 13 editors, a layout editor, a language editor and two editorial assistants. The journal operates through fully functional manuscript central (www.conservscience.org). Editors at *Conservation Science* are committed to provide a constructive suggestion to improve the quality of manuscript, and assist authors with a timely publication of their research works.