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news

A brand-new face for a Brazilian conservation journal

Natureza & Conservação (Brazilian Journal of Nature Conservation) is a peer-reviewed scientific journal devoted to improving theoretical, methodological and practical aspects of conservation science. The journal is edited by the Brazilian Association for Ecology and Conservation (ABECO, <http://www.abecol.org.br>) and sponsored by the Fundação Boticário de Conservação da Natureza (<http://www.fundacaoboticario.org.br>), a Brazilian NGO. *Natureza & Conservação* is currently indexed in JCR/Web of Science, Periodica, CABI International, Latindex and Hapi. It has just received its first impact factor (IF = 0.227), and the new team of editors, led by José Alexandre F. Diniz Filho and Rafael Dias Loyola, is working to improve this figure and give a more international profile to the journal.

Natureza & Conservação publishes papers from all fields of conservation biology and environmental sciences, but is seeking for papers focusing on theoretical and methodological developments in the field, so that case studies must be clearly inserted into these broader contexts. Papers in Conservation Biogeography and Spatial Conservation Prioritization are particularly welcome due to the integrative nature of these new fields and general potential interest for planners and ecologists. Papers are published in English, basically in two formats: *Essays & Perspectives*, which are longer essays and reviews, updating recent topics of general interest in conservation science and highlighting new conceptual, practical or methodological advances. Papers in this section are usually invited by the editors, but proposals

are welcome. Original scientific research papers will be evaluated in a fast-track decision process and published as *Research Letters*, which are concise manuscripts of about 3500 words (tied to an online supplementary material, if necessary). Other sections, in Portuguese, will comprise invited columns dealing with specific topics in conservation (a *Forum* section), as well as correspondence, book reviews and highlights from the literature.

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