

# BIOLINK

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## Guidelines for Authors - Technical Section

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### A. Scope

The technical section of **Biolink** focuses on all aspects of wildlife biology and environmental science. The thrust areas are: wildlife ecology; wildlife population dynamics, conservation, economy; management for conservation, hunting or pest/ weed control; population genetics; sustainable development and socio-cultural aspects of human-wildlife relationships.

### B. General Guidelines

- All manuscripts should be addressed to **the Editor, Biolink**.
- Submission of a manuscript to Biolink implies that the same has not been previously published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere; and further, that if accepted, it will not be published elsewhere.
- Manuscripts of all categories (see below) are to be submitted through email along with a letter of transmittal, mentioning (i) title of the manuscript and (ii) names and complete addresses (including telephone numbers, e-mail id etc.) of all the authors.
- All manuscripts, solicited and unsolicited, will be first assessed by a Reviewing Editor. The suitable manuscripts will be then **peer reviewed**. The authors of these manuscripts will be further notified of acceptance, need for revision or rejection of the paper by the editorial team of Biolink. It may be noted that papers once rejected cannot be resubmitted.

### C. Manuscript Category

- **Original Papers** must present scientific results that are essentially new in the field of biodiversity and the environment and that have not been published or are not being considered for publication elsewhere. Maximum word limit for 'Original Paper' is 2500 and maximum of three display item (figure and/ or table).
- **Reviews** should cover a topic of current interest and present novel insights or conclusions in the field of biodiversity and the environment. Maximum word limit for 'Reviews' is 2500 and maximum of three display item (figure and/ or table).
- **Technical Notes** should describe novel techniques or methodological improvements for biodiversity and environmental research. The 'technical notes' should include a detailed

description of the method and show results to demonstrate its application. Maximum word limit for 'technical notes' is 1200 and maximum of two display item (figure and/ or table).

#### **D. Author conflict of interest statement**

Any other conflict of interest must be declared while submitting the manuscripts.

#### **E. Manuscript Preparation**

Manuscript should be submitted in .doc or .docx format (font: Arial/ Times New Roman; font point 12 with 2.0 line spacing). Use the automatic page numbering function to number the pages.

The manuscript should be ordered as follows: Title page, abstract, key words, text, acknowledgements, references, tables, figure captions (on separate page) and figures.

##### **a) Title Page:**

- The title page should contain Title, Authors, Affiliations, and Corresponding author and address.
- The **title** should be brief, specific and amenable to indexing.
- Provide complete current/valid correspondence address of all authors.
- Provide current/valid email ids of ALL authors. Author for correspondence must indicate "Corresponding Author" in parenthesis after the email ID.
- Provide complete names of all authors by expanding all initials, wherever possible.
- The ordering practice of first, middle and last names should be consistent with global usage (the global first-middle-last name citation standard).

##### **b) Abstract**

Abstract should be limited to 200 words and convey the main points of the paper, outline the results and conclusions, and explain the significance of the results.

##### **c) Keywords**

Authors should include no more than five **keywords** which should be chosen carefully and must not be phrases of several words.

##### **d) Text**

All articles should have a brief introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion. The text should be intelligible to readers in different disciplines and technical terms should be defined. Tables and figures should be referred to in numerical order. All symbols and abbreviations must be defined, and used only when necessary. Superscripts, subscripts and

ambiguous characters should be clearly indicated. Units of measure should be metric or, preferably, SI.

#### e) **Acknowledgement**

Authors must acknowledge the organizations that have provided financial support for their work. The names of funding organizations should be written in full.

#### f) **References**

The references should be numbered in superscript, serially in the order in which they appear, first through the text and then through table and figure legends. References should not include unpublished source materials. The list of References at the end of the text should be in the following format.

##### **1. For Journal**

- Acharya, B.K. & L. Vijayan (2015). Butterfly diversity along the elevation gradient of eastern Himalaya, India. *Ecological Research* 30(5): 909–919
- Ricketts, T.H. (2004). Tropical forest fragments enhance pollinator activity in nearby coffee crops. *Conservation Biology* 18(5): 1262-1271; <https://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1523-1739.2004.00227.x>
- Pino-Del-Carpio, A., A.H. Ariño, A. Villarroya, J. Puig & R. Miranda (in press). The biodiversity data knowledge gap: Assessing information loss in the management of Biosphere Reserves. *Biological Conservation* Available online 8 December 2013; <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2013.11.020>
- Acharya, B., N.J. Sanders, L. Vijayan & B. Chettri (2011). Elevational gradients in bird diversity in the eastern Himalaya: an evaluation of distribution patterns and their underlying mechanisms. *PLoS One* 6(12): e29097; <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0029097>
- Hussain, M.A., A.K.M.S. Islam, M.A. Islam & B. Bhaskaran (2013). Changes of the seasonal salinity distribution at the Sundarbans coast due to impact of climate change, pp. 637–648. In: *Proceedings of 4th International Conference on Water & Flood Management (ICWFM-2013)*

##### **2. For Book and Book Chapter**

- Bahuguna, N.C. & J.K. Mallick (2010). *Handbook of the Mammals of South Asia*. Natraj Publishers, Dehra Dun, 541pp

- Mittermeier, R.A., A.B. Rylands & D.E. Wilson (eds.) (2013). *Handbook of the mammals of the world: primates*. Lynx edicions, Spain, 952pp.
- Wilson, D.E. & D.M. Reeder (eds.) (2005). *Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference, 3rd edition, Vol. 1 & 2*. The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, pp.i-xxxv+1-743 & pp.i-xvii+745-2142.
- Donnelly, M.A., C. Guyer, J.E. Juterbock & R.A. Alford (1994). Techniques for marking amphibians; pp 277– 284. In: Heyer, W.R., M.A. Donnelly, R.W. McDiarmid, L-A.C. Hayek & M.S. Foster (eds.). *Measuring and Monitoring Biological Diversity: Standard Methods for Amphibians*. Smithsonian University Press, Washington DC, 384pp.
- Whittaker, K., M.S. Koo, D.B. Wake & V.T. Vredenburg (2013). Global declines of amphibians, pp. 691–699. In: Levin, Simon A. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Biodiversity: Vol III*. Academic Press, 5504pp; <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-384719-5.00266-5>

### **3. For Report:**

- Kumar, S., B.V. Shetty, D. Bennet & S. Molur (2000). Report of the Conservation Assessment and Management Plan Workshop on Endemic Orchids of the Western Ghats. Zoo Outreach Organisation & CBSG South Asia, Coimbatore, India, 150pp.

### **4. For Thesis:**

- Rodriguez, J.P. (1999). Ecology of contraction of geographical distributions. PhD Thesis. Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, viii+143pp.

### **g) Table**

- For each table, please supply a table caption (title) explaining the components of the table.
- Identify any previously published material by giving the original source in the form of a reference at the end of the table caption.
- Footnotes to tables should be indicated by superscript lower-case letters (or asterisks for significance values and other statistical data) and included beneath the table body.

### **h) Figure and Figures captions**

- Supply all figures separately.
- Each figure should have a concise caption describing accurately what the figure depicts. Include the captions in the text file of the manuscript, not in the figure file.

- Figure captions begin with the term **Fig.** in bold type, followed by the figure number, also in bold type.
- No punctuation is to be included after the number, nor is any punctuation to be placed at the end of the caption.
- Identify all elements found in the figure in the figure caption; and use boxes, circles, etc., as coordinate points in graphs.
- Identify previously published material by giving the original source in the form of a reference citation at the end of the figure caption.