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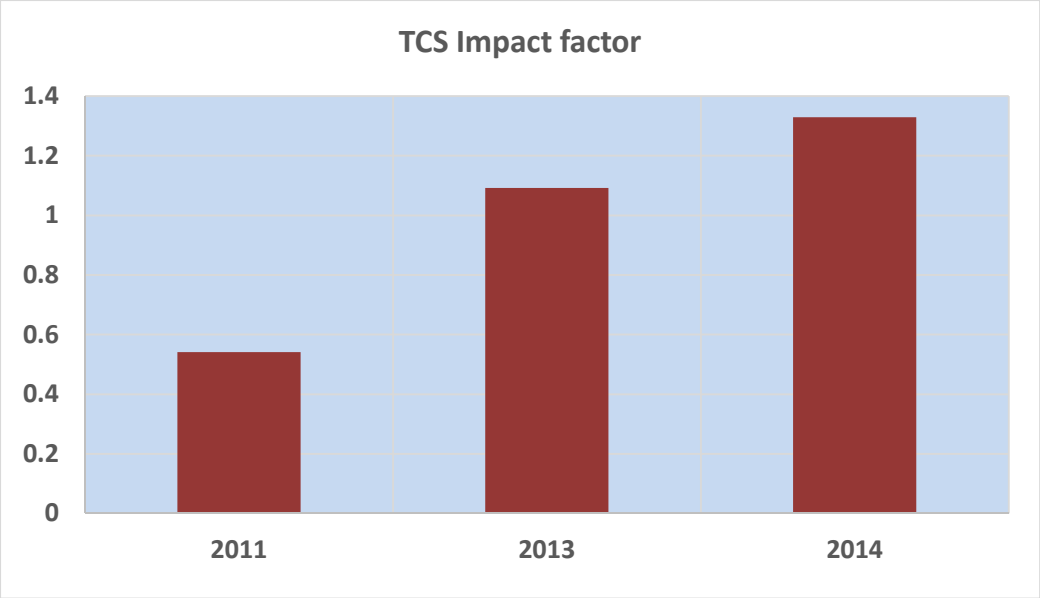
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Editorial

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The current issue of Tropical Conservation Science, the result of the above process, includes 15 contributions. Of these, one is a Conservation Letter and 14 are Research Articles.

These papers encompass an array of conservation-oriented studies conducted in the Neotropics, Africa, India, and Southeast Asia. The authors report on Scarlet Macaw reintroduction in southern Mexico; on the limnology of highly threatened tropical high-mountain crater lakes in Ethiopia; on rural communities' environmental perceptions in the Peruvian Amazon; on year-to-year variations in small rodent responses to habitat fragmentation in southern Mexico; on the ethnozoology of small mammals in northeast Brazil; on diet quality of reintroduced African buffalo in Umfurudzi Park, Zimbabwe; on sensitivity of bats with different ecological traits to habitat fragmentation in western Mexico; on the impact of ethno-political conflict on carnivore and herbivore densities in Manas National Park, India; on a local conservation action plan for the Blue-winged Macaw in northeast Brazil; on management of domestic dogs in conservation-friendly agroforests in southern Bahia, Brazil; on modeling the distribution of lowland tapir in the Atlantic forest of southeast Brazil; on using non-invasive genetic identification techniques in West African threatened primates; on Intentional snake road-kills in Brazil and their impact on snake populations; on seed rain and forest restoration in lowland rainforest in Southern Thailand; and on human influence on bird species distributions in Vietnam.

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