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## **Editorial**

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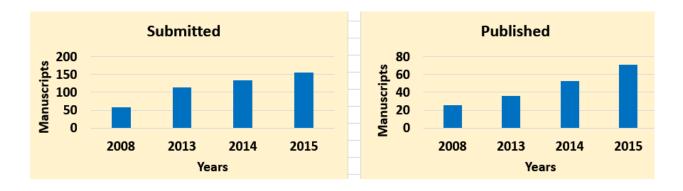
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The current issue of Tropical Conservation Science includes 21 Research Articles, 2 Review Articles, 2 Opinion Articles and 2 Short Communications.

These papers encompass studies in Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, Thailand, Taiwan, China, India, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico and the Pacific Islands. They cover a broad set of topics, ranging from guidelines for wildlife monitoring, fisheries, impact of roads on wildlife, classification of plant functional groups, community protected areas and biodiversity conservation, climate change and terrestrial biodiversity, conservation value of regenerating forests, edge effects on wildlife, the pet trade, wildlife poaching, stakeholders' linkages and conservation, avian ecology and distribution and seed dispersal by birds, among other topics.

The articles in this issue provide a view of the broad geographic and thematic base of conservation research in the tropics. They also illustrate the challenges facing scientists when investigating local, regional and global conservation problems in the tropics.

Submissions to TCS and number of published articles have grown substantially in the last three years, ranging from 113 in 2013 to 155 in 2015. Accepted manuscripts ranged from 32% in 2013 to 46% in 2015. Average acceptance for the three-year block is 39%. Such growth trend is more evident when the 2013-2015 period is contrasted with the year 2008, when TCS was launched.



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