

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

The Journal **RECURSOS NATURALES Y SOCIEDAD, Anuario de contribuciones académicas del CIBNOR** is an annual online scientific publication by initiative of **Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste, S.C.** The aim of the journal is to disseminate research articles communicating knowledge clearly in a precise and accessible manner to non-specialized public but interested in widening their understanding of current topics and enriching their cultural profile by means of both scientific and technological research.

The Journal **RECURSOS NATURALES Y SOCIEDAD, Anuario de contribuciones académicas del CIBNOR** accepts research papers submitted in Spanish or English, which are sent for review by at least two expert scientists in the topic. The underlying approach of the accepted papers should be according to its objective, which goes beyond only spreading science. Our aim is education, which is why papers explaining clearly any topic will be preferred. Technical texts and work reports do not agree with the editorial profile of the journal. Thus, our contributors should adapt their text to deliver their message clearly comprehensible.

The final decision on acceptance of a manuscript by the Editorial Board is based on the recommendations submitted by the reviewers.

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

Assessment Criteria

Contributions shall be assessed both technically by specialists in the topic and editorially by experts in publishing and writing. The criteria considered by the reviewers' and the final report are:

- Command and updating of the topic graded by showing the precision applied both to research and presenting arguments and results;
- Logical, coherent, and orderly structure of the text in general, and particularly of concepts and arguments;
- Ability to explain didactically and accessibly the topics chosen by the author(s);
- Use of comprehensible language for all the public;
- Clear and precise writing.

Presentation format

a) Presentación and extension

Texts should be sent without previous styles or formats by electronic mail attachment in Word, Calibri 12 pts, double space, 3 cm margin in all 4 sides. Length for articles, reviews, and essays should have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 pages, including references, charts, and bibliography. Reviews should have a minimum length of 5 and a maximum of 10 pages. Figure legends should be included at the end of the text.

b) Structure

The article can be divided in sections highlighted by subtitles where parts of the whole will be dealt with precision according to the outline design chosen by the author(s). In the understanding that most of the articles are scientific reviews, not all of them will have the materials and methods or results sections. The review chapters should then have the following sections:

- Title
- Author(s)
- Resumen y Palabras clave
- Abstract and Key words
- Background
- Topic subsections of the review
- Academic discussion
- Final Considerations and Perspectives
- Acknowledgments
- Bibliography

Such structure corresponds to a dissemination journal that includes bibliographical reviews, in this case, biological, ecological, social, and economic aspects of natural resource management.

We recommend supporting the approach and development of each concept, argument, or reflection with the results of your own research, bibliography, or any document well known by scientists and academics.

c) Style

It is important to introduce the message in the most pleasant manner as possible. As mentioned before, we are expecting absolute rigor in the research and in the selection of the information offered, with a certain relaxation in style but not in language accuracy, which means expecting more narrative style than formal description; the writing style of a thesis or work report is not suitable in this journal. Moreover, both title and section subtitles should be preferably attractive and not too long, which is typical of research papers that are descriptive (if not, an attractive and short title will be recommended).

d) Explicitness

The inclusion of technical terms is conditioned to their clear explanation by a brief footnote, which should be easily comprehensible, and more technical terms should be avoided. In case of using abbreviations, acronyms, or symbols, it is a priority to immediately unleash them, in other words, explain their meaning. If it is necessary to express a phrase from another language, its translation should follow in parenthesis. If formulas and equations are

essential, they can be used, and in such case, they will be clarified pedagogically. Foreign terms should not be used if there is an equivalent in the language used in the paper.

e) Design

Authors should not worry about the design because the journal already has its concept, which makes it more convenient (and more comfortable for our collaborators) to place charts and figures at the end of the text and send images in separate files but correctly identified (Fig. 1, 2...) so they correspond to the legends included.

f) Appendices

Charts or figures should have a title and headings that support explaining specific points or illustrating a situation dealt with in the text; otherwise, this information will be excluded. It is necessary to show the reference in the text when the reader should see them (See Table 1) or (See Fig. 3).

g) Bibliography and references

Bibliographical cards or references should contain the following data: author(s), title of the book or article in a journal, name of the journal, publisher, city and year of publication, and series or collection with its corresponding number. The maximum number of references is 20; in case of exceeding in number, the editor will use its criteria to eliminate any of them.

Each author should make sure the references are cited properly. Those that appear in the text should be included in the list of references in the bibliography section and vice versa.

a. The format author(s) and year separated by a comma should be used in the text; for example:

"... represents an immature ecological gradient (Jain, 2012) ..." or "... Smith and Jones (2013) state ..."

b. If several references are listed alphabetically, separate the author(s) from the year by a comma and each citation by semicolon, for example:

"..... (Bert and Jones, 2002; Palmer, 1999; Valentine, 1997). ...".

c. When more than two authors are listed use et al., for example:

" ... according to the results obtained by Smith et al. (1980) ... ". In the bibliography section write all the authors' names.

d. Unpublished material (for example, reports and internal reports) should not be included as references. Personal communications should be excluded to the fullest and if used, they must be cited in the text and not in bibliography section in all cases, for example: (A. González, personal communication).

e. Citations in the Reference section should be in the following format:

Journal article:

Surname, First Name. Year. Article *Title in italics*. Name of extensive journal. Number (volume): pages, for example:

Greig-Smith, P. 1979. *Pattern in vegetation*. Journal of Ecology 67 (3): 775-779.

If more than one author, initials of co-authors' names will precede their surnames, for example:

Wester, D.B., H.A. Wright and J.F. Smith. 1987. *Ordination of vegetation change in Guadalupe Mountains, New Mexico*. Vegetatio 72 (1): 27-34.

Book:

Surname, First Name. Year. Book *Title in italics*. Editorial. City, Country. Number of pages, for example:

Everitt, P. 1974. *Cluster analysis*. Heinemann Educational Books Ltd. Paris, France. 343 pp.

Katz, F. (Ed.). 1990. *Revuelta, rebelión y revolución. La lucha rural en México. Siglo XXI*. México. D.F. 282 pp.

Book chapter

Surname, First name initial of the author of the chapter. Year. Chapter Title. Pages. In: Surname, First name initial Editors. (Eds.). *Title of the Book*. Editorial. City, Country. Number of pages, for example:

Barbault, R. 1987. *The structure of lizard communities*. pp. 157-264. In: Pianka, E. and P. Ffolliott (Eds.). *A new ecology*. Pergamon Press. Londres, Inglaterra. 434 pp.

Thesis

Surname, First Name. Year. *Thesis title in italics*. Degree obtained. University. Country.
Number of pages, for example:

Hernández, A. 1979. *Problems in cluster analysis*. Ph.D. thesis, Harvard University. U.S.A. 234 pp.

Web Pages

Surname, First Name initial or Name of Institution. Year. *Page Title in italics*. In: URL, Last access date. Examples:

Romero, L. 2005. *Estudios sociológicos, Sociología General, núm. 35, México: UNAM*. In: <http://www.unam.mx/principal.html>. ((last access date 22/01/2006).

GeoMéxico. 2004. *Estado del medio ambiente: suelo*. In: <http://www2.inecc.gob.mx/publicaciones/libros/448/9.pdf> (last Access date 17/10/ 2004).

The use of the ampersand (&) in the case of references with several coauthors should be omitted and replaced by the word "and".

The place of publication must be written in the language used.

The different citations of the same author should be ordered chronologically from the oldest to the most recent. Examples:

Halffter, G. 1978. Biosphere reserves

Halffter, G. 1984. Mexican modality....

h) Illustration

Author(s) should provide diagrams, illustrations or photography (especially those taken while performing their work because they make the readers come closer to the researchers or research) as information supplement. If the author(s) have adequate images to make the text or presentation attractive or stand out, the editorial team will appreciate having them even if they do not have an explanatory legend.

In any case, author(s) must inform if the images sent require receiving credit or if they require any permission for their publication. Those sent by magnetic or electronic media should be in ePs, tif or JPG formats –in a separate file– with a minimum resolution of 700 pixels per inch (should weigh more than 700 kb). Please do not insert images in Word files because they lose quality.

i) Additional information

The article must be submitted with a brief appendix with the following:

- A list of 3 potential referees experts in the topic** and from another institution. Indicate their ascription and electronic mail.
- Curricular card of coauthors, including academic degree, if SNI member (the national system of researchers in Mexico), electronic mail, besides other information considered important, **in no more than seven lines**. These data will be published at the end when the article is published.

j) Book Reviews.

In the case of books reviews these should correspond to the theme of Use, Management and Conservation of Natural Resources. Before to submit the review the author must send to the Editor in Chief the title of the book, who will ask to the Editorial Committee about the pertinence and will inform the proposer about the committee decision.

Articles will be received online in the following account:

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