

Call to contribute to the Special Collection “Biodiversity and Conservation of Asian Grasslands” in *Biodiversity and Conservation*

Editors

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Outline

Asia provides excellent research opportunities with vast grasslands, rich biodiversity, diverse and unique environments, and varied ecological and evolutionary processes. Simultaneously, it poses significant challenges for nature conservation and sustainable livelihoods due to ongoing global warming and land-use changes. However, many valuable scientific and conservation outputs about Asian Grasslands are not accessible to English-reading audiences. Therefore, bringing forward those precious ecosystems and relevant research advances to a global audience is necessary.

The [Eurasian Dry Grassland Group](#) and the journal [Biodiversity and Conservation](#) (Impact Factor: 3.549) are happy to launch a joint **Special Feature (SF) within the scope of “Biodiversity and Conservation of Asian Grasslands”**.

This SF welcomes regular papers and reviews within the scope of *Biodiversity and Conservation*, including biodiversity patterns, conservation prioritization, wildlife management, conservation planning, grassland biodiversity and ecosystem functioning under global change, livelihoods and sustainability of pastoral communities in Asia. Studies focusing solely on vegetation classification are not suitable for this SF but suitable for another SF organized by EDGG in the journal [Vegetation Classification and Survey](#). Studies with a very narrow geographical scope are not suitable for this SF unless the outputs have broader importance; instead, they can be submitted to a third parallel SF edited by EDGG in *Hacquetia*. Contributions presented at the [AGC](#) are particularly welcome, but also papers not related to the AGC are possible to submit.

Procedure and deadlines

Interested authors should first submit an abstract of their work to the Guest Editor, Dr Didem Ambarlı (didem.ambarli@gmail.com), by 01 May 2022 for initial check and valuation. The abstract should have a maximum of 300 words, a complete list and affiliations of the authors, contact details of the corresponding author, and include study aim or research questions, study area, methods, results and conclusions.

- **20 December 2021:** Publication of the call for contributions
- **Until 01 May 2022:** Submission of (preliminary) abstracts
- **Until 30 May 2022:** submitted abstracts will be evaluated continuously, and manuscripts either invited or declined
- **Until 31 December 2022:** submission of the papers (with prevalence to invited papers, while non-invited manuscripts might be considered on a one-by-one basis). All manuscripts should follow the journal's Author Guidelines and comply with the journal's submission rules.

Manuscripts will undergo peer-review and be published on a one-by-one basis once accepted.

We anticipate that we will conclude the whole Special Collection in the first half of 2023.

Contact for questions and submission of manuscripts (Chair of the Guest Editors): **Didem Ambarlı** (didem.ambarli@gmail.com).



Spermophilus fulvus, *Pulsatilla flavescens*, *Trichius fasciatus* and *Tulipa patens* in Naurzum Reserve, Kazakhstan.
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