

**Attention Scientists, Researchers and Wetlands
Managers:**

**You are invited to submit your scientific papers for
review and publication* in the international journal
*Wetlands (SWS)*¹**

²For a special feature on Asian Wetlands:

“Function, Classification and Management of Asian Wetlands”

Deadline for Submission: September 1, 2012

Topics: Papers can be about research on the function, classification and management of Asian wetlands, including: ecosystem function, climate change, biodiversity conservation, applied management, molecular ecology, macroecology, remote sensing, experimental studies, wetland classification, and field/lab experiments.

Purpose: The purpose of the special feature is to highlight Asian wetlands, and document current wetland conditions, plans, projects and programs in Asia for the world scientific community.

More Information: See: www.sws.org/wetlands/

¹The international journal *Wetlands* is the research publication of the Society of Wetland Scientists, published by Springer Science-Business Media (Springer). (www.sws.org/wetlands/)

²The special feature is organized by the U.S. Geological Survey, National Wetland Research Center (NWRC; Lafayette Louisiana USA) in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State (Washington DC, USA), and Office of Wetland Conservation and Management of the State Forestry Administration (People's Republic of China, Beijing, China).

**** Publication of papers subject to peer review and acceptance***

Call for Paper Submissions for *Wetlands* (SWS)

Special Feature: “Function, Classification and Management of Asian Wetlands”

The peer-reviewed international journal *Wetlands* (www.sws.org/wetlands/) announces a special feature dedicated to the understanding of Asian wetlands.

The special feature is organized by the U.S. Geological Survey, National Wetland Research Center (NWRC; Lafayette Louisiana USA) in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State (Washington DC, USA), and the State Forestry Administration (People’s Republic of China, Beijing, China).

The journal *Wetlands* is the research publication of the Society of Wetland Scientists, published by Springer Science-Business Media (Springer). (www.sws.org/wetlands/) The Society of Wetland Scientists is the premier organization of international wetland professionals from both research and management sectors. This professional society has been dedicated to research, management and education in wetland ecology since the 1980s.

This special feature will highlight Asian wetlands, and contrast these wetlands with other world ecosystems. The special feature will document current wetland conditions, plans, projects and programs in Asia for the world scientific community. While Asian wetlands comprise some of the most important in the world from a conservation perspective, these wetlands have been underemphasized in the literature.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS:

Authors. Please consider submitting research, review and descriptive papers in wetland ecology for this *Wetlands* special feature. Many topics will be considered for publication in the special feature on Asian Wetlands including wetland research and application related to ecosystem function, climate change, biodiversity conservation, applied management, molecular ecology, macroecology, remote sensing, experimental studies, wetland classification, and field/lab experiments. Both research and review papers will be considered. The special feature will be of particular relevance to an international audience because the papers will consider Asian wetlands with respect to other world wetlands.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

Article Format and Submission

For complete instructions on the format of articles, go to www.springer.com/life+sciences/ecology/journal/13157. Some of the instructions are hidden. To view all instructions, right-hand click on the gray button under ‘Title Page’. This will expand the menu to show all instructions, which must be strictly adhered to.

Submission of articles must be done online through the Springer Editorial Manager system. Follow the 'Submit Online' link at www.springer.com/life+sciences/ecology/journal/13157.

Authors must include a cover letter, which states that the manuscript is submitted for this special feature. In online submission, click "Asia Special Feature" under Article Type.

Additional Guidelines for the Special Feature

Authors should anticipate spending a substantial amount of time writing and revising their papers. The specific amount of time necessary to construct a paper will vary depending on the type of paper, and status of the project research. It is not unusual for papers to take longer than 6 months to finalize, especially when there are multiple authors. Data analysis, tables and figures also require significant time allocation. The entire manuscript should double-spaced, left justified, with page and line numbers included, and cannot exceed 35 pages including all tables and figures. Page and line numbers should be included for easier handling by reviewers. While the publication of the journal articles will be free to authors and sponsors, color photos printed in the paper version will be charged to the author at about \$1,200 per image. Color photos can be included free of charge as online supplemental materials.

Abstract: The abstract should be no more than 200 words long. The first line of the Abstract should be a statement of the key concept of the paper, and the second line should describe generally how this paper relates to the theme. The body of the Abstract should briefly describe methodology in one sentence, followed by key research findings. The final line of the Abstract should describe how this study advances the science related to the key concept stated in the first line of the paper.

Introduction: The Introduction should clearly state the theme of the paper, review the relevant literature, and end with objectives and hypotheses for the study.

Study Site Description: Give the latitude and longitude of the study sites and include a map. Describe the vegetation and general environmental characteristics of the site.

Methods: Concisely, but in exact detail, describe the methodology used to do your study.

Results: This section should include the findings of the study as outlined by the methodology.

Discussion Section: The Discussion should be a careful consideration of how Asian wetlands compare to other world wetlands, with extensive comparisons based on the literature. A Discussion should compare findings to other world studies on similar topics, and should not rehash the Results.

Conclusion: The Conclusions should summarize the main findings of the work. It is a good idea to read your Conclusions to see if there are ideas that you should use in the organization of the Discussion.

Acknowledgments: Acknowledgments should include funding agencies, grant numbers, and appropriate gestures of appreciations, but should be short.

References: The References section should follow the guidelines of recent issues of *Wetlands*.

For Review Papers: Review papers should have an Abstract, Introduction, Key Sections with headers as appropriate, Conclusions, and References. Follow the general procedures for the Abstract and Introduction for the Research Paper. The body of the review should be divided into relevant sections.

Languages and Translation:

For all Papers: Articles must be submitted to the journal in English. If pre-submission English assistance and translation of the paper is desired by the author(s), the authors should add several months of lead time to their submission deadlines. Every effort will be made to assist authors with English translation prior to submission, and some members of the review board will be fluent in Chinese and other Asian languages.

The special feature will include a board of individuals who are fluent in various Asian languages. All are interested in assisting authors with manuscript translation and revision. Reviewers will be selected based on their willingness to assist authors in English language, statistical and writing skills. Papers will achieve the highest standard of scientific and English quality before acceptance for publication.

If the author has difficulty getting specific literature, members of the editorial review board will assist if possible.

Special Feature Review Board

The Special Feature Review Board (Beth Middleton, USGS NWRC, and others) will make recommendations on the selection of papers and themes to the Editor-in-Chief of *Wetlands*, after initial vetting by the journal. Authors should note that *Wetlands* normally accepts approximately 30% of papers that are submitted, thus maintaining a high standard for the science and quality of the journal.

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