

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Small Carnivore Conservation publishes material concerning the families of Ailuridae, Eupleridae, Herpestidae, Mephitidae, Mustelidae, Nandiniidae, Prionodontidae, Procyonidae, and Viverridae, on any topic, because anything may impact their conservation. *All submissions are peer-reviewed.* Submissions are usually in English (following British spellings and syntax), but other languages are now welcomed; these should include an English abstract. Electronic submissions are preferred; paper submissions take longer to process. Articles may be any length and should be structured to communicate their content most effectively. All articles should contain an abstract (summary) and 4–8 keywords. Abstracts in the vernacular, when included, should be submitted in electronic form (as pdf as well as a high resolution jpeg file) and prepared using Open Type Font (OTF).

Figures should be prepared at proportions and text-size suitable for reproduction onto an A4 page, *in black-and-white*. We recommend the use of Arial or similar *sans-serif* font for any lettering (such as axes labels) used on graphs. Excel spreadsheets containing graphs in proper format may be submitted electronically to the editors. Images (photographs, artwork, maps, diagrams) may be submitted in digital TIFF (at least 300 dpi resolution and 8" × 11") or JPEG (maximum quality) formats. Legends to all figures should be provided on a separate page with the manuscript. The editors are happy to assist authors in improving English style or more generally with the construction of manuscripts. All editorial correspondence should be addressed initially to the Editor-in-Chief (address on inside front cover).

English is a second language for many, so writing should be clear and direct. Please consult a recent issue (Volume 36 onward) for general style and adherence to the following conventions would be greatly appreciated. Capitalise English names of species, e.g. Selous's Mongoose, Stripe-backed Weasel, Large-toothed Ferret Badger, but not group names, e.g. mongooses, skunks. Give both English and scientific names at first mention of a taxon, using neither parentheses nor comma, i.e., Stripe-necked Mongoose *Herpestes vitticollis*. Give geographical locations as latitude/longitude in degrees/minutes using a ° sign (or d if this is not available), e.g. 37°14'S, 6°04'E; *do not use* 37.14°S, because this is ambiguous. With measurements use a space between number and unit: 34 mm, not 34mm (but: 34%). Dates must be unambiguous: use 3 April 1967, *not* 3/4/67. Use only the 24-hr clock, e.g. 07h55, 19h14, for times. Statistical testing is encouraged (the Editor-in-Chief is happy to advise), but *manuscripts about little-known species are particularly sought, whether or not results are amenable to statistical testing.* Similarly, given the paucity of information for many of 'our' species, speculative discussion is strongly encouraged, but any conclusions should be justifiable from the data.

References:

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ternet sources; give date of access and internet address. Cite literature in the text as follows: (Dao Van Tien 1978, Bollen *et al.* 1982b, 1982c, 1983, Raselimanana & Goodman 2004), items in date sequence. Order the reference list alphabetically by first word of family name (e.g. H. Van Rompaey under 'V', Mao Zedong under 'M') or, if no family name, by the first-written or otherwise predominant name. Give titles of periodicals in full. Capitalise significant words in titles of journals but not (in English) in titles of papers and books. Give the country as well as town of publication. Place transliterated titles in square brackets. Examples:

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