

# Journal of Threatened Taxa: Building Bridges in Conservation Science



The **Journal of Threatened Taxa** (JoTT) continues its vital mission of democratizing scientific knowledge in conservation and taxonomy, maintaining its commitment to accessible, high-quality peer-reviewed publications that serve the global biodiversity community. JoTT is published by Wildlife Information Liaison Development Society and Hosted and supported by Zoo Outreach Organisation.

## Our Mission: Open Access, High Standards, Global Impact

The Journal of Threatened Taxa (<https://threatenedtaxa.org/>) stands as a beacon of open-access scientific publishing—an international, peer-reviewed monthly journal dedicated to conservation and taxonomy that challenges the traditional barriers to scientific knowledge. In an era where research findings often remain locked behind expensive paywalls, JoTT provides a refreshing alternative: quality publications accessible to everyone, everywhere.

## Core Principles That Define JoTT

**Accessibility Without Compromise** JoTT operates on a

straightforward principle: scientific knowledge critical to conservation should be available to all who need it. The journal follows the 'Gold Open Access' model, charging readers nothing for subscription while maintaining minimal article processing charges for authors. There are no hidden costs, no page charges, and no membership fees—just transparent, affordable publishing that removes financial barriers to sharing vital research.

**Serving the Global Conservation Community** The journal's mission extends beyond simple publication. JoTT serves as a rapid-response platform for researchers and conservationists worldwide, providing quick and easy access to peer-reviewed work critical to their fields. Whether supporting immediate conservation action or advancing long-term academic



research, JoTT ensures that time-sensitive findings reach their audiences without unnecessary delay.

### **Evidence-Based**

**Conservation** JoTT is specifically established to build the evidence base for conservation and allied fields. The journal welcomes diverse contributions spanning taxonomy, ecology, disease studies, biodiversity surveys, conservation assessments, wildlife management, and numerous related disciplines. This broad scope ensures that the wildlife community, scientists, academics, educators, policy makers, managers, and the general public all have access to the information they need.

**Scientific Excellence Through Inclusivity** While maintaining rigorous scientific standards through robust peer review, JoTT actively encourages broad participation across subject areas, author backgrounds, and geographic regions. The journal publishes without bias or prejudice, focusing on scientific merit rather than institutional prestige or author fame. Unlike journals that chase high impact factors through selective publishing of “trendy” topics, JoTT values all solid science that contributes to conservation knowledge—recognizing that seemingly modest studies often contain invaluable data that would otherwise be lost to science.

**Mentorship and Capacity Building** JoTT goes beyond traditional publishing by actively mentoring new researchers in producing high-quality scientific articles. A dedicated



network of volunteer scientists from around the world provides peer review and editorial guidance, helping develop the next generation of conservation researchers. For authors from non-English speaking countries, JoTT offers English language editing assistance, ensuring that language barriers never prevent important research from reaching global audiences.

## **Achievements: April to September 2025**

The past six months demonstrate JoTT’s continued growth and impact as a platform for conservation science:

### **Publication Metrics Volume and Reach**

- ~ **6 issues published** (Volume 17, Issues 4–9)
- ~ **788 pages of scientific content** (pages 26,762–27,550)
- ~ **90 peer-reviewed publications**, comprising:
  - ~ 54 full research articles
  - ~ 36 short communications and notes

## Global Participation

- ~ **263 contributing authors** representing diverse expertise and perspectives
- ~ **9 countries** represented in published research, reflecting JoTT's international scope

## Maintaining Quality and Pace

This six-month period exemplifies JoTT's ability to maintain consistent monthly publication schedules while upholding rigorous peer review standards. Each issue represents countless hours of work by authors, reviewers, and editors—all committed to advancing conservation science through accessible, high-quality publications.

The 90 articles published during this period cover the full spectrum of conservation and taxonomy research, from detailed species descriptions and taxonomic revisions to field surveys, ecological studies, and conservation assessments. Each publication adds to the growing body of evidence available to inform conservation decisions and actions worldwide.

## Looking Forward: Sustaining the Mission

As JoTT continues its journey, the journal remains steadfast in its founding principles: making conservation science accessible to all, maintaining high scientific standards, supporting researchers at all career stages, and ensuring that valuable data reaches the people who need it most—whether they're researchers in well-funded institutions, conservation practitioners in biodiversity hotspots, policy makers shaping environmental regulations,

or students preparing to enter the field. In a world facing unprecedented biodiversity loss, platforms like JoTT play an increasingly critical role. By ensuring that conservation research is published quickly, reviewed rigorously, and accessible freely, the journal helps accelerate the pace of conservation action when time is of the essence.

The 788 pages published between April and September 2025 represent more than publication statistics—they represent collective effort to document, understand, and ultimately protect Earth's threatened biodiversity. Through continued commitment to open access, scientific excellence, and inclusive participation, JoTT will continue serving the global conservation community in the challenging years ahead.

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