



## Instructions for Authors

### **1 Purpose and Scope**

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The *International Journal of Galliformes Conservation* is an open access journal that will be published online annually by the World Pheasant Association. The World Pheasant Association is an international non-governmental organization that is dedicated to ensuring the survival of those species of the Galliformes that are threatened with extinction, and to the maintenance of viable populations of all of these birds and their natural habitats.

The *International Journal of Galliformes Conservation* will publish original papers on any aspect of Galliformes conservation and periodically it will publish the proceedings of the International Galliformes Symposia, organised by the World Pheasant Association.

The Journal encourages material that enhances understanding of conservation needs and that has the potential to improve conservation management of globally threatened Galliformes species in their range states.

One of the key objectives of the Journal is to encourage and assist Galliformes conservationists who have not published in an international journal before. This will include advice on layout, analysis and presentation of results, as well as assistance with editing and improving the written English.

Papers in the journal will be published in English, with an additional summary in the language of the first author if required. We encourage authors whose first language is not English to have their manuscripts read and edited by colleagues or friends whose first language is English. Occasionally, papers associated with conferences or proceedings may be published in other languages, with an English summary.

### **2 Readership**

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The readership will include conservation professionals, academics, government departments, non-governmental organizations, students, those engaged in management of captive birds for conservation purposes and interested members of the public. The Journal will be openly available online for free via the World Pheasant Association website

### **3 Content**

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The Journal will be made up of the following components.

#### **i) Papers and Short Communications**

Full Papers (1,000-5,000 words) and Short Communications (200-1,000 words) are invited on topics relevant to the Journal's focus, including:

- Research on the status, ecology or behaviour of species in the wild and their habitats.
- Reviews of conservation policy and legislation affecting Galliformes.
- Conservation management plans for Galliformes species, their habitats or ranges.
- Novel methods, techniques, analyses and insights that are appropriate to or will aid research and conservation.
- Aspects of captive management and research related to conservation objectives.
- Research on direct use in the wild, including over-exploitation and sustainable use.
- Abstracts of student theses (Short Communications only).

The Journal will not accept formal descriptions of new species, subspecies or other taxa.

#### **ii) News**

Concise reports (<300 words) on news of general interest to the study and management of Galliformes. News reports may include, for example:

- Announcements of new initiatives; for example, the launch of new projects, conferences or funding opportunities.
- Announcements of important new reports or other publications related to galliform conservation.
- Summaries of important news from an authoritative published source; for example, a new research technique, or a recent development in conservation.

#### **iii) Letters to the Editor**

Informative contributions (<650 words) in response to material published in the Journal.

### **4 How to Submit a Manuscript**

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Manuscripts should be submitted by e-mail to the editors at [IJGC@pheasant.org.uk](mailto:IJGC@pheasant.org.uk)

In the covering e-mail, the lead (corresponding) author must confirm that:

- a) The submitted manuscript has not been published elsewhere,
- b) All of the authors have read the submitted manuscript and agreed to its submission, and
- c) All research was conducted with the necessary approval and permit from the appropriate authorities.

## 5 Review and Editing

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The editorial team will provide as much assistance as possible to ensure that submitted papers that would ultimately be a valuable contribution to the Journal are published. This may include advice on analysis, data presentation and editing. However, all contributors are strongly advised to ensure that their spelling and grammar are checked by a native English speaker before the manuscript is submitted to the Journal. The editorial team reserves the right to reject manuscripts that need extensive editing for English spelling and grammar or do not conform to the required format given in these instructions. All manuscripts will be subject to rigorous peer review by a minimum of two qualified reviewers. Authors are welcome to suggest appropriate reviewers. Proofs will be sent to authors as a portable document format (PDF) file attached to an e-mail note.

Corrected proofs should be returned to the editor within the prescribed time frame. Minor corrections can be communicated by e-mail.

## 6 Preparation of Manuscripts

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Authors should consult examples posted under Publications on the World Pheasant Association Website [www.pheasant.org.uk](http://www.pheasant.org.uk) for general style. Full papers follow the style of those in *Oryx – The International Journal of Conservation*. Contributions should be in English, with UK English spelling. Manuscripts should be double-spaced. Submissions can be in 'doc' or 'rtf' format, preferably as one file attached to one covering email. The cover page should contain the title and full mailing address, e-mail address and address of the lead author and all additional authors. All pages should be numbered consecutively, and the order of the sections of the manuscript should be: cover page, main text, short biography of each author, tables, figures and plates.

**Title:** A succinct description of the work, in no more than 20 words.

**Abstract:** (Full papers only) This should describe, in 100-250 words, the aims, methods, major findings and conclusions. The abstract should be informative and intelligible without reference to the text, and should not contain any references or undefined abbreviations.

**Keywords:** (Full papers only) Up to eight pertinent words, in alphabetical order.

**References:** These should be cited in the text as, for example, McGowan & Garson (2006) or (Carroll, 2000). For three or more authors, use the first author's surname followed by et al.; for example, Browne et al. (2006) or (Fuller et al., 2005). Multiple references should be in chronological order and separated by a colon; for example, (Carroll, 2000; Browne et al., 2006; McGowan & Garson, 2006).

The reference list should be in alphabetical order, and article titles and the titles of serial publications should be given in full. Authors' names are in **small capitals** (please do not use All caps). The following are examples of house style:

BRICKLE, N.W. (2002) Habitat use, predicted distribution and conservation of green peafowl *Pavo muticus* in Dak Lak Province, Vietnam. *Biological Conservation*, 105, 189-197.

FULLER, R.A., MCGOWAN, P.J.K., CARROLL, J.P., DEKKER, R.W.R.J. & GARSON, P.J. (2003) What does IUCN species action planning contribute to the conservation process? *Biological Conservation*, 112, 343-349.

POTTS, G.R. (1986) *The Partridge: Pesticides, Predation and Conservation*. Collins, London, UK.

SUTHERLAND, W.J. (ed.) (1998) *Conservation Science and Action*. Blackwell Science, Oxford, UK.

BECK, B.B., RAPAPORT, L.G. & STANLEY PRICE, M.R. (1994) Reintroduction of captive-born animals. In *Creative Conservation: Interactive Management of Wild and Captive Animals* (eds P.J.S. OLNEY, G.M. MACE & A.T.C. FEISTNER), pp. 265-286. Chapman & Hall, London, UK.

DALTRY, J.C. (2002) *Social and ecological surveys of Phnom Aural Wildlife Sanctuary, Cardamom Mountains, Cambodia*. Unpublished report by Fauna and Flora International Cambodia Programme.

WINARNI, N.L. (2002) *The abundance and distribution patterns of great argus pheasant *Argusianus argus* in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park, Sumatra, Indonesia*. Unpublished MS Thesis, University of Georgia, Athens.

IUCN (2007) *2007 IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*. [Http://www.redlist.org](http://www.redlist.org) [accessed 1 May 2008].

**Biographical sketches:** This should describe the main research interests of all authors (<150 words total), apart from what is obvious from the subject of the manuscript and the authors' affiliations.

**Tables, figures and plates:** These should be self-explanatory, each on a separate page and with an appropriate caption. Figures should be in black and white. Colour plates can be included in an article if they are integral to the subject studied (for example a camera-trap photograph of a rare species) and are of good quality. General photos of habitat or field teams (for example) are also permitted.

**Appendices:** Lengthy tables, and questionnaires should be placed in appendices, which will be made available as online-only appendices on the Journal web site. Online-only appendices can also include colour figures and plates.

**Species names:** Species names will follow those given by Howard and Moore. The first time a species is mentioned, its scientific name should follow without intervening punctuation: e.g., green peafowl *Pavo muticus*. English names should be in lower case throughout except where they incorporate a proper name (e.g. Himalayan monal, Cabot's tragopan, orange-necked hill-partridge).

**Abbreviations:** Full expansion should be given at first mention in the text.

**Units of measurement:** Use metric units for measurements of area, mass, height, etc.

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