

Special Sections in Biotropica

A Special Section is a group of 6–8 original papers focusing on a central topic. The Section should appeal to a broad international audience from all tropical regions. An introductory chapter is required and a synthesis chapter is optional, but strongly encouraged. Papers can be single- or multiple-authored and can present original syntheses or reviews, conceptual advances, or data papers. We discourage multiple papers by the same authors.

Process for approval and publication of a Special Section

A proposal for the Special section should be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief, Jaboury Ghazoul (see format below). Guest Editors are encouraged to discuss their ideas first with the Editor before submitting a proposal. The proposal will be reviewed by the Biotropica Editorial Board and comments will be collated and delivered to the Guest Editor. Topics should be compelling, broad in scope, present new syntheses or comparisons, and should cover a wide range of geographic areas. The author base should be diverse, include a balance of genders, and should include residents of the tropical regions covered.

Once the Special Section is approved, manuscripts should be submitted by individual authors via Manuscript Central and designated as Special Section papers. Authors should be given clear deadlines for submission of manuscripts and revisions. All manuscripts (including introductory and synthesis papers) must be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers in addition to at least one Guest Editor, who will serve as Subject Editor for that manuscript. Members of the Biotropica Editorial Board can also serve as reviewers. The Editor-in-Chief makes all final decisions regarding acceptance of manuscripts. Regular papers currently in press that are clearly linked thematically to the Special Section may be included, pending approval of the Guest Editors.

Guest Editors will work with the Editor-in-Chief to define the time line and to plan the layout and cover photo, and to gather all needed documents for publication (figures, tables, copyright forms).

Page Charges

All Special Section papers must pay page charges at a cost of US\$60 per page. This applies regardless of authors' ATBC membership, and no exceptions can be made for developing country status or other reasons. Authors should be aware that Special Sections require Biotropica to cover the cost for the extra pages that are incurred by a Special Section, hence the necessity to apply page charges. The proposers of a Special Section must confirm their agreement that all page charges will be covered, and assume responsibility for doing so.

Proposal for a Special Section

Title of Special Section

Brief (500 word or less) description of the objectives and scope of the Special Section

Brief (500 word or less) statement to justify the relevance of the Special Section to Biotropica readers (international tropical biology and conservation community)

List the geographic areas (regions, countries, continents) that will be covered

Guest Editors and contact information

Lead Guest Editor:

Additional Guest Editors:

Provide a full list of authors, affiliation, and titles for each of the papers in the Special Section. A short abstract of each paper is also required.

Use space as necessary.

We acknowledge that page charges of \$60 per printed page are due for all articles included as part of the Special Section, and we assume responsibility for ensuring that these page charges are paid in full prior to publication.

Signed:

Date: