

EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

HERPETOLOGICAL CONSERVATION AND BIOLOGY IN OUR TENTH YEAR

Board of Directors

Time does fly because *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* (HCB) has completed 10 y of publishing. We continue as a non-profit, free publication (see Walde and Saumure 2013), which reflects our founding as an outlet designed by and for biologists (Bury et al. 2006). This publication model differs from almost all other journals, being reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education (Howard 2011) and Campus Technology (Fredette 2012). Over our relatively short existence, the number of published articles is high (Table 1) and continues to grow. Our first volume in 2006 had 19 articles in two issues (134 pp for the year) and this year we finished with 65 articles in three issues (767 pp., excluding a symposium). Besides contributed papers, monographs and symposia articles have added appreciably to our total productivity (Table 2).

Today, HCB releases a number of articles and pagination that are on par with, or exceed, those of established herpetology journals. Moreover, papers report research from > 40 countries and many issues have half the content from around the globe outside of North America (U.S. and Canada). We continue to post news on our Facebook page that has over 4,500 ‘friends’ and that suggests that HCB is embraced by the younger, technologically savvy, generation of herpetologists. Also, we have become incorporated and working to become a non-profit organization (see Saumure and Walde 2014).

Our Journal Citation impact of HCB was 0.62 for 2-y and 0.76 for 5-y (McCallum 2012). This is in range or exceeds that of other major herpetological journals. Moreover, papers in HCB have sustained importance in biology. As one example of our footprint, Malcolm McCallum found that our first volume in 2006 has 75% of the papers with ≥ 10 citations each and half had ≥ 20 . Mean citation rate = 19 (range 0–57).

In closing, we on the Board of Directors at HCB appreciate all the dedicated efforts by our Assistant, Associate, and Managing Editors. Many colleagues served as anonymous peer reviewers, sometimes on

several manuscripts, and we place high value on these to determine acceptance of submitted material. We hope to continue to serve as a major outlet for research on the distribution, ecology, and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

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TABLE 1. Comparison of journal metrics over first 10-y period of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. Mean number of pages is per article.

Category	Number	Pages	Mean No. of Pages
Contributed Articles	406	4,467	11
Articles in Symposia	34	441	13
Monographs	5	763	153
Totals	445	5,672	

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TABLE 2. Monographs published by *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*.

Year	Title and Author(s)	Pages	Downloads
2011	A Runaway Train in the Making: The Exotic Amphibians, Reptiles, Turtles, and Crocodylians of Florida. Walter E. Meshaka, Jr.	101	6,648
2012	A History of Herpetologists and Herpetology in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Jeffrey E. Lovich, Norman J. Scott, Jr., R. Bruce Bury, C. Kenneth Dodd, Jr., and Roy W. McDiarmid	45	6,728
2013	Pressing Problems: Distribution, Threats, and Conservation Status of the Monitor Lizards (Varanidae: <i>Varanus</i> spp.) of Southeast Asia and the Indo-Australian Archipelago. André Koch, Thomas Ziegler, Wolfgang Böhme, Evy Arida, and Mark Auliya	62	15,159
2013	A Bibliography of the Anurans of the United States and Canada (1734 – 2012). C. Kenneth Dodd, Jr.	202	4,647
2015	The Herpetology of Southern Florida. Walter E. Meshaka, Jr. and James N. Layne	353	2,086