

NOTES AND BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO

AFRICAN PRIMATES

African Primates, a journal of the IUCN SSC Primate Specialist Group, publishes research articles and reports, review articles, “position papers,” and other information focused on the nonhuman primates of Africa. Submissions concerning aspects of behavior, ecology, or conservation are welcomed. The journal is now an open source e-journal which will be indexed and freely available to all individuals and institutions, worldwide, with interest in Africa’s primates, including the 1200+ addressees who have received printed copies of the journal in recent years.

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African Primates therefore encourages submission of relevant information in the form of research findings, field survey results, advances in field and laboratory techniques, field action alerts, and book reviews, as well as notification of events, funding possibilities, grassroots efforts such as letter-writing campaigns and other activities that might benefit from the support of the readership, and recent publications in other formats (including reports and theses). All submissions should be sent to the *Senior Editor*; research articles are peer-reviewed before acceptance for publication.

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* Manuscripts (not to exceed 15 pages) should be in English or French, double-spaced, with wide margins all around. All articles must include an English abstract. If you are also able to provide a French abstract for English manuscripts, please do so.

* It is highly recommended that authors submitting manuscripts in a language not their first work closely with a speaker of the language in insuring that the manuscript is well-written with respect to the author’s non-native language.

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* Use metric units only.

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* Figures, such as maps and sketches, should be also be in electronic form (e.g., jpeg, tif, gif).

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BOOK CHAPTER:

Brockelman, W.Y. & R. Ali. 1987. Methods for surveying and sampling forest primate populations. In *Primate Conservation in the Tropical Rain Forest*. C.W. Marsh & R.A. Mittermeier, eds. Alan R. Liss, New York. Pp. 23–62.

UNPUBLISHED REPORT:

Rucks, M. 1976. Notes on the Problems of Primate Conservation in Bia National Park. Unpublished report to the Department of Game and Wildlife, Accra, Ghana.

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Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission. 2001. *National Wildlife Policy of the Republic of Ghana*. Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission, Accra, Ghana.

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