

Instructions for Authors

GECS News is an annual publication of the South American Camelids Specialist Group (GECS), that forms part of the Species Survival Commission of the IUCN (The International Union for the Conservation of Nature).

The purpose of this journal is to disseminate knowledge and any novelties that contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of vicuñas and guanacos in their natural distribution area. We hope that GECS News is useful to researchers, wildlife managers, NGO's, producers, policy makers, and students.

Contributions in Spanish or English are accepted within a wide variety of topics that contemplate the generation of scientific and technical information relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of the species including: taxonomy, systematics, genetics, biogeography, ecology, conservation, sustainable use, management plans, animal health, among others.

Contributions to the GECS News can be formatted as articles, communications, field notes, interviews to relevant specialists, summaries of publications and theses, book reviews, comments on meetings held and news related to the theme of the journal. Articles and communications should have not been published or sent simultaneously to other means of publication.

Authors can be either members or non-members of the GECS. All contributions must be submitted to the GECS News Editorial Commission (nadinedarc@gmail.com and sipuig@gmail.com).

Below are the instructions regarding the format of each type of contribution, the bibliographic references, the tables and the references of figures.

Format of contributions

- Articles

The articles include research, management and planning papers, opinion pieces, protocols and results of population monitoring and wild camelid assessments.

The text should not exceed 3000 words. It has to be sent in Word format, page size A4, Arial letter 12, double line spacing.

All contributions must begin with the title (in Spanish and in English), the names of all authors, and information of each author (institution, city, country, email).

The figures must be sent in files apart from the text, in JPEJ, TIFF or GIF format.

Photographs (with 300 dpi) are welcome to illustrate a contribution, although it is recommended to measure the number of images per contribution.

Each article must include an Abstract, in Spanish and in English, each one with a maximum of 250 words. After each of the Abstracts in Spanish and English, five keywords must be specified in Spanish and English, respectively.

It is recommended to organise the article with the following sections: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements, Bibliographic references, Tables, Figure References.

When submitting the manuscript, authors may suggest up to five potential reviewers. It should be clarified that the decision to convene them or not is up to the Editorial Committee

- Communications and Field Notes

This section is intended for information that is considered relevant as a way of advancing ongoing studies, or occasional observations that may contribute to the diagnosis of the situation of wild camelid populations.

It should not exceed 1500 words. It can include 1 or 2 illustrations.

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Each communication or field note must include an Abstract, in Spanish and in English, each one with a maximum of 150 words. After each of the Abstracts in Spanish and English, five keywords must be specified in Spanish and English, respectively.

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- Interviews

This section allows including the critical analysis, opinions and recommendations of relevant specialists on the topics of the journal, obtained in interviews conducted by members of the GECS.

It should not exceed 1000 words. It can include 1 or 2 illustrations.

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- Summaries of publications and theses

Summaries of publications and theses corresponding to the last two years must be submitted in Spanish and in English, both without exceeding a total of 500 words. After each of the Abstracts in Spanish and English, five keywords must be specified in Spanish and English, respectively.

It must include the URL link to the original publication. It can include 1 or 2 illustrations.

The text has to be sent in Word format, page size A4, Arial letter 12, double line spacing.

All contributions must begin with the title (in Spanish and in English), names of all authors, and information of each author (institution, city, country, email). It should also include the publisher, the number of pages and the URL if any.

The figures must be sent in files apart from the text, in JPEJ, TIFF or GIF format.

Photographs (with 300 dpi) are welcome to illustrate a contribution, although it is recommended to measure the number of images per contribution.

- Book reviews

This section allows you to include information and comments about recently published books, in connection with the theme of the Journal.

It should not exceed 1500 words. It can include 1 or 2 illustrations.

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All contributions must begin with the title (in Spanish and English), names of all authors and information of each author (institution, city, country, email). It should include five keywords in each language, and also mention the publisher, the number of pages and the URL if any.

The figures must be sent in files apart from the text, in JPEJ, TIFF or GIF format.

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- News on the subject and Comments on events held

This section includes information and comments about congresses, workshops and Cabinet or field-based meetings relevant to the subject, held in the last two years. It also includes awards and obituaries of researchers dedicated to the research of wild South American camelids

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Format of bibliographic references

The Harvard style (i.e. author-year) of citing and listing references is used.

In-text citations

Preferably, the quotation should be placed in parentheses, at the end of the sentence that refers to it. It must contain the authors and year of publication. For example:

... (Franklin 1982).

... (Cuellar y Fuentes 2000) for contributions written in Spanish; (Cuellar & Fuentes 2000) for contributions written in English

... (González et al. 2006).

In case the sentence refers to several publications, the citations should be separated by commas. For example:

... (Franklin 1982, Baldi et al. 2016).

In the Reference section

Each citation mentioned in the text should have its full reference in this section, while references that are not cited in the text should not be included.

The reference list should be organised alphabetically by first author as follows: surname and initial of the name (or names) of each author, year of publication, full title of the publication, journal or book where it was published.

- Example for scientific article:

Surname I. year. Title of scientific article. Title of the Journal Volume: page-page

Marino A, Baldi, R. 2008. Vigilance patterns of territorial guanacos (*Lama guanicoe*): The role of reproductive interests and predation risk. *Ethology* 114: 413–423.

References to online scientific articles contain the same information, but have a DOI instead of volume, issue, and page range.

- Example for book:

Surname I. year. Title of book. Place: Editorial.

IUCN 2012. Guidelines for application of the IUCN Red List criteria at regional and national levels: Version 4.0. Gland: IUCN.

- Example for book chapter:

Surname I. year. Chapter Title. Pp: page-page. In: Title of the book. Ed. Surname I. Place: Editorial.

Dovchindorj G, Mijiddorj B, Adiya Y. 2007. Population ecology of the wild camel in Mongolia. Pp: 24-28. In: Proceedings of the International workshop on the conservation and management of the wild Bactrian camel. Eds. Adiya Y, Lhagvasuren B, Amgalan B, Ulaanbaatar: UNDP/GEF.

- Example for thesis:

Surname I. year. Thesis title. Type of Degree Thesis. Place: University.

Beltrán C 1991. Evaluación parasitaria en vicuñas (*Vicugna vicugna*) del Centro de Conservación de Fauna Silvestre de UmayoPuno. Thesis to obtain the professional Degree of Veterinary Zootechnician. Puno: Facultad Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, Universidad Nacional del Altiplano.

Table Formatting

Each Table must be cited in the text, in consecutive order.

Tables must be submitted in Word format or Excel, not as JPG.
Each Table must have its own heading.

Format of Figure references (including photos)

Each Figure must be cited in the text, in consecutive order.

At the end of the text, the reference to each figure should be included.

Figures must be submitted in separate files of text, in JPEJ, TIFF or GIF format.

In the case of complex graphics, it is advisable that they are sent in Excel format to facilitate the editorial work of adapting the size and format of letters and strokes.