

**EDITORIAL****GOOD-BYE ...**

The Society for Tropical Ecology – Gesellschaft für Tropenökologie (gtö) launched ECOTROPICA in 1995. In printed form, we published 20 volumes with full articles and short communications until 2014. After a break of several years, we relaunched ECOTROPICA as an open access online journal in 2019, and included new categories of papers such as Field Station Profiles. ECOTROPICA did not charge authors for the open access publication, unlike all other journals publishing in the field of tropical ecology. However, five years after the relaunch, we must recognize that the publication model of our journal does not seem to be viable and of interest for the scientific community. The number of manuscript submissions, particularly for full articles, has been extremely low; and too many submitted manuscripts were rather outside the scope of the journal. The board of the Society for Tropical Ecology therefore decided to end publishing ECOTROPICA as a scientific journal. It will remain confined to publishing the abstracts of the annual European Congress of Tropical Ecology – Annual Meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology. All papers published until now will remain available online.

We say good-bye as editors and thank all authors, reviewers, and topic editors for their contributions to ECOTROPICA over the years.

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