

Editorial

Bird Conservation International will now be edited jointly by ourselves — Martin Jones and Stuart Marsden. Firstly we would like to thank Seb Buckton for his commitment and hard work since taking over the editorship in March 2001. Seb's enthusiastic and professional approach has nurtured an accessible yet scientifically credible journal which is now on a very sound footing.

A change in editors does not signal any major change in direction or policy for the journal. However, we would like to see BCI achieving even greater impact and usefulness. The journal's stated aim is "to provide stimulating, international and up-to-date coverage of a broad range of conservation topics, using birds to illuminate wider issues of biodiversity conservation and sustainable resource use". Many contributions are currently single-species studies, and these provide crucial information for conservation. However, we would also like to encourage submissions of a more general interest to bird ecologists and conservationists. These might concern, for example, reserve and habitat management, site selection and prioritisation, conservation advocacy, bird-focused environmental education or the links between bird conservation and sustainable development. Review papers would be welcome. We are also very keen to consider methodological papers — those which deal with ways of assessing diversity, abundance, distribution, habitat associations, level of threat etc. and which can allow good practice to be shared across continents. We want to encourage submissions from both within and beyond the BirdLife Partnership, and would be pleased to consider papers expressing opinions on bird conservation policy and practice.

Authors who are unsure as to the suitability of papers for *Bird Conservation International* are welcome to contact the editors. If you are looking for a vehicle to publish the proceedings of a conference or workshop, again, please contact us.

The number of submissions to the journal is steadily rising and from now on, we would prefer, whenever possible, to receive manuscripts in electronic format (as outlined in the *Instructions to Contributors*) by email or on disk by post. This will allow us to email documents to reviewers, save money, and hopefully streamline the editorial process.

We look forward to your contributions, and to your help in shaping BCI as an exciting global forum for the many varied aspects of bird conservation.

Stuart Marsden's main research interests are in the conservation ecology of tropical birds. He is particularly interested in the impact of forest alteration and direct exploitation on parrots, and on ways to improve the effectiveness of bird survey methods.

Martin Jones's research interests include the effects of habitat change such as logging on tropical forest birds, the evolutionary adaptations to island life in birds and butterflies and the analysis and prediction of extinction risk.