



The Tanzania Journal of Forestry and Nature Conservation

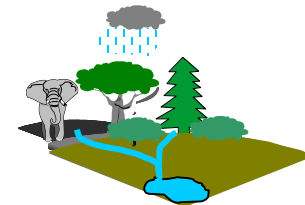
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OUTLINE

- Introduction & History
- Overview – Theme, Current Board, Procedure and Status
- Strengths and opportunities
- Challenges
- Immediate Developments



Introduction & History

- Started as a publishing outlet of the then Division of Forestry, FAF&VM of UDSM, known as Forestry Records.
- Forest Record No 1, 1978 and the last one was No. 72, 1998. In 2000, the then FoFNC, inaugurated the TJFNC in order to elevate the Forestry Records to a status of an International peer reviewed Journal.
- Since 2004 (Vol No 75), TJFNC is published on-line by the African Journals Online (AJOL), found at <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/tjfnc> which is linked to the College website



OVERVIEW

- The TJFNC accommodates the current diverse and multidisciplinary approaches towards ecosystem conservation at national and global levels.
- The journal is published biannually and accepts research and review papers covering technological, physical, biological, social and economic aspects of management and conservation of tropical flora and fauna.
- Current Issue: Vol. 89 No. 2 (2020)
- Articles: 6
- Work in progress: Vol 90 No. 1 (2021)



OVERVIEW

- Owner: CFWT
- Current Board:
 - ❖ International [5] appointed in the late 1990's, Local [variable]
 - ❖ The Local form the Advisory Committee to the Editorial Board – Reports to College Board
- Procedure: Peer Review Process
 - Each submitted manuscript is subjected to peer review by two reviewers.
 - For a manuscript to be published it must be reviewed positively by both reviewers. Otherwise, it is rejected.
- Publishing Outlet: AJOL; eISSN: 2408-8137, print ISSN: 2408-8129
- Status: No-star journal, working towards JPPS framework

STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES



- CFWT is blessed with highly competent Authors and Reviewers, both within, regionally and internationally
- CFWT is conducting cutting edge research and articles are available
- The process towards JPPS is straight forward
- The TJFNC is the immediate solution to staff who require publication requirement for promotion
- Allied institutions such as TAFORI, TAWIRI, TFS and the Forestry industry possess viable research and potential authors
- Etc, etc

CHALLENGES



- Editorial Board: Updating International members; Strengthening executive committee
- Journal Policy
- Funding: Assured source for the unavoidable expenditures
- Manuscripts: Promotion, standards
- Reviewers: Identification, commitment (timelines) - motivation
- Publishing – including Typesetting, language, Uploading and Journal updates at AJOL
- Achieve Journal Publishing Practices Standards – get stars



IMMEDIATE INTERVENTIONS

- Strengthen the Advisory Board – (executive)?
- Formulate a clear Journal Policy [INASP]
- Promote the Journal locally and internationally

Motto: towards enhanced VISIBILITY, ACCESSIBILITY and QUALITY

THANK YOU

