

## Author Guidelines – Suiform Soundings

Suiform Soundings is the official peer-reviewed newsletter of the IUCN SSC Wild Pig Specialist Group (WPSG), IUCN SSC Hippo Specialist Group and Peccary Specialist Group. It provides a platform for members and collaborators to share information on the biology, ecology, management, and conservation of wild pigs, peccaries and hippos worldwide. Other topics may also be interesting – please contact us with your ideas. The newsletter aims to encourage the exchange of knowledge between researchers, field biologists, conservation practitioners, ex situ professionals, and anyone else having expert knowledge on these taxonomic groups and their conservation.

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### 1. Types of Contributions

Type of Contribution	Description	Typical Length
Research Article	Results from fieldwork, ex situ management, laboratory or other studies related to wild pig species.	Up to 2,500 words
Short Communication	Preliminary results, or brief updates on ongoing projects.	Up to 1,500 words
Field Observation / Case Study	Descriptive or qualitative observations on wild pig behaviour, distribution, or interactions.	Up to 1,000 words
Conservation or Management Report	Summaries of conservation programs, management experiences, or action plans.	Up to 2,000 words
Opinion or Commentary	Discussion or reflection on issues related to wild pig conservation, management, or research.	Up to 1,500 words

Meeting summaries, News  
and Announcements

Short updates about  
meetings, training, or  
member activities.

Up to 500 words

## 2. Languages

Submissions are accepted in English, French, Indonesian, Portuguese, Tagalog or Spanish. An English abstract (150–200 words) should accompany manuscripts in other languages. The editorial team may assist with minor language editing or translation if needed.

## 3. Submission Process

Manuscripts must be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format, with figures and tables provided as separate files (JPEG, PNG, or TIFF preferred, highest possible quality).

Please send all submissions and correspondence to:

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Each submission will undergo editorial and peer review by members of the editorial team or invited reviewers, focusing on scientific accuracy, clarity, and relevance. Authors may be asked to revise before publication.

## 4. Presentation

- Text should be typed in single spacing, Times New Roman 12 pt, and unformatted. Please number the lines
- Use bold headings and subheadings.
- Leave a single line space between paragraphs.
- The metric system (SI units) must be used.
- Whole numbers one to ten should be written in words; 13 onwards as numerals.
- Binomial names must be italicised and written in full on first mention, abbreviated thereafter.
- Avoid footnotes; additional information may be added below tables if necessary.
- Common names of animals should be in lowercase, unless derived from a proper noun (such as a person's or place's name).

## 5. References

Authors are responsible for reference accuracy. Ensure consistency in author names and publication years between the text and reference list. References should be arranged alphabetically by author, then chronologically. The citation style should be in the style of APA 7th whose examples can be found in the following links:

<https://pitt.libguides.com/citationhelp/apa7>

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html)

## **6. Figures and Tables**

Figures (graphs, maps, photographs, etc.) are encouraged to illustrate results, and should be numbered consecutively (Fig. 1, Fig. 2, etc.). Captions should be concise and exclude detailed results. Figures should not exceed 168 × 220 mm after reduction. Use clear lines suitable for reduction to about 0.25–0.35 mm thickness. Colour figures and photographs are accepted. Tables should fit within 220 × 168 mm and be numbered consecutively (Table 1, Table 2, etc.). Submit figures and tables in a separate file from the main text.

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