

SSWG Working Paper Series Submission Guidelines

“Conservation social science is the study of the conservation–relevant aspects of human society, including the relationships among humans and between humans and their environment. Since successful conservation inevitably requires changes in human behavior, drawing upon decades of social science research to better understand what people do, and why, provides valuable insights for conservation policy and practice.” (Michael Mascia, *Conservation Social Science: What's in the Black Box?*)

The goal of the SSWG Working Paper Series is to provide a forum for conservation social science research, especially successful application of social science tools and approaches to conservation policy and practice. It is the intent of the series to promote current research in the final stages of completion. Through its simplified review process, the series offers rapid dissemination of critical conservation social science work to the SCB community, social science peers, students, and other conservation professionals. This is an opportunity for authors to open their work for initial public viewing and commentary before moving on to relevant journal submission. The SSWG Working Paper series hopes to become the place where conservation social scientists turn for the most current and critical insights into the field.

The SSWG Working Paper Series editors are particularly interested in papers examining the ways in which research, methods, analysis and tools from conservation social science answer the following questions in some manner:

- 1 Where should the conservation community focus its efforts?
- 2 How should the conservation community design and implement its conservation interventions?
- 3 What are the impacts of our conservation interventions?

Submissions dealing with other aspects of conservation social science are surely welcome.

Procedures

The SSWG WPS Editors will review submissions for appropriate content and to ensure they meet academic standards; submissions will not be distributed for formal peer review. Submissions should follow as closely as possible the standard style requirements for *Conservation Biology*, the journal of the Society for Conservation Biology ([Style Guide](#)).

Please submit an electronic copy in Microsoft Word format as an email attachment to the editor (sswgwps@conbio.org). Please include a cover page with title of the paper, author's name(s), affiliation(s), contact information, abstract and relevant keywords. Please limit papers to ~10,000 words. Longer manuscripts will be considered where appropriate. Papers will be reviewed internally and a decision made within one month of receipt acknowledgement. If

accepted, necessary corrections will be communicated, and a final version in Adobe PDF format will be required.

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