

Ecosystem Services (Elsevier) is open to receive proposals for new innovative Special Issues.

Ecosystem Services is a high-rank journal, among the 15 best in environmental sciences (6.1 impact factor 2023), ranked Q1 in the 2024 Journal Citation Report. Our position gives high visibility to the articles we publish.

Ecosystem Services addresses the science, policy and practice of Ecosystem Services, defined as the direct and indirect contributions of ecosystems to human well-being. The journal's webpage presents relevant information including the aims & scope, and the editorial board.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ecosystem-services>

The journal is open to publishing timely and high-quality special issues (SI) led by renowned authors and promising early-career researchers. Special Issues are article collections (12 or more) that share well-defined, scientifically innovative and coherent aims and scope. Our interest is to foster article collections of high impact, articulated around appealing, innovative, and provocative scope that contribute to expanding the scientific boundaries of ES science. The scope must be clear around a framing conceptual outlining that gathers an article collection with sufficient coherence. For an overview of present and past SI please visit the journal's webpage.

Ecosystem Services is a hybrid journal that publishes under 2 formats 1) subscription articles, for which authors do not pay any kind of publishing fees and 2) open-access (OA) articles, for which authors have to pay the OA fee. Once a manuscript has been accepted for publication (never before) authors decide in which format they want to publish. This is an independent decision for each manuscript, therefore SIs can combine both formats. Elsevier has agreements with several countries to cover OA fees, that information can be found here.

<https://www.elsevier.com/open-access/agreements>

Criteria for SI Proposals

1. Incoming special issues should fall within the aims and scope of Ecosystem Services journal.
2. The most important criterion used to evaluate SI proposals is the scientific quality of the aims and scope. The scope has to be clear around a framing conceptual outlining that gathers together an article collection with sufficient coherence, ensuring that the topic was not covered in another SI elsewhere while at the same time having the capacity to attract a sufficient number of good submissions.
3. SI proposals have to identify a team of guest editors, normally around 3 and no more than five guest editors will handle the review process of incoming manuscripts.
4. A team of guest editors should consider gender, geographical, institutional and thematic balance. It is strongly encouraged to include early career researchers (level of post-doc) as guest editors. Proposals from homogeneous teams (guest editors from one single institution, one gender, or country) will not be considered.
5. The team of guest editors has to nominate an Executive guest editor (EGE), who will be coordinating the editorial work within the respective SI, i.e. receiving the manuscripts directly

from the Editor-in-Chief after the initial quality check. Ideally, the EGE has some editorial experience.

To propose a SI please send a one-page description of the SI's aims and scope, including the team of guest editors, with their institutional details. Proposals will be carefully assessed in terms of scientific quality, aims and scope.

Luis Inostroza
Special Issue Editor-in-Chief
luis.inostroza@mendelu.cz