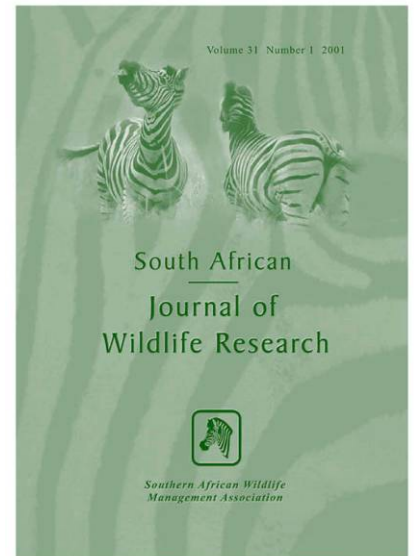


Scopes and aims

This research journal is a product of the Southern African Wildlife Management Association. The journal reaches a wide readership, including both local and foreign wildlife managers, academics and wildlife owners, and libraries local and abroad.

The South African Journal of Wildlife Research is an ISI accredited, leading peer reviewed scientific publication in wildlife research in Africa, covering a wide variety of issues pertaining to wildlife management, conservation biology and renewable natural resources. It is an important reference for anyone interested in the management and sustainable utilisation of natural resources. The journal publishes original scientific papers, short communications, book reviews as well as reviews on science-based research.

This year's volume of the Journal of Wildlife Research will be the 39th volume of the journal, the initial one being published in 1971. Original full-length papers, short communications, book reviews, as well as reviews on science-based research and management. The first issue of this year's volume will be published in April.



Editorial board and editorial procedure

The Chief Editor of the Journal is **Prof. Michael Somers** of the Centre of Wildlife Management at the University of Pretoria. The following team of associate editors currently assist in the editorial process.

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Prof. Michael I. Cherry (Dept. of Botany & Zoology, University of Stellenbosch) and **Prof. Graeme S. Cumming** (Percy FitzPatrick Institute, University of Cape Town) have recently resigned as associate editors and their positions should be filled soon. Michael Cherry has accepted a new position as Chief

Editor of South African Journal of Science. We thank them both for their valuable input while serving on the editorial board.

The editorial process adopted by the South African Journal of Wildlife Research is for the editor/SAWMA secretariat to receive manuscripts and then consult with an associate editor about appointing at least two referees. When two referee's reports have been received, these go to the associate editor who makes a decision on acceptance/revision/rejection.

Guidelines to Authors

The editor is currently revising the guidelines to authors. The guidelines to authors who wish to submit research articles for publication in the journal should study the guidelines provided at www.sawma.co.za, and also format the article by looking at the examples of articles in published copies of the journal.

Page charge increase

Increasing printing and publishing costs made it inevitable to increase page charges: From 2009 page charges will be as follows:

SAWMA Members: (main author / co-authors): R200 per page
Non- SAWMA members: R300 per page

Subscribers to South African Journal of Wildlife Research

Libraries and other institutions can subscribe to the hard copy by ordering from the SAWMA secretariat.

Subscribers also receive free access codes to view the journal electronically at <http://www.sawma.co.za/>. These institutional subscribers (e.g. libraries of universities and research organisations) and booksellers/subscription agencies (who order the journals on behalf of clients) pay an annual subscription fee to the Southern African Wildlife Management Association.

During 2008, 56 foreign subscribers (45 paying, 11 complimentary) and 37 local subscribers (28 paying, 10 complimentary) subscribed to the hard copy of the Journal via SAWMA.

Subscription prices for 2009 are:

Region	Price before discount (gross)	Agency discount	Agency Price (Nett)
Foreign Price(currency: US Dollars or equivalent)	US\$170.00	US\$34.00	US\$136.00
Local/domestic (including southern African countries)	R575.00	R115.00	R460.00

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Subscription to the electronic format of SAJWR is via the SA ePublications service, a bundled subscription including other South African journals (http://www.journals.co.za/collections/collect_sctec.html) or the BioOne.2 collection (www.bioone.org).

Electronic publishers of SAJWR

Visibility of SAJWR is increased by including the electronic full-text in the collections of Electronic publishers. There are currently two publishers hosting the full-text of the journal:

SA ePublications Service (SABINET)

The full-text electronic South African Journal of Wildlife Research and SAWMA website (<http://www.sawma.co.za>) is hosted by the SA ePublications Service of Sabinet Online.

During 2008 an agreement was reached with SABINET ONLINE to implement a hybrid open access model, by continuing to sell subscriptions of the online issues, while simultaneously making everything older than 24 months available open access. Currently articles dating back to 1991 are available on the SAWMA website.

During 2008 Sabinet was looking into the retrospective conversion of older journal issues, and at securing possible funding for this. The "African Online Journal Archive", a non-profit organization, was born out of this and is currently building a digital archive of journals that have been published in Africa.

The archive will contain retrospective content with the aim of digitizing where possible, back to the first issue. The SAJWR will be included in this collection.

Access to journal articles published in the last 24 months can only be accessed by paying members and subscribers by means of a USERID and the PASSWORD assigned for each year. The access codes can be obtained from the secretariat. New passwords are usually activated at the end of April.

BioOne

The full-text articles of volume 37 and 38 are now also included in the BioOne.2 collection and the content is accessible to all BioOne.2 subscribers.

Established in 2000, BioOne (www.bioone.org) is a global, not-for-profit collaboration bringing together scientific societies, publishers, and libraries to provide access to critical, peer-reviewed research in the biological, ecological, and environmental sciences.

Most of BioOne's titles are published by small societies and non-commercial publishers. BioOne provides integrated, cost-effective access to a thoroughly linked information resource of interrelated journals. BioOne is currently home to 149 total publications, of which 99 are ISI-ranked.

Back issues

During 2008 all back issues of the SAJWR were scanned in order to make the full collection of the journal available electronically. A special issue on the Proceedings of the Game Bird Management Symposium in 1984 were also scanned. If any member knows of any other such publication, please inform the secretariat, so that we can make all publications of SAWMA available on the internet.

Call for advertisers

Advertisements will be accepted for publication in the Journal. The journal is produced in B5 format and black and white advertisements may be taken out for a full page (206 x142mm) at a cost of R1 200 or half a page, either spanning two columns (101 x 142mm) or a full column (206x69 mm), at a cost of R600. The images must be submitted as high quality JPEG files at a resolution of at least 300dpi.

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Journal impact factor

The 2008 impact factor for the SAJWR was 0.82. This is a reflection of the citations in 2007 of articles published in 2005 and 2006.

Explanation of the term impact factor:

The **impact factor**, often abbreviated **IF**, is a measure of the frequency with which the “average article” in science and social science journals has been cited in a given period of time. It is frequently used as a proxy for the importance of a journal to its field. The Impact factor was devised by Eugene Garfield, the founder of the Institute for Scientific Information, now part of Thomson, a large worldwide US-based publisher. Impact factors are calculated each year by Thomson Scientific for those journals which it indexes, and the factors and indices are published in Journal Citation Reports (JCR).

These measures apply only to journals, not individual articles or individual scientists. The relative number of citations an individual article receives is better viewed as citation impact.

Calculation

The impact factor for a journal is calculated based on a three-year period, and can be considered to be the average number of times published papers are cited up to two years after publication. For example, the impact factor 2009 for a journal would be calculated as follows:

A = the number of times articles published in 2008-9 were cited in indexed journals during 2010

B = the number of articles, reviews, proceedings or notes published in 2008-9

impact factor 2010 = A/B

(note that the impact factor 2009 will be actually published in 2010, because it could not be calculated until all of the 2010 publications had been received. Impact factor 2010 will be published in 2011)

A convenient way of thinking about it is that a journal that is cited once, on average, for each article published has an IF of 1 in the expression above.

Lists of Impact Factors Sci-Bytes provide ranking and impact factor for selective journals. The list of impact factors can be viewed at: <http://www.sciencegateway.org/rank/index.html>

(The above Information were extracted from <http://www.sciencegateway.org/impact/> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impact_factor)