

Twenty years of *Pacific Conservation Biology*

THIS issue marks the completion of 20 years of publication of *Pacific Conservation Biology*. Writing in the first issue, Foundation Editor Craig Moritz highlighted the ‘profound and urgent problems in conservation and land management’ in the Pacific region, as well as ‘the inadequate communication among research biologists, conservation managers and administrators.’ He saw PCB as promoting this badly needed communication regarding conservation issues in the region, as well as highlighting the ‘relevance and management implications of the research.’ He invited researchers and managers to ‘enjoy it, use it and be part of it!’

Since that inaugural issue, PCB has featured in two major bibliometric analyses seeking to assess its fulfilment of those goals: Calver and Bryant (*Pacific Conservation Biology* 2008, 14: 285–303) and Calver *et al.* (*Scientometrics* 2010, 85: 387–400). These showed that PCB authors came mainly from Australia, but with strong representation from the Americas. Nearly half the authors were academics. Patterns of authorship, editorial board membership and citations placed PCB in the category of ‘internationally recognized regional journal’ — arguably, where it ought to be.

Given the Australian prominence amongst the authors, there have been recent efforts to broaden involvement from the smaller nations of the Pacific. Pacific scientists have joined the

editorial board, a special issue has been published on conservation in the Pacific (*Pacific Conservation Biology* 2014, 20(2)), and a further special issue is planned.

PCB does, though, need to give attention to staying abreast of new services that other journals are providing to their authors. These include pre-publication release of papers online in an early alert service, use of digital object identifiers (DOIs) to allow rapid location of papers online, and listing in major databases. While these are important priorities, so too is providing an outlet for excellent regional research that, because of its focus, is unsuitable for many of the international journals.

The success of the journal depends heavily on the hard work and good will of the many reviewers who give so freely of their time and expertise to improve the manuscripts submitted. On behalf of the editorial board, thank you to all reviewers for undertaking this important work.

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