

Introduction to this Special-focus Issue

In October 2020, we published a special issue on Latin American wetlands – our first and only issue emphasizing wetland-related activities in a particular region of the world. That issue contained 19 articles and notes covering various research, conservation initiatives, and outreach activities being conducted in Central and South America. It was greeted with such success that we decided to initiate a second special issue to give researchers, managers, and others interested in Latin American wetlands a chance to bring attention to their work and improve the connections among individuals from this region. So in April 2021, we made an announcement about another issue and a call for papers. Draft manuscripts were due by October 2021. The contributions were reviewed and edited by the WSP editor

and returned to the corresponding author for final preparation. To start the new year off, we are pleased to publish 11 articles about ongoing activities in and concerns for wetlands from the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. A special thanks go out to the authors for taking time to prepare these articles.

We also solicited images of wetlands for the accompanying *Notes from the Field*. For this we received numerous candidates and selected a good number of wetland scenes and wetland animal pictures to illustrate some of the diversity of the region's wetlands and wildlife. Thanks to all who sent images for our consideration. We hope that readers enjoy this special contribution as well.

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