

## **ECOS Student Article Competition Instructions**

**Submission deadline: 11.59pm, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Submit via email to: [ecos.submissions@gmail.com](mailto:ecos.submissions@gmail.com)**

What are we looking for?

We are looking for articles which offer fresh and compelling arguments composed with confidence and clarity. Thought-provoking, original essays on any aspect of conservation will be considered.

The editors may ask for amendments to grammar and punctuation, including other changes, before publication is agreed.

You have a wide choice of subject matter. The following list is not intended to be exhaustive:

- Nature conservation
- The application of ecology
- Environmentalist attitudes and perceptions
- Wildlife issues
- Land management and landscape planning
- Education
- Environmental philosophy
- Eco-writing (including both critical and creative work)

The subject matter does not have to be focused on or around the UK, although it should have implications for UK issues. *ECOS* is read by conservationists who wish to learn from each other, reflect on successes and failures, expand debate, and discover new insight.

*ECOS* welcomes articles written in a range of styles. Your submission should be an article that is readable and accessible, rather than a technical or scientific paper. It can be a piece of completely new writing or be adapted from a previously completed essay or dissertation. Plagiarism of any kind will not be accepted and will result in the rejection of the submission.

## How to submit your article

Submissions should be addressed for the attention of the ECOS Digital Editor, Beth Gerrard, to: [ecos.submissions@gmail.com](mailto:ecos.submissions@gmail.com)

- Ensure the subject line of your email contains 'STUDENT SUBMISSION'
- Ensure you attach your essay as a **Word document** to the email
- Include a short covering letter in the body of your email, including your **full name**, your **university/higher education affiliation**, and the **category** you are entering (undergraduate or postgraduate)
- Large file-size submissions will be considered and can be sent through a file-sharing service

## Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you refer to the Terms and Conditions of the competition, which can be downloaded at <https://www.ecos.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/TandCs.pdf>.

## Length

Submissions should be between 1000-2000 words. This should include references and captions.

## Format

We've found that most of our student submissions are soundly written, however we do have some simple guidelines:

- **Style:** use plain English, in active tense.
- **Title:** write a short, punchy title, followed by a short explanatory statement e.g. 'The Golden Rules of Rewilding: Examining the case of the Oostvaardersplassen'.
- **Summary:** include a three-sentence summary/abstract immediately under the title.
- **Key words:** please include up to 5 key words with your article.
- **Subheadings:** use subheadings throughout to structure the body of the text.
- **Illustrations:** illustrations are accepted provided that they are used to exemplify your work.
- **Bio:** provide a two-sentence biographical description at the end of the article. This should include your email and social media links.

## Graphs, charts and figures

These should be submitted embedded in the article, although please retain all data as we may need this separately in order to recreate figures in our house style.

## Embedded media

As a digital publication, articles may include embedded media such as YouTube, Soundcloud or Twitter.

**All media, illustrations and graphs should include a simple caption.**

## References

Please remember that you're writing an article, not a university essay. While due credit should be given, references and asides should be limited.

**References should be provided as endnotes.**

We do not require references to be in any particular format at submission stage. However, it is vital you provide information as follows, giving the full first and last names of authors.

### Books

- Author name
- Editor or translator name (where applicable)
- Title
- Subtitle
- Publisher
- Year of publication consulted
- Edition – optional

### Chapters in books

- As above, with chapter title and page range.

### Journal article

- Article authors, ordered according to submission
- Full article title
- Journal title
- Volume and issue
- Year

- Page range of article
- URL of article

News item or blog post

- Author
- Title
- News source
- Date published
- URL

Website

- Author of webpage or blog post
- Title of webpage
- Publisher of webpage
- URL

Datasets and other media

- Author or creator
- Title