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Forests and other natural resources have a significant contribution to national and local economy supporting the livelihood of millions of people, especially the poor and marginalized groups. On the other hand, the dependency of people in forests and other natural resources and the challenges in their management are ascending day by day. Equally, the knowledge of sustainable management and utilization of natural resources is still deficient. In this context, the **Journal of Forest and Natural Resource Management** attempts to explore, document, disseminate and share the contemporary knowledge through its publication. The journal invites our valued contributors to submit their scholarly manuscripts in the following, but not limited to, thematic areas.

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Instructions to the contributors

Article Structure

The article should be divided into clearly defined and numbered sections. Sub-sections should be numbered as 1.1, 1.2 and so on. The abstract should not be numbered. Article should not be longer than **6000** words **including** tables, figures/maps and abstract but excluding the references. The article should be divided into the following sections.

- Abstract

- Introduction
- Materials and methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- ethical declaration
- Declaration of conflict (if applicable)
- Acknowledgements (if applicable)
- References

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References should be arranged alphabetically.

Examples

Journal article

Khanal, Y.M. & Devkota, B.P. 2020. Farmers' responsabilization in payments for environmental services: Lessons from community forestry in Nepal. *Forest Policy and Economics*, 118 (102237). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2020.102237>

Book

Burnham, K.K.P. & Anderson, D.R.D. 2002. *Model Selection and Multimodel Inference: A Practical Information-Theoretic Approach (2nd edition)*. Springer, New York, USA.

Edited book

Gellner, D.N., Pfaff-Czarnecka, J. & Welpton, J. (Eds.). 1997. *Nationalism and ethnicity in a Hindu Kingdom: The politics of culture in contemporary Nepal*. *Studies in Anthropology and History*. Amsterdam: Overseas Publishers Association.

Book Chapter

Pokharel, R.K., Tiwari, K.R., Basnyat, B., Rayamajhi, S. & Devkota, B.P. 2021. Natural Resource Management Policies and Governance in Nepal. In: R.M. Bajracharya, B.K. Sitaula, S. Gurung & N. Raut (Eds.), *Sustainable Natural Resource Management in the Himalayan Region: Livelihood and Climate Change (pp 260-271)*. Newyork: Nova Science Publishers.

Proceedings

Pokharel, B.K. & Niraula, D. 2004. Community forestry governance in Nepal: Achievements, challenges and options for the future. In K.R. Kandel, D.R. Niraula, A.R. Sharma & M. Gautam (Eds.), *Proceeding of the Fourth National Workshop on Community Forestry (pp 298-316)*. Kathmandu: Department of Forests.

Thesis

Kunwar, P. B. 2003. People Wildlife Conflict in Upper Mustang of Annapurna Conservation Area. M.Sc. Thesis. Tribhuvan University, Institute of Forestry, Pokhara, Nepal.

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