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- to support young researchers through the creation of networks, information exchange, and training opportunities

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Understanding biodiversity and functions of tropical ecosystems drives decision making and management on all levels.

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Promoting the conservation and rehabilitation of tropical biodiversity and ecosystems through research and its application.



About 70 % of the world's human population lives in the tropics, an area covering only 10% of the Earth's land surface. With an expanding population and economic growth, pressure on natural resources is increasing at an exponential rate.



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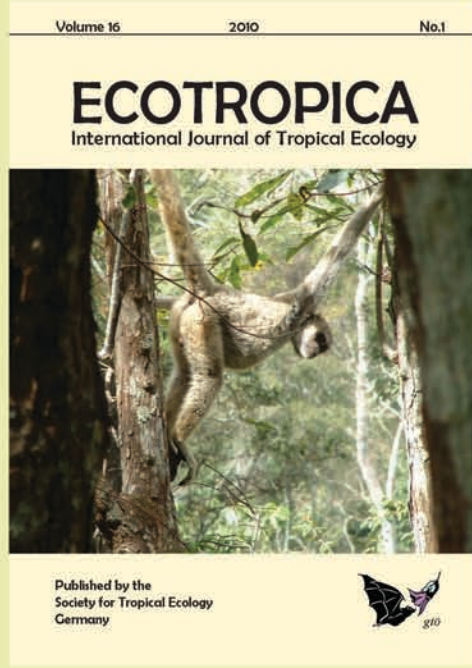


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