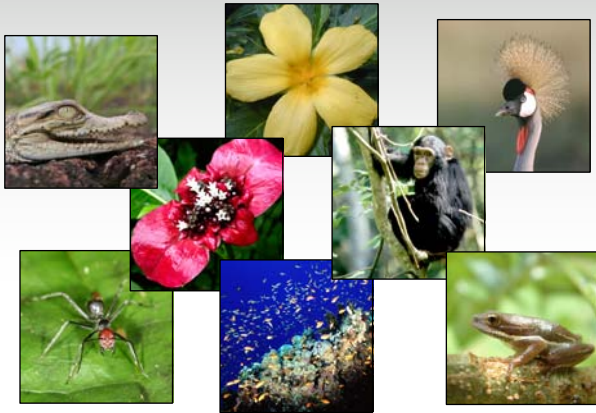


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About 70 % of the world's human population lives in the tropics, an area covering only 10 % of the Earth's land surface. With an expanding population and economic growth, pressure on natural resources is increasing at an exponential rate.



More than three-quarters of the once pristine habitats in the tropics have been destroyed in the last 50 years through overexploitation and land-use change.

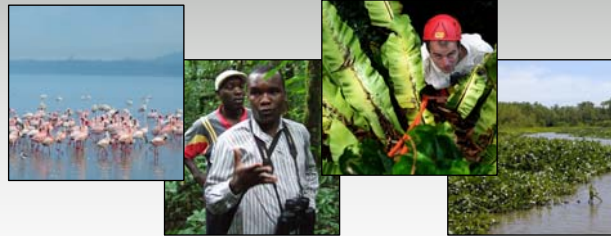
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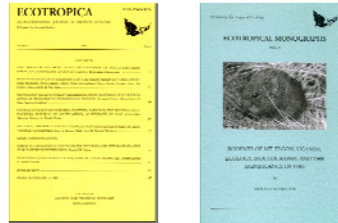
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Our annual conference provides an international platform for the exchange of current scientific ideas and helps promote the establishment of collaborations between members and attending guests. The *gtö* is especially keen to foster junior research and equitable cooperation projects.



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- to foster applied research in tropical ecology and to promote conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources in tropical ecosystems
- to increase awareness of the importance of tropical ecosystems and their huge biodiversity, among the broader public and among decision-makers in politics and society
- to strengthen cooperation between scientists and the appropriate governmental and non-governmental bodies in tropical countries
- to support young researchers, in both European and in tropical countries, through the creation of networks, information exchange, and training opportunities



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