

## Instructions for authors

### Articles and Short Notes for Galemys

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Articles should present original research studies, as well as bibliographical or methodological reviews, always following the structure indicated in the instructions for authors. Short notes are recommended for minor studies, such as data on expansion of species' distribution, atypical behavior patterns, fur coloration, teeth, food studies, etc. Forum should present a personal and original perspective on an important research-related topic of interest to the mammalogists

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Electronic submission of papers is required. The preferred format is Microsoft Word (.doc). All figures and tables must be readable by Word, and should be embedded at the end of the manuscript. In addition, figures should be submitted in separate attachment files.

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Manuscripts must use a DIN A-4 page size. Full length papers should not exceed 25 pages. Short Notes should not exceed 10 pages. Please use Times New Roman 12 point size, double spaced throughout, with margins of 2.5 cm. Line numbering in all the manuscript will be added.

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1. **TITLE PAGE.** Include the TITLE of the manuscript (concise and informative, in Spanish and English); AUTHOR(S) (Name and Surname, if there are two surnames separate by a hyphen); ADDRESS(ES) of all authors, optionally the email address. The corresponding author should be clearly identified.
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References should be presented as in the following examples:

- **Journal articles:**

Román J. 2011. What do otters eat where there is no fish? *Mammalian Biology*, 76: 237-239. DOI:10.1016/j.mambio.2010.08.005

Barros T. & Fonseca C. 2011. Expansão do sacarrabos *Herpestes ichneumon* (Linnaeus, 1758) em Portugal. *Galemys, Spanish Journal of Mammalogy*, 23 (NE): 9-15.

Delibes-Mateos M., Delibes M., Ferreras P. & Villafuerte R. 2008. Key role of European rabbits in the conservation of the western Mediterranean Basin hotspot. *Conservation Biology*, 22: 1106-1117. DOI:10.1111/j.1523-1793.2008.00993.x

- **Books:**

Vargas A. (ed) 2009. Conservación Ex situ del lince ibérico: un enfoque multidisciplinar. Fundación Biodiversidad, Madrid. 532 pp.

Ruiz-Olmo J. & Delibes M. (eds) 1998. La nutria en España ante el horizonte del año 2000. SECEM, Málaga. 300 pp.

- **Chapters in book:**

Virgós E. 1996. Ecología espacial de carnívoros: revisión de hipótesis. Pp. 183-190. In: R. García-Perea, R. Baquero, R. Fernández-Salvador & J. Gisbert (eds). Carnívoros. Evolución, Ecología y Conservación. MNCN y SECEM, Madrid.

- **Thesis:**

López-Martín J. M. 2003. Comparación de la ecología de la marta (*Martes martes*) y de la garduña (*Martes foina*) en el NE ibérico: interacciones con la gineta (*Genetta genetta*). Doctoral Thesis, University of Barcelona, Barcelona. 281 pp.

- **Congress articles:**

Bonet-Arbolí V., Llimona F., Anna P., Rafart-Plaza, E., Padrós, J. & Rodríguez-Tejreiro J. M. 2000. Evolució de la cacera de porc senglar (*Sus scrofa*) al Parc de Collserola. Pp. 225-232. In: F. Llimona, J. M. Espella, J. C. Guix, E. Mateos & J. D. Rodríguez-Tejreiro (eds.). I Jornades sobre la recerca en els sistemes naturals de Collserola: Aplicacions a la gestió del parc. Consorci Parc de Collserola, Barcelona.

- **Congress abstracts:**

Fonseca C., Carvalho J., Santos J., Torres R., Rodrigues R. & Ramos P. L. 2010. Seguimiento de una población de ciervo (*Cervus elaphus*) en el NE de Portugal. Resúmenes X Congreso SECEM, Fuengirola (Málaga), pp. 50.

- **Unpublished report:**

Torre I., Freixas L., Ribas A. & Arrizabalaga A. 2011. Programa de seguiment de petits mamífers comuns al Parc Natural del Montseny (Xarxa SEMICE 2010). Diputació de

Barcelona, 29 pp.

- **On line publications:**

IUCN 2011. IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2011.2. <[www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)>.

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**Table format**

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Figures should be cited in the text as Figure 1, Figures 1 and 2, Figures 1, 2 and 3 if they are contained in the text or as (Fig. 1, Fig. 1 and 2, Fig. 1, 2 and 3) when they are added as a reference. In the case of multiple figures, they will be arranged with letters: Figure 1A.

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