

Guide to Authors

Aims and scope (Editorial Policy)

The *Journal of Mountain Science* (JMS) is devoted to mountains and their surrounding lowlands - ecoregions of particular global importance, with a particular emphasis on the Tibetan Plateau and its adjacent high mountains, the Himalayas.

JMS mainly publishes academic and technical papers concerning environmental changes and sustainable development in mountain areas under natural conditions or / and with the influence of human activities. And it also accepts book reviews and reports on mountain research and introductions to mountain research organizations.

This journal pays particular attention to the relationships between mountain environment changes and human activities, including the processes, characteristics and restoration of mountain ecosystem degradation; dynamic processes, and the theory and methods of controlling mountain hazards, such as debris, landslides and soil erosion; the protection and development of special mountain resources; culture diversity and local economic development in mountain regions; and ethnic issues and social welfare in mountain areas.

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General guideline

JMS only accepts original papers that have never been published in English in any form.

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Manuscript should be provided in electronic format (in Microsoft Word), sent by e-mail or mailed with a disc. Manuscript is required with single spacing and 10-point type in A4 papers. Authors from China are required to provide a Chinese copy for an easy understanding and convenient revision.

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