

A NEW JOURNAL

Pastoralism

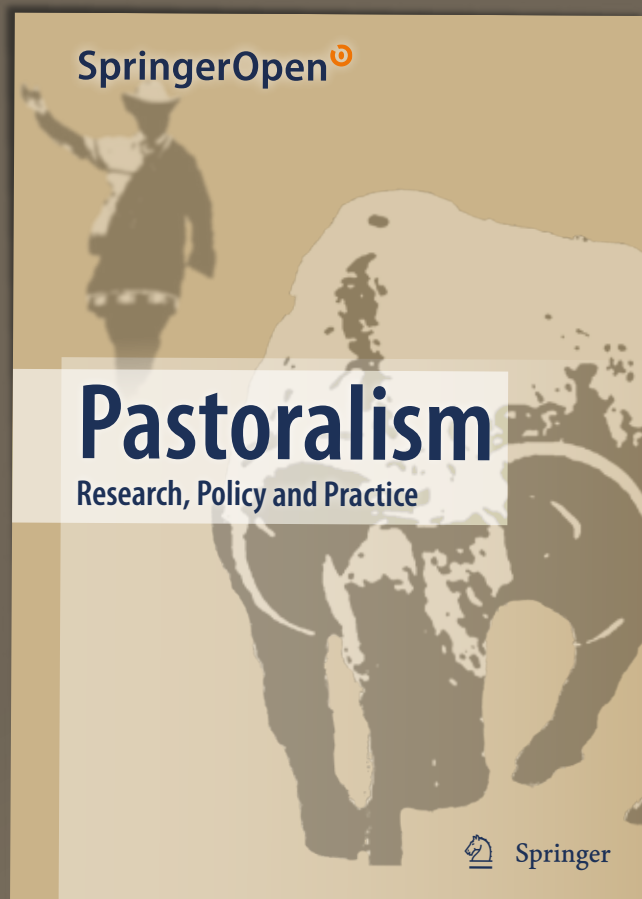
Research, Policy and Practice

Why a new journal?

Scientific papers on pastoralism are currently scattered in a wide variety of journals, and there is no central forum where researchers, policy-makers and practitioners can confront each other's ideas and discuss the implications of their work. Pastoralism now provides this forum - publishing interdisciplinary and peer-reviewed articles on extensive livestock production systems throughout the world.

Pastoralism is a global phenomenon. From the semi-arid tropics to the Arctic, it is practiced in environments as varied as deserts and savannahs, marshes, high meadows, plains and tundra. By sourcing material worldwide, Pastoralism promotes the comparative analysis of this varied and widespread production system.

The journal publishes research and field experience that influences policy and practice, to improve the welfare of pastoral people, better conserve the environments in which they live, and contribute to broad economic development. Pastoralism is committed to publishing material not just by researchers but also by administrators and field workers who would not normally contribute to a scientific journal.



Open access publishing

The first two issues (Volume 1, 2010) were published by Practical Action Publishers (UK). From now on, the journal will be published by SpringerOpen (Germany). The journal will be open access online. The journal's online website is in the process of being set up by SpringerOpen:

<http://preview.pastoralismjournal.com/>

The penetration of this journal into remote district offices, government research establishments and NGOs without internet access, will be ensured by free distribution of printed copies, made possible by funding support from the Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism (WISP) at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The editors are Carol Kerven and Roy Behnke, at Odessa Centre UK which initiated and owns the journal. They formerly edited the Pastoral Development Network at Overseas Development Institute (London) and Nomadic Peoples journal.

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Issue 1 was on "Mobile Pastoralism in the Industrial World", with case studies from western USA, Australia, Romania, Spain, France and Brazil, as well as two book reviews.

Issue 2 contained articles focussed on southern Africa, Siberia, western China, Tajikistan, Ethiopia and Patagonia. This issue also contained a note on research in progress on the Tibetan plateau and 2 book reviews.

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Endorsements

"I welcome this new journal. As a grandchild of the pioneering work of the Overseas Development Institute Pastoral Network, "Pastoralism - Research, Policy and Practice" can enliven the debate about pastoralism from a solid research base, through to the business of policy making and putting into practice. The birth of a new journal is particularly welcome as a signal that the 'death of pastoralism' has been much exaggerated."

Jeremy Swift,
Emeritus Professor

Institute of Development Studies (IDS) Sussex UK

"There has been a dearth of scientifically verified and rigorous publications on pastoralism in the last decade, and this new publication will be able to fill a very important gap in our knowledge. Furthermore, with its timely topics, as evidenced by this first edition, the journal has the potential to make considerable impact on sustainable development thinking and policies. "

Maryam Niamir-Fuller,
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