



Letter from the Editors

Dear readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our Journal and Newsletter! *Edentata 22* features three full articles and four short communications. It includes a great review of the distribution, ecology, and conservation of Xenarthra in Bolivia; first estimates of the potential lifespan of giant armadillos; and a description of the variations of dorsal carapace structures in giant armadillos that can be useful for their individual identification. You will also find new distribution records for armadillos in northwestern Bolivia, giant anteaters in southern Brazil, and silky anteaters in northeastern Brazil.

The **News** section is packed with interesting information, including the announcement of a new partnership our Specialist Group has entered with the Foundation for International Aid to Animals (FIAA). Following the IUCN's focus on increasing diversity among SSC members, we have decided to prioritize the inclusion of new members from countries that were not yet represented in our Specialist Group. We are excited that we found excellent candidates from seven underrepresented range countries!

This year we also initiated several subcommittees. You will find a detailed description of the criteria our taxonomy subcommittee has established to evaluate newly proposed changes in xenarthran taxonomy, as well as a list of topics on which our education/outreach subcommittee is focusing. In this context, we are happy to inform you that we are on *Instagram* (huge thanks to Alessandra Bertassoni for taking care of our social media!), and that we have set up a website for the Pygmy sloth conservation project.

The News section also includes sad news about the passing away of two great researchers, our long-time Specialist Group member Teresa Cristina da Silveira Anacleto and François Catzeflis. Both were dedicated, inspiring researchers. Teresa and François will sorely be missed.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our members for their tireless work and enthusiasm, and our partner institutions Nurtured by Nature and FIAA for their continuing support.



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