

## Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review Vol.8

### Author's Guide

#### 1. Aim

The aim of this publication is to collect and systematize knowledge on socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) gathered directly by practitioners, researchers and others working on-the-ground, and to offer it to members of the broader public who are interested in practices and policies for SEPLS. It is intended that this publication will contribute to policy and academic discussions as well as feed lessons learned back into practices in the field.

Unique features of this publication are:

- It offers chances for academic and non-academic practitioners to contribute to knowledge-building in an accessible way.
- It provides quality-assured papers written in accessible language for broader audiences.

#### 2. Qualification for authorship

- This publication accepts manuscripts authored or co-authored by members of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI). At least one author must belong to an IPSI member organization. It is required that the IPSI member is closely involved in and familiar with the activities described in the manuscript.
- Manuscripts are not currently under consideration, in press, or published elsewhere, and where based on work submitted elsewhere or already published is done so with proper citations. In the latter case, it is the author's responsibility to make sure that the author is authorized to replicate or rewrite the work. All authors will be required to complete the "Copyright Assignment Agreement" and the "Consent to Publish" when they submit their final manuscripts. Please provide the editorial team with information regarding any related publications from which the manuscript has been developed.

#### 3. Priorities in selection of manuscripts

- Manuscripts that conform to the theme of the publication: How the efforts in managing SEPLS can prevent, halt, and reverse land and sea degradation, contributing to ecosystem restoration and sustainable development.
- Manuscripts that contain knowledge gained primarily from on-the-ground activities including through engagement of local communities are preferred over theoretical perspectives or reviews of existing papers.
- Manuscripts that include innovative approaches, findings and lessons that are useful for replication and/or can be developed for policy-relevant recommendations.

#### **4. Submission and revision process**

##### **a. Submit the abstract by email**

Authors are requested to fill the attached abstract format and submit (**400 words**) to the editorial team by email (sitr@unu.edu) by **20 December 2021**. Submission of a full manuscript should be made before **20 February 2022**, after receiving confirmation from the editorial team to submit a full manuscript.

##### **b. Screening**

Manuscripts will be reviewed by the editorial team and the review committee to determine whether the manuscript fits within the scope of this publication and meets the criteria/requirements described in these guidelines. The editorial team will be composed mainly of experts at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), while the review committee consists of experts nominated by the editorial team from the IPSI member organisations.

##### **c. Revision of manuscript**

Selected authors will be invited to take part in a Case Study Workshop planned to be held either online or in person depending on the pandemic situation in **June 2022**. This Case Study Workshop will offer an opportunity for peer review and will serve as a place for discussion by the authors to develop a synthesis paper. In order to be accepted for the publication, authors are required to revise and develop their manuscripts to reflect feedback they receive from the editorial team and participants of the workshop. After necessary editorial processes, papers will be compiled into the publication together with the synthesis paper.

#### **5. Manuscript preparation**

##### **a. General guidelines**

- The manuscript must be written in English. It is preferable that authors whose first language is not English have their manuscript read by a person who is a native English speaker or who has sufficient skill in writing as necessary.
- Write in a reader-friendly style. Avoid using long and complex sentences or academic and scientific jargon.
- The manuscript needs to be detailed enough to show logical connections between actions taken and results through information and evidence that supports the discussion and conclusions reached.

##### **b. Manuscript structure and components**

- The manuscript should consist of cover page information, main text, figure(s) and table(s), and back matter as appropriate. Authors are encouraged to use the Template for Manuscripts attached.

1) Front page information: Title, Author(s), Affiliations, Abstract, Keywords.

- Title: Be concise, specific and relevant.
  - Author(s) and Affiliations: Include all authors' full names (spelled out as they would be cited), affiliations and email addresses and telephone numbers. For affiliations, include complete address information (city, zip code, state/province, country) for the corresponding author.
  - Abstract: The abstract should be a summary of the whole body text, including background, objectives, methods, results and conclusion. The length of the summary should be **150-250 words**.
  - Keywords: **Five to ten keywords**
- 2) Main text: **The length of the body text should range from 3,000-4,000 words (not more than 6,000 words)**. The body text should include the following information, though its organization is up to the author: introduction, description of activities (methods), results, discussion and conclusions. **Authors should carefully read the scope of invited papers in the “call for papers”, and make sure to include information indicated there.**
- Introduction: Briefly show context and challenges, and highlight why the case is significant.
  - Description of activities (methods): Describe in sufficient detail how actions have been taken, so that others can replicate and build on the results.
  - Results: Provide a concise explanation of the results of the actions and their interpretation.
  - Discussion: Discuss the results of the actions taken and derive lessons learned from the results. It is encouraged to suggest how lessons can be applied in broader contexts. Future challenges may also be highlighted.
  - Conclusion: Briefly summarize the main findings and lessons learned.
- 3) Headings and heading numbering: Heading levels should be clearly identified and each level should be uniquely and consistently formatted and/or numbered. Never skip a heading level. The only exceptions are run-in headings which can be used at any hierarchical level.
- 4) Terminology, units and abbreviations: Technical terms and abbreviations should be defined the first time they appear in the text. Always use internationally accepted signs and symbols for units, so-called SI units. Numerals should follow the British/American method of decimal points to indicate decimals and commas to separate thousands.
- 5) Footnotes: Always use footnotes instead of endnotes and never use footnotes instead of a reference list. Footnotes should not consist of a reference citation. Footnotes should not contain figures, tables and/or the bibliographic details of a reference.
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- 8) Back matter: Acknowledgements (if any) and References.
  - Acknowledgements: All sources of funding of the study should be disclosed including the Satoyama Development Mechanism (SDM) as appropriate. Also, please indicate if the case study is related to IPSI Collaborative Activities or has been submitted to the IPSI Secretariat as a case study.
  - References: References must be put in the text (including tables and legends) and listed individually at the end of the manuscript. Follow the style in the attached reference guide. If a cited source has more than six authors, please list the first five authors.

**c. Formatting the manuscript**

- File Format: MS Word document only
- Text formatting: Use 11pt Times New Roman font (or equivalent) for the main text, with single spacing and 6pt for paragraph spacing. Add line numbers and page numbers. (see here for more information on how to add line numbers <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Add-or-remove-line-numbers-b67cd35e-422c-42eb-adc9-256ca9802e22?ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>)

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