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Contributions can range from original scientific papers and natural history observations to opinions, anecdotes, local myths, taboos, pharmacopeia, and legends, as well as field experiences, workshops, education and awareness activities, and announcements. We will accept and publish contributions in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese so that everyone can express themselves in the language they most feel comfortable.

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