



Letter from the Editors

We are proud to present Edentata 12 in its new design! This issue contains ten interesting articles and short communications on such diverse topics as the adaptation of silky anteaters to captive conditions, anesthetic protocols for two-toed sloths, or habitat preferences of Andean hairy armadillos. All articles have been peer-reviewed, and we would like to extend our special thanks to the reviewers for their excellent job.

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As a service to our authors and readers, we will start uploading **articles in press** to our website. This will allow us to distribute new information on xenarthrans and Xenarthra conservation more rapidly and effectively. We also hope that it will motivate our authors to submit their manuscripts at any time of the year, as their articles will be available online shortly after they have been accepted for publication.

In our constant effort to improve communication with researchers, enthusiasts, and the general public, we are pleased to inform you that **our website <http://www.xenarthrans.org> is now available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese**. We will do our best to keep it up to date in all three languages; but for this, **we need your help**. Please send us brief field news, abstracts of interesting articles, meeting announcements, or anything else that you would like to see featured in our News section. You are welcome to submit News in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.

But there's more! Our Specialist Group has started using social media. We invite you to join us on **Facebook** (IUCN/SSC Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group) to ensure you don't miss the latest gossip from the Xenarthra world!

Talking about gossip, you may have heard the news: Our Specialist Group has started working on the **Sloth Action Plan**. This ambitious project will help us assessing the conservation status of sloths and their habitats in different parts of their range as well as outline conservation priorities. The Action Plan will provide guidelines for governments, conservation specialists, and other stakeholders interested in contributing to the long-term survival of these fascinating species. For additional information on the Sloth Action Plan, we invite you to download the project description from the News section of our website and have a look at the News Section in this issue of Edentata.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank Susana Graciela Farias from MAGRAF – CCT CONICET Mendoza for refreshing the appearance of our Newsletter. We hope you like it!

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