

## Letter from the Editors

Welcome to Edentata 17! This year's issue of Edentata includes five articles, three short communications, and two field notes, all of them related to the conservation of xenarthrans. Among others, you will find two articles on the poorly known *Dasypus kappleri*, three on tamanduas, and two articles from countries that have notoriously been underrepresented in the literature on xenarthrans: Suriname and Chile. There is even an article on armadillo consumption by an unusual species, the tiger shark.

As always, you will find some interesting announcements in the News section, including the well-deserved recognition of our Panamanian Specialist Group member and pygmy sloth expert Diorene J. Smith as a Disney Conservation Hero. Congratulations, Diorene!

We are pleased to inform you that all articles published in Edentata will now have a Digital Object Identifier (DOI). You will find it in the header of each article's cover page. We are immensely thankful to IUCN, and especially to Deborah Murith from IUCN's Science and Knowledge Unit, for their help with assigning the DOI's to Edentata.

Mariella Superina has been invited to serve as Chair of our Specialist Group during the next quadrennium. She is honored to do so, and extremely happy that Nadia Moraes-Barros and Agustín M. Abba have agreed to continue acting as Deputy Chair and Red List Authority, respectively, for another four years. We have taken the opportunity to include more experts in our Specialist Group with the purpose of reaching a balanced group of motivated, active members that represent all (or most) range countries and taxa. Following recommendations by our current members, the evaluation committee has selected the following new members: Monique Pool (Green Heritage Fund Suriname), Lizette Bermúdez (Parque Zoológico Huachipa, Peru), Maria Clara Arteaga (Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada, Mexico), Andy Noss (University of Florida, USA), and Paul Smith (FAUNA Paraguay). We would like to give them a warm welcome and are looking forward to working with them!

Finally, we are hugely grateful to Austin Zoo for the generous financial support, which once again allowed us to publish Edentata. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all anonymous reviewers for their excellent work.



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