COVER LETTER 04/03/2018

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to present you a *short communication* about five years working with sloths at Atlantic Forest. These results are part of a project about the surveillance of zoonosis in wild animals and the management of these animals are part of the job. Thereafter, some interesting data about these sloths were form to present to you.

All authors have seen and approved the submitted manuscript; the manuscript has not been published before and even submitted simultaneously in other journal(s).

Bellow we list some possible referees:

- 1- Luiz Flamarion de Oliveira, Museu Nacional/ UFRJ <a href="mailto:lfbolive@gmail.com">lfbolive@gmail.com</a>
- 2- Cecília Andreazzi, CFMA/ FIOCRUZ cecilia.anderazzi@fiocruz.br
- 3- Rosana Gentile, IOC/ FIOCRUZ rgentile@ioc.fiocruz.br
- 4- Paulo D'Andrea, IOC/FIOCRUZ dandrea@ioc.fiocruz.br
- 5- Bernardo Teixeira, FIOCRUZ bernardoteixeira@gmail.com

Authors acknowledge the authorship of the manuscript and agree with the rules presented at *Oecologia Australis*.

Yours sincerely,

Martha Brandão - Veterinária

Marlla Lima Bronda

Pesquisadora Bolsista do Campus Fiocruz da Mata Atlântica

Projeto Manejo de Fauna Silvestre e Vigilância em Zoonoses - PMVZ