



**To the Editor**  
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Attached find please the original manuscript entitled “Diversity and Distribution of Anurans from Mata das Flores State Park, Espírito Santo, Southeastern Brazil” by Juliane Pereira-Ribeiro, Átila Colombo Ferreguetti, Thais Meirelles Linause, Jonathan Silva Cozer, Helena G. Bergallo and Carlos Frederico Duarte Rocha, which is submitted as to Oecologia Australis.

This manuscript is suitable to be published in Oecologia Australis once it is innovative, based on data from original research regarding on an important issue for fauna monitoring, which is the prior analysis of how the community is structured in terms of composition, richness, abundance, and distribution.

In this study we analyzed the anurans community of Mata das Flores State Park, located in the municipality of Castelo, Espírito Santo, Southeastern Brazil, evaluating the richness, composition, abundance and local distribution of anurans species

Our study is innovative because it is the first study with amphibians in this fragment of the Atlantic Forest so important because of its connection with other conservation units.



Therefore, our decision to submit our article to *Oecologia Australis* was due our text fits the scope of this journal and of the journal's wide distribution which will allow researchers from different parts of the world to have access to such an important point and supported by substantial data.

The authors contributed equally to this manuscript and agree with the contents of the manuscript and its submission to *Oecologia Australis*.

In addition, the authors state that the manuscript is not being considered for publication elsewhere while it is being considered for publication in *Oecologia Australis*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Juliane Pereira-Ribeiro".

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