



Dear Editor,

We are submitting the manuscript entitled “*First record of twin fetuses of South American sea lion in the southern Brazilian coast*” to be considered for publication as a short communication on *Oecologia Australis*. This is an original manuscript reporting the first known occurrence of twinning in South American sea lions in the South American coast. We describe this occurrence with as much detail as possible, including pictures. We also highlight the unusual circumstances found which include the stranding of the pregnant female away from the closest breeding colony in a period when most pups were being born, and poor development of fetuses.

I confirm that the manuscript was not published elsewhere or is under consideration for publication elsewhere, and that it has been read and approved by all named authors. I further confirm that the order of authors has been approved by all of us. Additionally, we wish to confirm that there are no known conflict of interest associated with this publication and that we are aware that the article will only be published upon payment of the cost of the manuscript according to the value indicated on the *Oecologia Australis* page.

Yours faithfully,

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