

COVER LETTER

To Editorial Office of *Oecologia australis*

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “Conservation status, sources of threat, and endemism of anurans in highland grasslands of Southern and Southeastern Brazil” intended for publication in *Oecologia australis*. The manuscript is authored by Michel Varajão Garey and Diogo Borges Provete and is part of the special issue on *Campos de altitude*. In this manuscript, we assembled occurrence records of anurans from highland grassland fields in Brazil from the literature and analyzed their conservation status, including the spatial distribution of richness and endemism.

We declare that this manuscript is based on original unpublished research, and has not been submitted to another journal for publication. In addition, all authors agree with the content of the manuscript and its submission to the journal.

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