



## Anthropogenic Threats to Wild and Captive Lions and How to Mitigate Them

Guest Editor:

**Dr. Jackie Abell**

Research Centre for Agroecology,  
Water & Resilience Coventry  
University, West Midlands, UK

Deadline for manuscript  
submissions:

**closed (31 May 2023)**

### Message from the Guest Editor

Over the last 30 years, there has been an acceleration in lion research across the sciences. As wild African (*panthera leo*) and Asian lion (*panthera leo persica*) populations continue on a downward trajectory, the complexity of their relationship with human beings has come to the forefront in academic research concerned with their protection and restoration. This has stimulated further interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of lion research. The human dimension is apparent in all lion research focus areas including lion behaviour, ecology, population dynamics, conflict and coexistence, hunting, husbandry practices of captive populations, diet, welfare, management, (eco) tourism, wildlife trade, disease, culture and history, and even the lion researchers themselves.

In this Special Issue, we want to bring together this range of current wild and captive lion research that would not usually be presented in the same publication to highlight anthropogenic threats to lion that exist at all levels of research focus and enquiry. Furthermore, we welcome you to share your successes and failures in mitigating those threats.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

## Editor-in-Chief

### Prof. Dr. Clive J. C. Phillips

Curtin University Sustainable  
Policy (CUSP) Institute, Curtin  
University, Kent St., Bentley, WA  
6102, Australia

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Animals* is an on-line open access journal that was first published in 2011. *Animals* adheres to rigorous peerreview and editorial processes and publishes only high quality manuscripts that address important issues in the many varied disciplines that involve animals, with a focus on animal science, animal welfare and animal ethics. *Animals* is covered in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) in Web of Science, with the latest Impact Factor: 2.7 (2024, ranks 15/86 (Q1) in 'Agriculture, Dairy & Animal Science'; 21/170 (Q1) in 'Veterinary Sciences'), 5-Year Impact Factor: 3.2.

## Author Benefits

**Open Access:** free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

**High Visibility:** indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, PubAg, AGRIS, Animal Science Database, CAB Abstracts, and other databases.

**Journal Rank:** JCR - Q1 (Veterinary Sciences) / CiteScore - Q1 (General Veterinary)

## Contact Us

---

*Animals* Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[www.mdpi.com](http://www.mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/animals](http://mdpi.com/journal/animals)  
[animals@mdpi.com](mailto:animals@mdpi.com)  
[X@Animals\\_MDPI](#)