

## A Decade of Publication of the First Peer-reviewed Scientific Journal in Mongolia – Mongolian Journal of Biological Sciences

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### Abstract

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Mongolian Journal of Biological Sciences was founded in 2003 and has been continuously published, with main mission to promote the development of biology, and communication among biologists in Mongolia and around the world. MJBS is the only single peer-reviewed, regularly published English language scientific journal existing in the history of modern science in Mongolia. With the support and participation of biologists around the world, MJBS has since become a major scientific journal in Mongolia. This is evident in the quantity, quality and wide subject range of papers published in MJBS during the last ten years. Below you will find a detailed explanation of my motivation for starting the new journal and some details of the journal as well. Compiling bibliographic analysis I summarize the number and type of papers published, the number and distributions of authors published with MJBS over the last ten years. During its 10 years of existence, the journal published 158 papers of different categories by 414 authors from 16 countries of the world, in 15 issues with a total of 1,140 pages. Among the research articles, most deal with ecology, behavior and conservation (64%), systematics and evolution (19%), physiology and biochemistry (13%), but only four articles (1.4%) were related to genetics, molecular biology, cellular and developmental biology. The journal has the potential to change the way we share information in our discipline. Finally, I discussed the future policy and development of MJBS.

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### Introduction

I am pleased to inform you that today the first peer-reviewed scientific journal in Mongolia, *Mongolian Journal of Biological Sciences* (MJBS) publishes its 10th jubilee volume in both electronic and printed versions. This jubilee volume is devoted to the diversity, ecology

and genetics of various mammals such as chiropterans, insectivores, rodents, ungulates and carnivores from different regions of Mongolia. Part of this volume is covered by papers on plant communities in the Mongolian Gobi, and bacterial diversity in the Arctic sea water. As