

# *African Biodiversity & Conservation*: an open access, free to publish journal for research on African biodiversity and conservation

## Supplementary Material

### Supplementary Table 1.

Table of authors per country that have published papers in *African Biodiversity & Conservation* over a five-year period (2018–2023). This is based on the primary affiliation as listed in author addresses. Data were used to create Figure 1

Country	Number of authors (2018–2023)
South Africa	212
United Kingdom	13
United States of America	8
Botswana	6
Nigeria	6
Sweden	6
Zimbabwe	6
Lesotho	5
Kenya	4
Namibia	4
Cameroon	3
Czechia	3
Germany	3
Italy	3
China	2
Ethiopia	2
Slovakia	2
Belgium	1
Eswatini	1
Ghana	1
Ireland	1
Madagascar	1
Malawi	1
Mexico	1
Mozambique	1
Switzerland	1
Tunisia	1

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The major global scientific publishers have few offices on the African continent.

Springer has six offices (five in southern Africa) (<https://group.springernature.com/gp/group/about-us/locations-contact>; accessed 14 February 2024); Informa (the parent company of Taylor & Francis) has offices in Cairo and Johannesburg ([https://www.informa.com/contact-us/office-locator/?location=Africa\\_&division=](https://www.informa.com/contact-us/office-locator/?location=Africa_&division=); accessed 14 February 2024); Elsevier only has employees in Egypt and South Africa (<https://cdn.elsevier.io/matrix/includes/online-brochure-2021/images/map-contact.svg>; accessed 1 March 2023); and Wiley has one office on the continent (<https://www.wiley.com/en-gb/globallocations>; accessed 14 February 2024 listed under 'Asia and Australia'). As of early 2024, two of the leading open-access publishers in biodiversity (MDPI and Frontiers) have headquarters in Switzerland and offices around the world, but no physical presence in Africa (<https://www.mdpi.com/about/contact> & <https://www.frontiersin.org/about/contact>; both accessed 14 February 2024).