

The first botanical journal in Central Asia to be published in full English

In 2022, the Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan was the first among all the countries of Central Asia to publish the botanical journal «Plant Diversity of Central Asia» (PDCA) in English. The journal is a peer-reviewed international scientific journal having a geographical focus on Central Asia and publishing original research and review articles on taxonomy, biogeography, evolution and conservation of plants (including algae, bryophytes and fungi). In addition, articles describing the results of scientific research in such areas as population and community ecology, and plant-animal interactions will also be accepted for publication.

The image displays the journal's branding and content. At the top left is the logo of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, featuring a red flower and the year 1940. The main title "Plant Diversity of Central Asia" is prominently displayed in a serif font, with the subtitle "Plant and Fungi Taxonomy, Distribution, Ecology and Conservation" below it. The volume information "Volume 1 Issue 1 2022" and the website "www.pdca.uz" are also present. A circular icon with a mouse cursor points to the URL "http://www.". Below the title, there are three main visual elements: a cover image of red tulips, a table of contents, and a screenshot of the journal's website. The table of contents lists articles such as "Conservation-oriented restoration and its application to Central Asia" and "Endemic plant species richness of Sankhondaryo province, Uzbekistan". The website screenshot shows a search bar, navigation links, and a list of articles. At the bottom, there is a stack of journal covers and a detailed list of the editorial board members, including their names and affiliations. An abstract of an article is also visible on the right side of the bottom section.

The editor-in-chief is Prof. Sergey Volis from Israel (number of articles in Scopus 91, h-index 22). Sergey Volis previously served as Editor-in-Chief of «Plant Diversity» (China) (impact factor in 2021 - 2.528), and was one of the editors of «Plos ONE» (USA) (impact factor in 2021 - 3.04). Apart from the editor-in-chief, the journal has 22 editors who are professional scientists from 13 countries, including the USA (Harvard University), Japan (Niigata University), Russia (Moscow and Altay State Universities), China (Kunming Institute of Botany), Spain (Instituto Pirenaico de Ecologia), Poland (Opole and Jagiellonian universities), and South Korea (Changwon National and Kongju Universities).

The first volume of the journal was published in January 2022. All accepted articles become immediately available and can be downloaded from the official website of the journal (www.pdca.uz). The published articles meet the standards of international journals and have permanent digital object identifiers (doi)

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