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**ABSTRACT**  
Conservation-oriented restoration and species restoration indicate that existing plant conservation practices are inadequate and new approaches are needed. It is difficult to assess the effectiveness of a proposed program of conservation-oriented restoration and compare it with other conservation strategies. In this study, we evaluate the effectiveness of a conservation-oriented restoration program in a semi-arid steppe zone of Uzbekistan. The results show that the restoration program is effective in increasing the species richness and abundance of native plant species, but it is less effective in increasing the species richness and abundance of non-native plant species. The results also show that the restoration program is effective in increasing the species richness and abundance of native plant species, but it is less effective in increasing the species richness and abundance of non-native plant species. The results also show that the restoration program is effective in increasing the species richness and abundance of native plant species, but it is less effective in increasing the species richness and abundance of non-native plant species.

The editor-in-chief is Prof. Sergey Volis from Israel (number of articles in Scopus 91, h-index 22). Sergei 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 Ecología), Poland (Opole and Jagiellonian universities), and South Korea (Changwon National and Kongju Universities).

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