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2016

Journal Editorial/Production Report
SAJB joined Elsevier in 2006

**Impact factor**

*2015 Impact factor, released in 2016

- **2015**
  - Articles: 142
  - Total cites: 2075

- **2014**
  - Articles: 160
  - Total cites: 1774
# Plant science journals

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Data source: Journal Citation Reports®
Editorial summary

- **931 (768)** articles received and processed by the Editorial Office on the Elsevier Editorial System (EES); from **54 (62)** countries
- **638 (450)** articles without review
- Rejection rate = **84% (77%)**
- **146 (173)** articles accepted (128 rejected; 17 withdrawn)

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Number in parentheses = value for 2015, for comparison
Special Issues

Recent special issues:
• Biome boundaries in South Africa (Vol. 101)
• Ecology and biodiversity of South African estuaries (Vol. 107)

Special issues in progress:
• Herbal teas – exploring untapped potential and strengthening commercialisation
• Smoke ecology and applications of plant-derived smoke
• Hybridisation in the Cape and Kwongan

Suggestions for special issues are welcome!
Please discuss your idea with the Editor-in-Chief!
Archive

- All back issues of the South African Journal of Botany are now available via ScienceDirect

- This ‘Open Archive’ is a very valuable resource to botanists in South Africa

- Thanks to Prof. Kevin Balkwill for his efforts

- Thanks to Elsevier for their assistance
Final remarks

- Editorial board currently consists of 52 members:
  - 31 South African scientists
  - 21 international scientists

- Thanks to Elsevier for their support of our journal!