

# EDITORIAL

The Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies shortened to acronym, JONARES, is the first scientific ever-to-be published refereed journal by the academia in South Sudan. This is the second issue of volume one of the journal in which you will find ten well-researched information on five disciplines: wildlife, fisheries, agroforestry, animal production and crop science. The information contained in these papers have been generated largely by research done by the academic staff of the College of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies in their quest for higher academic qualifications (Masters and doctorate) degrees.

Communication of research findings by graduate students through local journals such as JONARES serves three cardinal purposes: first, the papers' recommendations act as sources for other research in areas that were not investigated. Second, the data contained in the papers in the journal will be used for planning, administrative and decision-making purposes. Third, publishing papers consistently improves the writing ability of the authors, and in academic world, in particular, is the only means used for promotion to higher academic positions and assessment for quality of research for higher degrees. Besides these, it is only way of communication with the other academics and researchers worldwide promoting fame and authority.

More importantly, for the publication of JONARES to continue unhampered, postgraduate students vying for higher degrees in the School of Natural Resources should mandatorily publish one paper in JONARES before their viva. To promote their functional existence in the School, at least, each department should strive to publish, in subsequent issues of the journal.

Finally, we would like to thank and acknowledge the authors of the papers herein for the tremendous effort they exerted in their research and production of these papers. Your effort emphasizes the fulfilment for which the College of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies was established – to produce graduates to do research on the services that the natural resources could provide to the inhabitants of the South Sudan so that these services would be utilized sustainability.



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