

## The crisis in academic publishing

- The market is dysfunctional – there is no mechanism regulating journal prices.
- Prices of commercially published journals often increase by 10-20% per year
- In ecology the average prices of commercially published journals are four times higher than those published by non-profit organizations.
- Libraries cancel subscriptions – Our research is not efficiently disseminated.
- We pay more and get less.

### What can be done?

- Examine the pricing policy of any commercially published journal before you contribute as an author, reviewer, or editor. If possible, refuse to do business with publishers who practice "predatory pricing."
- Submit papers to journals that have reasonable prices.
- As a member of a scholarly association, encourage the creation of competitors to expensive commercial journals.
- Inform your colleagues.

More information on the crisis at: [www.createchange.org](http://www.createchange.org).

### Journal prices

	Impact	Price <sup>1</sup> \$/article	Publisher	Society
RIVER RESEARCH	1.3	31.4	Wiley	
MAR BIOL	1.7	25.8	Springer	
J EXP MAR BIOL ECOL	1.8	25.6	Elsevier	
BEHAV ECOL SOCIOBIOL	2.3	25.5	Springer	
J BIOGEOGR	1.8	24.1	Blackwell	
LANDSCAPE ECOL	1.7	22.9	Kluwer	
THEOR POPUL BIOL	1.8	21.3	Elsevier	
MOL ECOL	3.0	21.2	Blackwell	
EVOL ECOL	1.5	21.1	Kluwer	
J THEOR BIOL	1.6	20.0	Elsevier	
TRENDS ECOL EVOL	11.9	19.9	Elsevier	
POLAR BIOL	1.4	19.4	Springer	
ADV MAR BIOL	3.2	19.2 <sup>2</sup>	Elsevier	
FRESHWATER BIOL	1.6	17.8	Blackwell	
OECOLOGIA	2.6	17.6	Springer	
CORAL REEFS	1.6	17.0	Springer	ISRR
ECOL MODEL	1.3	16.5	Elsevier	ISEM
ETHOLOGY	1.7	16.1	Blackwell	Ethol. Ges.
ADV ECOL RES	2.9	16.0 <sup>2</sup>	Elsevier	
MICROBIAL ECOL	2.7	13.2	Springer	
ECOL MONOGR	4.7	13.1	ESA	ESA
J EVOLUTION BIOL	2.7	13.1	Blackwell	ESEB
ECOL LETT	3.0	13.0	Blackwell	CNRS
J SEA RES	1.4	12.9	Elsevier	NISR
PHILOS T ROY SOC B	3.4	12.0	The Royal Society	The Royal Society
J CHEM ECOL	1.4	11.6	Kluwer	
BIOL CONSERV	1.8	11.2	Elsevier	
ECOSYSTEMS	2.7	10.1	Springer	

AQUAT MICROB ECOL	2.3	9.2	IR	
J APPL ECOL	2.9	9.1	Blackwell	BES
J VEG SCI	1.6	8.2	OPULUS Press	IAVS
MAR ECOL-PROG SER	2.2	7.8	IR	IR
J ECOL	2.3	7.8	Blackwell	BES
ANNU REV ECOL SYST	6.2	7.7	Annual Reviews	Annual Reviews
FUNCT ECOL	2.4	7.5	Blackwell	BES
J ANIM ECOL	2.9	7.4	Blackwell	BES
NEW PHYTOL	2.9	7.1	Blackwell	New Phytologist Trust
ANNU REV ENTOMOL	5.2	6.9	Annual Reviews	Annual Reviews
J PLANKTON RES	1.4	6.4	Oxford Univ. Press	
ADV BOT RES	1.7	6.3 <sup>2</sup>	Elsevier	
CAN J FISH AQUAT SCI	2.0	6.0	NRC	NRC
ICES J MAR SCI	1.8	5.7	Elsevier	ICES
ECOLOGY	3.9	5.6	ESA	ESA
ANIM BEHAV	2.4	5.5	Elsevier	ASAB
ANIM CONSERV	1.7	5.3	Cambridge Univ. Press	Zool. Soc. London
P ROY SOC LOND B BIO	3.4	5.1	The Royal Society	The Royal Society
EVOL ECOL RES	1.4	5.0	Evolutionary Ecology Ltd	
ECOL APPL	3.0	4.9	ESA	ESA
CONSERV BIOL	2.7	4.6	Blackwell	SCB
BEHAV ECOL	2.4	4.2	Oxford Univ press	ISBE
LIMNOL OCEANOGR	3.2	4.1	ASLO	ASLO
BIOSCIENCE	3.2	3.9	AIBS	AIBS
ECOGRAPHY	2.1	3.8	Blackwell	Oikos
OIKOS	2.4	3.8	Blackwell	Oikos
J N AM BENTHOL SOC	2.1	3.5	NABS	NABS
ANN ZOOL FENN	1.5	3.2	Finn. Zool. Bot. Publ. Board	Finnish Academy
AM NAT	4.4	3.1	Univ Chicago Press	ASN
AM J BOT	2.3	2.9	High wire press	ASB
ENVIRON SCI TECHNOL	3.1	2.6	Am. Chem. Soc	Am. Chem. Soc
EVOLUTION	3.5	1.4	SSE	SSE
J WILDLIFE MANAGE	1.8	1.2 <sup>2</sup>	TWS	TWS
CONSERV ECOL	3.9	0.0	Resilience Alliance	Resilience Alliance

<sup>1</sup> Campus-wide license 2003, paper + on line, EBSCO's catalogue, no of articles in 2002 (ISI)

<sup>2</sup> On line not available

TREE is not included in the plots

