

## Hans ter Steege and Arndt Hampe join the editorial team of *Plant Ecology and Evolution*

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The growing success of our journal again necessitated a further look to reinforce the editorial team. Dr. Hans ter Steege and Dr. Arndt Hampe accepted to join us, as Associate Editor and member of the Editorial Board, respectively.

Hans ter Steege is specialised in the study of plant diversity and mechanisms generating and regulating species diversity at regional and local scales, with a focus on the Neotropics. He has good working knowledge of forests functions, processes and resource management issues. He will conduct the review process of ecological submissions corresponding to his expertise.

Arndt Hampe is a plant population ecologist and evolutionary biologist. His research spans local to large geographical scales and combines field and molecular ecological approaches. Woody plants are his favourite study organisms, and their dispersal and recruitment represent a common denominator of his different research lines (interactions between plants and their animal seed dispersers; ecological determinants of demographic and genetic population structures; phylogeography and species range dynamics; performance of climate relict populations).

We warmly welcome Hans ter Steege and Arndt Hampe in the editorial team of *Plant Ecology and Evolution*. Their help to our journal is much appreciated.



During and after his PhD in plant ecology (“Patterns in tropical rainforest in Guyana”, Utrecht University, promotor: Professor M.J.A. Werger) in 1993, **Dr. Hans ter Steege** worked ten years as programme leader of the Tropenbos Guyana Programme and a similar amount of time at the Utrecht University. He is now senior research fellow at the Naturalis Biodiversity Center in Leiden, The Netherlands.



**Dr. Arndt Hampe** got a PhD from the Universidad de Sevilla (Spain) in 2004, with a thesis on the reproduction ecology of the Mediterranean relict *Frangula alnus* subsp. *baetica*. After postdoctoral fellowships in Spain and France, he was appointed in 2011 Director of research at the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) and is now working at the UMR1202 “Biodiversité, Gènes & Communautés”, Cestas (France).