

## Information about journal “Arid ecosystems”

The journal “Arid ecosystems” was initiated by decision of General biology department of the Russian Academy of Sciences, section “Problems of arid ecosystems studying and combat against desertification” of Scientific council “Problem of ecology of biological systems”. The founders of the journal are Caspian Institute of Biological Resources of Dagestan scientific center, Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) and Water Problems Institute of RAS. The journal has been published since January 1995, starting from 2009 – by publishing house “Association of scientific editions KMK”.

The journal is registered by federal supervision service for information technologies and mass communication (Roscomnadzor) – certificate ПИ № ФС77-36951, July, 21, 2009 and by Regional chamber of registration and monitoring of law supervision of Russian Federation for mass media and publication of Dagestan Republic – certificate № Д 0238, 17 of February 1998, ISSN 19933916, it is also included into the system of Russian Scientific citation N 25-02/09a. It received the subscription index in the joint catalogue “Russian Press” – 39775.

Periodicity of the journal from 1995 till 2008 – 3 issues per year, starting from 2009 – 4 issues per year, circulation – 200 copies.

The modern scientific achievements in the sphere of arid ecosystems, biodiversity protection are being published in the journal as well as the results of modern scientific achievements of arid ecosystems studies, biodiversity protection practical questions of combat against desertification. The journal also contains brief information and reviews, chronicles and messages. The works of leading Russian scientists can be found as well as works on modern actual problems of ecology and biogeography, submitted by the scientists from many countries.

Information about the journal, rules for the authors, complete list of publications beginning with the initiation of the journal as well as contents of the current year issues and Russian and English summaries of the articles are placed on the website of WPI RAS ([www.iwp.ru/aridsistem/aridsis.html](http://www.iwp.ru/aridsistem/aridsis.html)). The full text version of the journal issues starting from 2004 can be found on the website of RINC (<http://www.elibrary.ru>).

The main territory of distribution of the Russian version of journal is Russian Federation, it is delivered into all central scientific libraries of Russia, scientific libraries of the leading Universities of our country and countries of CIS, and also to universities and organizations abroad (Germany, USA, Egypt). The journal has been published in English since 2011 and has been distributed by publishing house Springer.

The journal is included into the list of Reviewed journals and Database of VINITI (agreement N R0155/008-06, 11 of January, 2006). Information about the journal is published annually in the International Inquiry System on periodicals and proceeding editions «Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory».

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Independent reviewing of the articles is made by members of the editorial board and by reviewers of the journal – the leading scientists-specialists in various fields.

The journal is included into the list of Reviewed journals and publications of High Certification Commission (agreement № 6/6, 19 February, 2010 of Presidium of High Certification Commission, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia) in which main scientific results of doctoral and candidate's thesis have to be published.

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