

Aims

As an organization dedicated to ecology the GfÖ

- supports basic and applied ecological science
- enhances exchange across ecological disciplines
- contributes to education in ecology, e.g. at universities
- provides ecological knowledge for application
- advocates insights from ecological research in the public sphere
- improves communication among ecologists

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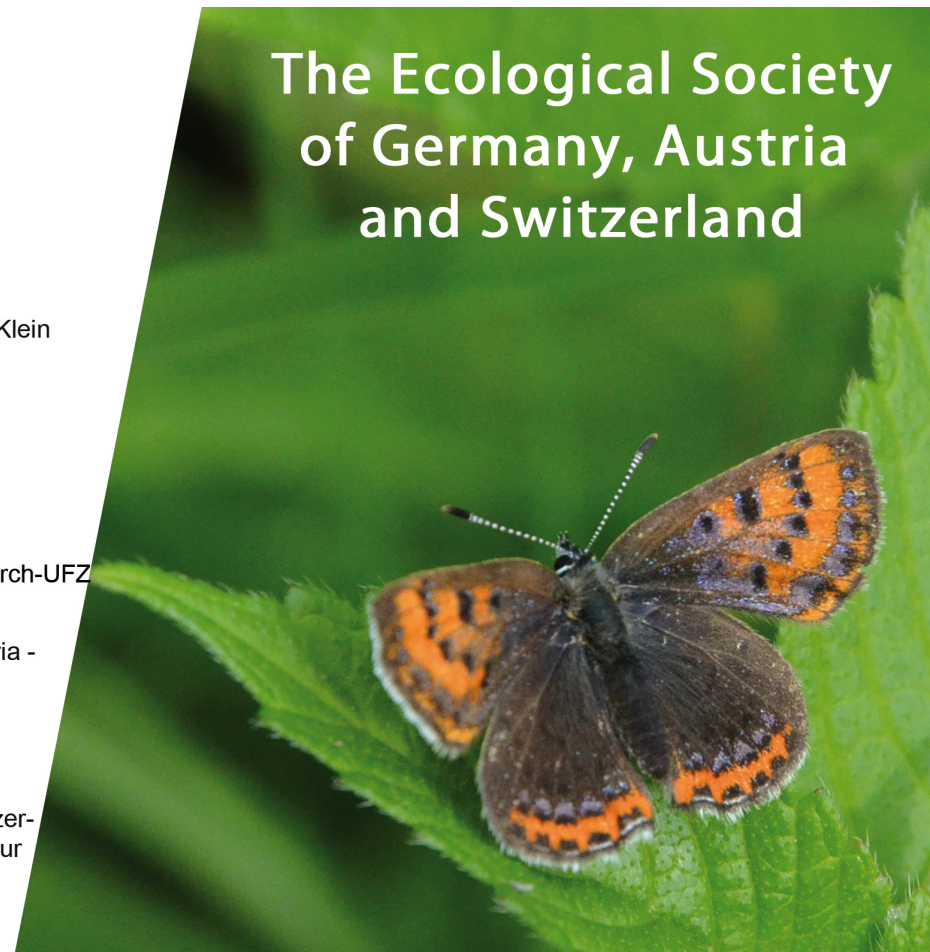
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Activities

The GfÖ organizes international conferences, summer schools, workshops, courses and is an accredited observer to the Inter-governmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

At the annual conference, the GfÖ confers awards for outstanding theses, poster presentations and photos illustrating an ecological topic.

Specialist groups

The specialist groups are a key component of the GfÖ network. They offer a forum for in-depth exchange on specific topics in ecology involving leading experts as well as newcomers. Specialist groups of the GfÖ include:

- Agroecology
- Computational Ecology
- Conservation & Restoration
- Dryland Research
- Ecohydrology
- Ecosystem Science
- Environmental Education
- Experimental Ecology
- Forest Ecology
- Landscape Ecology
- Macroecology
- Plant Population Biology
- Soil Ecology
- Young Modellers in Ecology

Publications

The GfÖ publishes three periodicals:

- **Basic and Applied Ecology** (in English)
Scientific, peer-reviewed journal that accepts high-quality submissions by ecologists from all countries covering basic and applied ecology; eight issues published per year by Elsevier; editor-in-chief is Prof. Dr. Teja Tscharntke, Georg-August-University Göttingen
- **Verhandlungen der GfÖ** (in English)
Proceedings of the annual international conference of the GfÖ containing the abstracts of all conference contributions
- **Nachrichten der GfÖ** (in German)
News for GfÖ members published twice a year

In addition, the GfÖ regularly informs its members, e. g. about job offers, meetings and events, via a mailing list, the society's website and social media channels.



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Background

The GfÖ (Gesellschaft für Ökologie e. V.) is an international organization dedicated to ecology in science and application. The society mainly represents ecologists from Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The society supports scientific discovery in the field of ecology and enhances exchange among ecologists working on different subjects at academic institutions, administrations or in the private sector. The GfÖ further provides ecological information to decision-makers and therefore contributes to the development of solutions for a sustainable use of ecosystems and natural resources.

Currently, the GfÖ has about 1100 members representing ecological topics from basic research to applied aspects and education. This diversity is also reflected in the society's specialist groups, publications and annual conferences.

Founded in 1970, the society is registered as a charity in Germany. The society is a member of the European Ecological Federation (EEF) and the International Association for Ecology (INTECOL).

Join us

The GfÖ welcomes membership by persons interested in ecological sciences.

GfÖ members gain free online access to the society's scientific journal, Basic and Applied Ecology (Elsevier). They further receive a printed version of the GfÖ news twice a year as well as regular e-mail newsletters with information on job vacancies, meetings and events. GfÖ members enjoy reduced fees for the annual conference and the opportunity to participate in specialist groups. Students can join at reduced rates.