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Journal Scope (Volume 40 onwards)

• Papers in all areas of seed quality and physiology related to:
  – Seed production, harvest, processing, sampling, storage, genetic conservation, habitat regeneration, distribution and testing.

• Content subheadings:
  – Dormancy and germination; health; production; storage and ageing; variety identification; viability testing; vigour testing.
  – Research Notes.
Submissions per month

Mean = 23.3 per month
### Time indicators (1)

#### 2011 submissions:

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Time indicators (2)

2011/12 submissions:

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Origin of 262 submissions in 2011

Number of submissions

Countries with 1 submission only:
- Austria
- Iraq
- Bangladesh
- Israel
- Costa Rica
- Kenya
- Cote d'Ivoire
- New Zealand
- Denmark
- Norway
- Fiji Islands
- Serbia
- Finland
- Spain
- Hungary
- Thailand
Fate of submissions in 2011

Acceptance rate: 16.4%
Rejected by Chief Editor: 63.7%
Origin of papers accepted in 2011

Number of papers accepted in 2011

- Brazil: 7
- China: 6
- Portugal: 3
- Iran: 3
- UK: 3
- South Africa: 2
- Poland: 2
- Italy: 1
- Argentina: 1
- Australia: 1
- Austria: 1
- Czech Republic: 1
- Finland: 1
- Greece: 1
- India: 1
- Malaysia: 1
- New Zealand: 1
- Nigeria: 1
- Norway: 1
- Philippines: 1
- Spain: 1
- The Netherlands: 1
- Turkey: 1
- UAE: 1
Acceptance rate

![Graph showing the acceptance rate from 2005 to 2012. The rate increases from 2005 to 2008, peaks in 2008, and then decreases steadily over the next few years.]
Number of pages

Target = 500-700
## Number of papers published

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Research note: ≤ 2000 words with a maximum of two figures, tables or photographs; single narrative text, ‘Experimental and Discussion’.

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