

# Environmental & Resource Economics

Report to the EAERE General Assembly of Members

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## ERE: Editorial Objective



- To further develop the quality and international standing of the journal

## Publication Overview 2010-11

**2010** Volumes 45 - 47 (91 papers)

Special Issues:

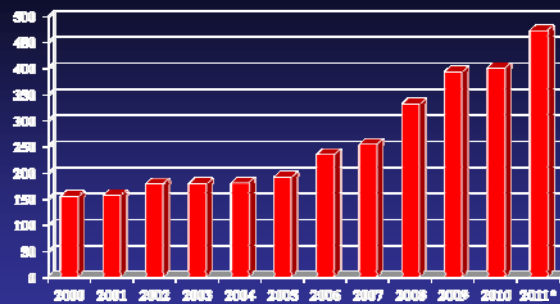
- Behavioral Economics and the Environment (46:2)

**2011** Volumes 48 - 50 (23 papers to date)

Special Issue:

- Conservation and Human Welfare: Economic Analysis of Ecosystem Services (48:2)
- Environmental Economics: Perspectives from the Social Sciences (48:3)

## Results: Submission Numbers



Very strong & sustained growth in submissions (more than tripled since 2000)

\* Based on the 208 submission to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011

## Growth in international submissions

Year	No. of countries submitting to ERE
2003	28
2006	34
2007	41
2008	42
2009	49
2010	54

## International submissions 2010

Algeria	Egypt	Kazakhstan	Portugal
Argentina	Finland	Korea	South Africa
Australia	France	Lebanon	Spain
Austria	Germany	Malaysia	Sweden
Belgium	Greece	Mali	Switzerland
Brazil	Hong Kong	Mexico	Taiwan
Canada	Iceland	Netherlands	Thailand
Chile	India	New Zealand	Tunisia
China	Indonesia	Norway	Turkey
Costa Rica	Iran	Pakistan	Uganda
Cyprus	Ireland	Palestinian Terr.	UK
Czech	Italy	Peru	US
Denmark	Japan	Poland	

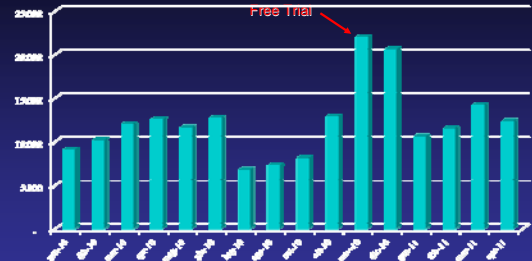
### Website and editorial speed

- ◆ Journal website allows easier searching & access to back catalogue
- ◆ Electronic submission/editing/review/revision system continues to improve both submissions and throughput time

#### Journal Turnaround Time in 2010:

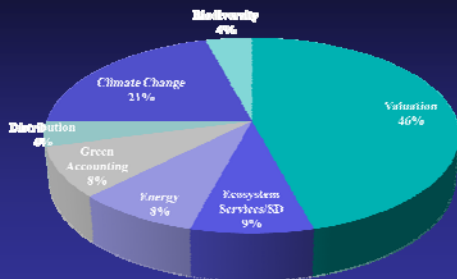
Average time between submission and first decision = 102 days  
(110.3 days in 2009)

### Download trends



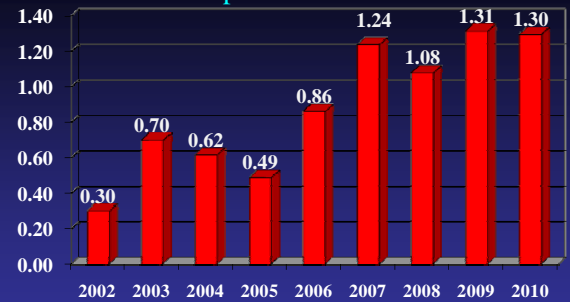
- 2002 total downloads < 20,000 (1,660/month)
  - 2009 total downloads = 124,548 (10,379/month)
  - 2010 downloads = 146,125 (12,177/month)
  - 2011 downloads Jan-April = 48,753 (12,188/month)
- } >7 times higher

### Most cited articles 2005 to 2010 by subject area



Valuation down from 52% two years ago  
(may reflect maturing of subject into the ecosystem services heading)

### ISI Impact Factor for ERE



- Despite having a lower than usual number of Special Issues, the journal attained its second highest ever Impact Factor.
- A return to usual levels of Special Issues in 2011 and maintaining this number in 2012, should further boost the Impact Factor – but not for 2 years.

### Strategies for boosting citations

- Commissioned Special Issues currently ongoing:
  - “Environment and development”  
Guest Editors: Johanna Choumert, Alexandru Minea, Combes Motel and Thomas Sterner
  - “The economics of marine ecosystems”  
Guest Editors: Paulo Nunes & Andrea Ghermandi
  - “Economic Analysis for the UK National Ecosystem Assessment”  
Guest Editors: Partha Dasgupta and Karl-Goran Maler
- Suggestions for further, high citing Special Issues are sought.
- Commission papers from leading international figures

### Summary

- ◆ Good and improving throughput speed.
- ◆ Submissions growth has been very strong (tripled under present Editorial Board).
- ◆ Strong growth in downloads.
- ◆ Strong underlying growth in total citations and ISI impact factor (more than tripled under present Editorial Board).
- ◆ A programme of measures is in place designed to maintain the growth of the journal.

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