

# **Rice-Based Biosystems Journal**

## **Scope**

Rice-Based Biosystems Journal encourages publication of original research article, review article, commentary, case report, and short communications that have impact on and are interconnected with rice and rice-based crops. The journal publishes rice and rice-based researches on soil and crop improvement, resource use efficiency, biofertilizers, biopesticides, biomaterials, machinery, food processing, high-value pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, and systems analysis and simulation. It also covers the economics, social, and communication systems that may influence the landscape of rice and rice-based production.

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