



The Pantanal of Mato Grosso (Brazil)

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Book Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Springer Netherlands | World's Largest Wetlands | For a naturalist and limnologist, the Pantanal has the extreme fascination of an "ultima Thule" of undisturbed and little known wilderness. The scientific world at large is almost unaware of its richness. In an age when scientific research is overstretched because of lack of funds and the hands are full of urgent conservation tasks, it is the amateur tourist who unveils the beauty and the interest of this largest wetland of the world. I had the privilege of an outsider, well enough familiarized with Brazil, its language and scientific life, but independent enough of the daily chores of a local academic career. For nearly 20 years I have been a faithful scientific tourist to this subcontinent. My academic liberty gave me the unique opportunity to try to synthesize in English the knowledge about Brazilian environments little known abroad. My first such endeavour has been "Soore tama - the Atlantic Rain Forest of Brazil". Dealing now with the Pantanal, I wish to pay tribute to the many Brazilian colleagues who under dire and often precarious conditions have advanced the knowledge related to the Pantanal. By reviewing their many reports and papers written in Portuguese and bringing them...

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