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SEeB Annual Impact Report 2025

Growing International Visibility in Environmental Humanities

68th

Philosophy percentile

59th

Arts & Humanities (misc.)
percentile

Q2

Both Scopus categories

0.9

CiteScore 2025



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Executive Summary

SEeB at a glance

The year 2025 was the strongest year in the history of Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae in terms of citation impact, percentile rankings, international visibility, and scholarly influence.

Between 2023 and 2025, SEeB increased from 49th to **68th percentile in Philosophy** (+19 points) and from 39th to **59th percentile in Arts & Humanities (misc.)** (+20 points), reaching the highest positions in the journal's history.

These results indicate that SEeB **has reached a performance level close to or slightly above the median** of its Scopus categories. The combination of percentile rankings and bibliometric indicators suggests that the journal has moved from below-average performance to a position consistent with or slightly exceeding the field median, while continuing its upward trajectory toward higher-ranked journals.

Bibliometric Indicators	0.211 SJR 2025	0.474 SNIP 2025
Research Visibility	More than 129,000 annual article views (2025)	More than 75,000 annual PDF downloads (2025)
	More than 10,000 monthly article views (2025)	More than 6,000 monthly PDF downloads (2025)

SEeB is not only maintaining its Q2 status but also consolidating its position within both Scopus categories, as demonstrated by the continuous rise in percentile rankings.

Sources: Scopus - CiteScore, rankings, percentiles and quartiles; SCImago - SJR; OJS - article views and PDF downloads; SEeB reviewer list - reviewers; Scilit - supplementary analytics.

The SEeB Growth Story

From DOAJ to international recognition

The development of SEeB over the last five years reflects a deliberate strategy focused on editorial quality, internationalization, open access publishing, digital accessibility, and increased international and scholarly visibility.

Year	Milestone	Meaning
2021	Indexed in DOAJ	Recognition of open access publishing standards
2022	Accepted into Scopus	Entry into the international citation ecosystem
2023	CiteScore 0.4	First major bibliometric baseline
2024	Q2 in both categories	Clear advancement in Scopus categories
2025	Highest percentiles and CiteScore	Best overall bibliometric performance in journal history

The journal's development cannot be reduced to a single bibliometric milestone. Rather, it reflects a sequence of measurable improvements in visibility, citations, and competitive position. The journal's development has also been supported by a long-standing international scholarly community associated with the Humanistic Ecology conference series organized at the Chair in Ecophilosophy, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

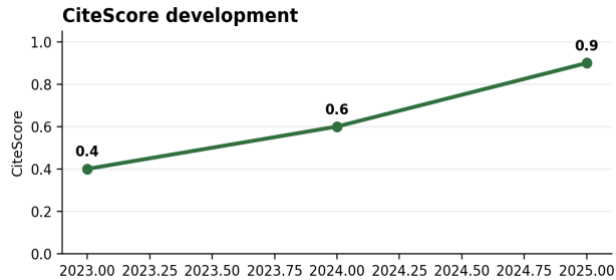
According to Scilit analytics, SEeB has maintained an active publication portfolio while broadening international visibility. Scilit data are used in this report only as supplementary journal analytics and are not mixed with Scopus indicators.

Sources: DOAJ; Scopus; Scilit Journal Analytics.

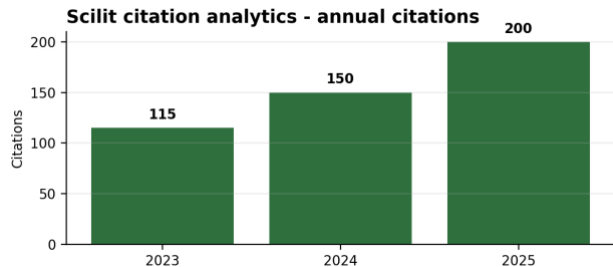
Bibliometric Performance

CiteScore and citation growth, 2023-2025

The journal recorded simultaneous growth in CiteScore, annual citations, and Scopus percentile positions. This convergence suggests sustained improvement in the journal's scholarly visibility and competitive position rather than a temporary fluctuation.



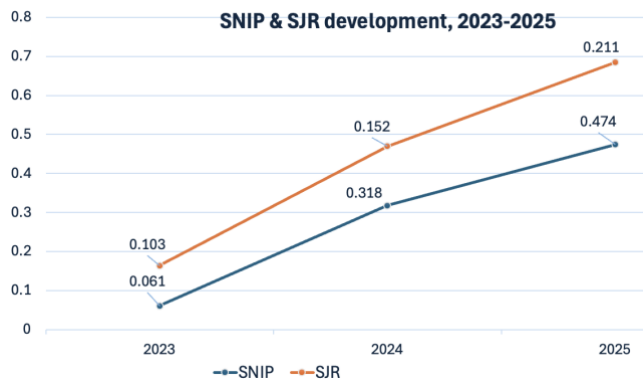
CiteScore increased from 0.4 in 2023 to 0.9 in 2025, which represents **growth of 125% within two years**.



According to supplementary Scilit citation analytics, annual citations increased from approximately 115 in 2023 to approximately 150 in 2024 and approximately 200 in 2025. Values are approximate and read from the Scilit chart.

Sources: Scopus - CiteScore; Scilit - Citations per Year.

Quality of Citation Impact



While **CiteScore** measures the overall volume of citations received by a journal, **SNIP** (Source Normalized Impact per Paper) and **SJR** (SCImago Journal Rank) **provide additional insight into citation quality and disciplinary significance.**

Between 2023 and 2025, SEeB recorded substantial growth in both indicators. **SNIP** increased from 0.061 to 0.474, while **SJR** rose from 0.103 to 0.211. Together with the growth of CiteScore, these trends indicate that the journal's development extends beyond a higher number of citations and reflects increasing visibility within the international scholarly community.

The strong increase in SNIP suggests that articles published in SEeB are becoming more competitive relative to citation patterns in the disciplines represented by the journal. At the same time, the growth of SJR indicates increasing recognition from journals with greater scholarly influence. Taken together, these indicators provide further **evidence of sustained improvement in SEeB's scholarly visibility, citation quality, and international standing.**

Source: SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR); Scopus Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP)

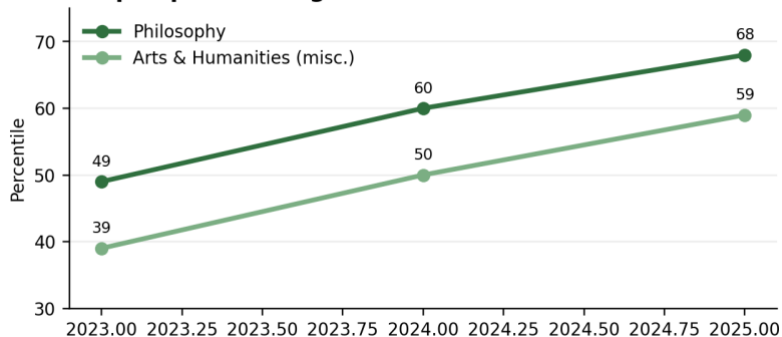
Between 2023 and 2025, SEeB increased its SNIP by 677% and its SJR by 105%, demonstrating substantial improvement in both citation quality and international scholarly influence.

Rankings, Percentiles and Competitive Position

Highest Scopus percentile rankings in journal history

Category	2023	2024	2025
Philosophy	406 th out of 806 journals – 49 th percentile	342 nd out of 854 journals – 60 th percentile	280 th out of 891 journals – 68 th percentile
Arts & Humanities (Misc.)	334 th out of 552 journals – 39 th percentile	314 th out of 630 journals – 50 th percentile	279 th out of 692 journals – 59 th percentile

Scopus percentile growth



Percentile rankings provide a more nuanced picture of journal performance than quartile classifications alone. Although SEeB had already achieved Q2 status in 2024, the journal continued to improve its position within both Scopus categories in 2025. SEeB’s current percentile positions place the journal in the upper half of its Scopus categories, approaching the top-third threshold in Philosophy.

In 2025, SEeB ranked 280th out of 891 journals in the Scopus Philosophy category, placing the journal within the top one-third of journals in that category.

Source: Scopus CiteScore category rankings and percentiles.

Article-Level Impact

Beyond journal-level indicators such as CiteScore, SNIP, and SJR, citation data for individual articles provide additional evidence of SEeB’s growing scholarly influence. Citation activity is increasingly distributed across a substantial share of the journal’s content, indicating that the journal’s visibility extends beyond a small number of highly cited papers.

Citation Impact of Articles Published in 2023–2025

Indicator	Value
Articles published	76
Total citations (Scopus)	111
Average citations per article	1.46
Articles cited at least once	47
Share of articles cited at least once	61.8%

Citation analysis of articles published in SEeB between 2023 and 2025 provides additional evidence of the journal’s growing scholarly impact. Of the 76 publications indexed in Scopus during this period, 47 articles (61.8%) have already received at least one citation. The average number of citations per article reached 1.46. These results indicate that citation activity extends beyond a narrow group of

highly cited papers and is distributed across a substantial share of the journal’s content, reflecting broad engagement with published research.

61.8% of articles published in 2023–2025 have already received at least one citation in Scopus.

Source: Scopus citation data for articles published in SEeB between 2023 and 2025 (retrieved June 2026).

Top Cited Papers Published in 2023–2025

Citation impact ultimately originates from individual publications. The articles listed below were the most cited papers published in SEeB between 2023 and 2025 according to Scopus citation data retrieved in June 2026.

Rank	Article Title	Published	Citations
1	<i>Greenwashing – The Dark Side of Eco-Friendly Marketing. A Case Study from Slovakia</i>	2024	20
2	<i>Freedom that is not Absolute: Ecological Ethics and Human–Nature Relationship in the Qur’an</i>	2024	6
3	<i>Tackling Environmental Problems from the Root: An Ibuanyidanda Perspective</i>	2024	4
4	<i>Environmental Sustainability under the Impact of Current Crises</i>	2024	4
5	<i>Stakeholder Theory for Sustainable Cities and Society: A Humanist and Environmental Approach for Integrating People, Institutions, and Environmental Ecosystems</i>	2023	4

The most cited papers reflect the journal’s thematic diversity, ranging from environmental ethics and sustainability studies to religion, public policy, and environmental philosophy. They also demonstrate the international character of SEeB’s authorship, with highly cited contributions originating from different regions and academic traditions.

Notably, four of the five most cited papers were published in 2024. This suggests that recently published SEeB articles are already attracting attention within the international scholarly community and that citation impact is developing relatively quickly after publication.

20 citations – Highest-cited article published in 2023–2025.

Source: Scopus citation data (retrieved June 2026).

Competitive Position in Scopus Categories (2023–2025)

Journal rankings provide a broader perspective on scholarly influence by showing how a journal performs relative to other titles within the same subject area. Between 2023 and 2025, SEeB consistently improved its position in both Scopus categories despite growing competition and an increasing number of indexed journals.

Improvement in Scopus Category Rankings, 2023–2025

Category	2023 Rank	2024 Rank	2025 Rank	Total Change	2023 Percentile	2024 Percentile	2025 Percentile
Philosophy	406 th out of 806	342 nd out of 854	280 th out of 891	↑ 126 positions	49 th	60 th	68 th
Arts & Humanities (Misc.)	334 th out of 552	314 th out of 630	279 th out of 692	↑ 55 positions	39 th	50 th	59 th

In Philosophy, SEeB advanced from 406th to 280th position between 2023 and 2025, improving its percentile ranking from the 49th to the 68th percentile **despite a growing number of indexed journals**.

A similar trend occurred in Arts & Humanities (misc.), where SEeB improved from 334th to 279th position and increased its percentile ranking from the 39th to the 59th percentile.

These results demonstrate sustained growth in citation impact, visibility, and competitive standing within international journal categories.

↑ 126 positions – Improvement in Philosophy ranking (2023–2025)

↑ 55 positions – Improvement in Arts & Humanities (misc.) ranking (2023–2025)

Source: Scopus CiteScore category rankings and percentiles (2023–2025).

Global Reach and Internationalization (2025)

Authors, Reviewers and International Engagement

SEeB is increasingly recognized across the international environmental humanities community. The journal attracts authors from multiple regions and maintains an international peer-review network.

Key Internationalization Indicators (Volume 23, 2025)

87 Authors (all publication types) in Volume 23	18 Author countries (all publication types)	78 Reviewers in 2025
26 Reviewer countries	37 Items in Volume 23	More than 85% International authors

The growing geographical diversity of contributors and reviewers supports SEeB's role as an international forum for environmental humanities research.

Sources: SEeB reviewer list 2025; SEeB Volume 23, issues 1-4.

International Author Profile (2025)

Internationalization was one of the strongest dimensions of SEeB's development in 2025. The journal attracted authors from a broad range of countries, academic traditions, and research communities, confirming its growing visibility across the international environmental humanities community.

In 2025, SEeB published **32 research articles** authored by **82 scholars** affiliated with institutions in at least **17 countries**. When all publication types are included — research articles, review articles, and conference report — Volume 23 comprised **37 publications** authored by **87 scholars** representing **18 countries**.

International authors accounted for **more than 85%** of all contributing authors, while authors affiliated with Polish institutions represented **less than 15%** of the total author community.

Author Countries in 2025: Algeria (3), Bangladesh (5), Brazil (1), Croatia (2), Greece (5), India (1), Indonesia (8), Italy (2), Nigeria (22), Philippines (4), Poland (12), Slovakia (7), South Africa (3), Spain (4), Thailand (1), United Kingdom (1), United States (1).

The geographical diversity of contributors demonstrates that the environmental humanities questions addressed by SEeB resonate across Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America.

International Peer-Review Network (2025)

The internationalization of SEeB is visible not only in its authorship, but also in its peer-review process. The figure refers to unique reviewers who completed at least one review in 2025.

In 2025, the journal collaborated with **78 reviewers** representing **26 countries** and **five continents**.

This broad reviewer network strengthens editorial quality, supports impartial evaluation procedures, and provides access to diverse academic traditions and methodological perspectives.

Reviewer Countries in 2025: Australia (1), Bangladesh (4), Brazil (1), Brunei Darussalam (1), Croatia (2), Czechia (4), Ethiopia (2), Gambia (1), Greece (2), Indonesia (6), Iraq (1), Italy (3), Lithuania (1), Malaysia (2), Nigeria (4), Philippines (1), Poland (21), Romania (3), Slovakia (10), South Africa (1), Spain (2), Thailand (1), Turkey (1), Ukraine (1), United States (1), Vietnam (1).

The simultaneous internationalization of authorship and peer review is one of SEeB's most important achievements. Together, these developments strengthen the journal's position as an emerging international forum for environmental humanities and interdisciplinary reflection on the ecological crisis.

Peer Review Performance (2023–2025)

The quality of scholarly publishing depends not only on the number of reviewers involved, but also on the scale, diversity, and effectiveness of the peer-review process. Data from SEeB’s OJS platform demonstrate the journal’s growing international review network and the consistent application of rigorous editorial standards.

Peer Review Indicators (2023–2025)

Indicator	Value
Total Submissions	209
Desk Rejections	57
Submissions Sent for Peer Review	140
Accepted Submissions	115
Rejected After Review	25
Completed Reviews	325
Unique Reviewers	204
Reviewer Countries	40
International Reviewers	71.1%
Median Review Completion Time	17 days

Reviewer Recommendations (2023–2025)

Recommendation	Share
Revisions Required	55.5%
Accept Submission	23.0%
Resubmit For Review	13.2%
Decline Submission	7.4%

More than half of all completed reviews recommended revisions prior to publication, while fewer than one quarter recommended immediate acceptance. These results indicate that SEeB maintains a developmental and quality-oriented peer-review process in which reviewers actively contribute to improving manuscript quality.

These figures show that SEeB combines active editorial screening with a broad and efficient peer-review process. Desk rejections help protect reviewer resources, while manuscripts entering external review are evaluated by a diverse international reviewer network.

209 submissions received (2023-2025)

Overall acceptance rate: 55% of total submissions

Desk rejection rate: 27%

57 desk rejections before peer review

204 reviewers from 40 countries

Median review completion time: 17 days

Source: OJS editorial and peer-review records, 2023–2025.

Research Visibility and Reader Engagement (2025)

OJS usage statistics for 2025

Bibliometric indicators measure scholarly impact, while readership indicators show whether published research is being accessed and used. In 2025, SEeB recorded strong reader engagement.

More than 129,000 annual article views	More than 75,000 annual PDF downloads
More than 10,000 average monthly article views	More than 6,000 average monthly downloads



Article views in 2025. Source: OJS.



PDF downloads in 2025. Source: OJS.

Strong readership indicators create favourable conditions for future citation growth: discovery, reading, downloading, and later citation are linked stages of scholarly visibility.

Open Science and Research Transparency

SEeB's development is supported not only by bibliometric growth and internationalization, but also by a consistent commitment to open science, research transparency, and publishing integrity. The journal systematically implements internationally recognized standards that improve discoverability, reproducibility, and trust in scholarly communication.

Open Science Indicators

Indicator	Status
ORCID identifiers for all authors	✓
DOI assigned to all published articles	✓
Diamond Open Access model	✓
CC BY-ND 4.0 International License	✓
Author contributions statement	✓
Funding Statement	✓
Institutional Review Board Statement	✓
Data Availability Statement	✓
Acknowledgments	✓
AI Tools Declaration	✓

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In recent years, SEeB has progressively strengthened its transparency requirements by introducing standardized author declarations concerning research funding, ethical oversight, data availability, author contributions, acknowledgments, and the use of artificial intelligence tools. By 2025, these practices had become a regular component of the journal's editorial

workflow.

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Why Authors Choose SEeB

- ✓ Q2-ranked journal in Scopus (Philosophy and Arts & Humanities)
- ✓ Diamond Open Access – no fees for authors or readers
- ✓ International authorship and peer-review network
- ✓ Rapid and efficient editorial workflow
- ✓ Strong commitment to Open Science and research transparency
- ✓ Dedicated to the humanistic study of the ecological crisis

SEeB provides an international platform for research on environmental ethics, ecophilosophy, sustainability, religion and ecology, environmental humanities, and human–nature relationships. The journal combines rigorous peer review, open access publishing, and growing international visibility.

Sustainable Publishing Model

The long-term development of a scholarly journal depends not only on academic quality, but also on the sustainability of its publishing model. SEeB operates under a Diamond Open Access model that provides free access to scholarly content without publication fees for authors or subscription costs for readers.

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Diamond Open Access	✓
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DOI registration	Provided for all articles
Long-Term Institutional Support	✓

in Warsaw. Editorial, technical, and publishing infrastructure is provided through the University's long-term institutional framework, ensuring continuity, editorial independence, and sustainable development.

This model enables SEeB to combine broad accessibility, high editorial standards, and international visibility while removing financial barriers for authors and readers. As a result, scholarly quality rather than publication

fees remains the primary criterion for publication.

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Looking Ahead

Strategic priorities for 2026-2028

The achievements recorded in 2025 provide a strong foundation for the next stage of development. The Editorial Team remains committed to increasing the journal's international visibility while preserving its distinctive intellectual identity.

Strengthening environmental humanities identity

Further consolidate the journal's profile around environmental humanities, environmental ethics, ecophilosophy, ecotheology, human–nature relations, environmental education, and other humanistic approaches to the ecological crisis.

Increasing international visibility

Attract submissions from a wider range of countries and strengthen cooperation with international reviewers, editors, and academic partners.

Improving citation impact

Support discoverability, metadata quality, SEO-oriented titles and abstracts, and thematic coherence of published research.

Maintaining publishing excellence

Continue improving editorial transparency, research integrity standards, digital accessibility, and peer-review quality.

Advancing open science

Preserve the Diamond Open Access model and promote broad access to scholarly knowledge without publication charges for authors.

SEeB's goal is not merely to improve bibliometric indicators, but to strengthen the journal's contribution to international scholarship on the human dimensions of the ecological crisis.

Message from the Editorial Team

Building a global conversation on the human dimensions of the ecological crisis

The achievements presented in this report are the result of the collective efforts of authors, reviewers, members of the Scientific Council, Editorial Team members, language editors, technical editors, and institutional partners.

The journal's development demonstrates that sustained editorial work, international cooperation, and a clearly defined scholarly profile can produce measurable results in an increasingly competitive publishing environment.

We sincerely thank all contributors, readers, reviewers, and partners for their support. We warmly invite researchers from around the world to join the growing international community of *Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae*.

SEeB (*Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae*) serves as an international forum for research and dialogue on the ethical, philosophical, cultural, and human dimensions of the ecological crisis. The journal forms part of a broader international academic initiative developed by the Chair in Ecophilosophy at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, which includes the long-standing International Humanistic Ecology Conference series and other activities advancing environmental humanities scholarship.



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