



editorial

Species

No man is an island, or rather, no species is an island. Not only do we rely on connections with other people but also everything that lives within our bodies, the pets and pests that we meet each day, and all that we consume.

Take a moment to look around you. What can you see that is not somehow connected to another living thing? From the clothes you are wearing to this edition in your hands, someone or something has played a part in its history. This is because the living whole of the natural world is essentially a net-like, entangled fabric that is continuously transforming itself.

Through vast, complex and collaborative systems, organisms are bound to participate in a lifelong tango of feeding, breeding, and dying – changing the landscape of Earth and its available resources. In Issue 46, **THINK** is examining these systems to learn how we interact with other living things, from microbes to bees, fish to fauna.

Everything we do has an effect, be it on ourselves or another living thing. And although we may not always understand the extent of our actions, we cannot disentangle ourselves from this Earth or this life. So, for now, let's start by understanding some of the relationships that colour our lives.

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