

## **INSTRUCTION TO AUTHORS**

### **MALAYSIAN FISHERIES JOURNAL**

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##### **Aim and Scope**

The journal seeks to provide a forum for dissemination of research in all aspects of fisheries science. Manuscripts describing research work relevant to local communities are most welcome to aid in the advancement of sustainable fisheries. The standardized format set below is an adaption from some international journal.

##### **Submission of Papers**

A paper is considered for publication on the understanding that:

- It reports original unpublished work
- It is approved by all named authors
- It does not contain tables and figures that have been published elsewhere
- All acceptable manuscripts will be reviewed by the Publication Committee
- Acknowledgement and action on each point raised by the reviewer will be requested from the author if the manuscripts to be accepted

##### **Different type of Submissions**

###### **1. Full length paper**

These should describe new and carefully confirmed findings and experimental procedures should be given in sufficient detail for others to verify work. The length of a full paper should be the minimum required to describe and interpret the work clearly. The paper should comprise the following sections: (a) Abstract; (b) Introduction; (c) Materials and Methods; (d) Result; (e) Discussion; (f) Acknowledgement; (g) References; (h) Tables; (i) Legends to figures; (j) Figures. The results and discussion section may be combined.

###### **2. Short Communication**

A Short Communication is suitable for recording the results of complete small investigation or giving details of new methods, techniques or apparatus. The style of main sections need not conform to that of full-length papers. Progress reports are not acceptable.

###### **3. Short Notes**

Short Notes are one printed page in length. They are suitable for reports of simple findings such as properties of an already well-described enzyme or of observations not requiring elaboration. They should be written with a short summary, with no main sub-division, may contain one table or figure, or two if the text is brief and no more than three references.

#### 4. Technical Communication

These are reports of processes or procedures which may be published as an annex to a full length of paper or on their own provided that the work is of sufficient interests to other workers in the field.

#### References

In the text, references should be cited as: Smith (1993) or (Smith, 1993). Two authors as: Smith and Brown (1993) or (Smith and Brown, 1993). Three or more authors as: Smith *et al.* (1993) or (Smith *et al.*, 1993). A series of references should be appearing in chronological order, e.g. White and Black 1991: Black and White 1992. References to papers by the same authors in the same year are distinguished by letter a, b, etc. (e.g. 1989a, or 1991a,b). Publications having no obvious authors are cited as Anon. (1990) in the text and bibliography. References to grey literature such as in house reports, contract reports and non-refereed papers are not appropriate and should be avoided. At the end of papers references are listed alphabetically. References with three or more authors should be placed in chronological order after taking into account of the names of the first and second authors. The author must ensure that references cited in the text agree with those listed in the bibliography. Some sample reference styles follow:

a. *In Journals:*

Sequence of citation: author's name, initials (for each author) year of publication, full title of paper, name of journal (abbreviated in accordance with the Bibliographic Guide), volume: (bold), first page no. last page no.

Example: Saha, B.C. and Zeikus, J.G. 1989. Improve method for preparing high maltose conversion syrup. *Biotechnology and Bioengineering*, **34**:229-303.

b. *In Books:*

Sequence of citation: author's or editor's name, initial, year of publication, book title, publisher, and place of publication.

Example: Primrose, G.B. 1987. Modern Biotechnology. Blackwell Scientific, Oxford.

c. *Composite works of serials:*

Sequence of citation: author's name, initials, year of publication, publisher, place of publication, first and last page no.

Example: Guilbot, A. and Marcier, C. 1985. Starch. *In* : Aspinall, G.O. (ed). The polysaccharides, Academic Press, New York, 209-283 pp.

d. Full publication details must be given for any citation that does not fit into any of the above categories such as unpublished in-house reports, contract reports, etc.

#### Acknowledgement

Brief of appreciation to whom it is due.

## **Table**

Tables should only be used for data which cannot be described in the text. Type each table double spaced on a separate page and its approximate position in the text indicated by a marginal note. Explanatory footnotes in lower case letters should be concise to enable them to stand independent of the main text. Stage the absolute value that corresponds to 100%, when using percentages. Tables are numbered with Arabic numerals.

## **Figures**

Figures should be selected to illustrate points which cannot be easily made in the text. They are numbered with Arabic numerals. Graphs and diagrams should be on separate sheets each bearing the author's names, short title of paper and figure number on the back. Diagrams must be drawn and lettered in black ink on good quality white paper for camera-ready use. Lettering should be parallel to the axes. Photocopies, hand-drawn diagrams and typewritten labels are not acceptable. Scale marks on graphs should be within the axes. Graphs should avoid as far as possible large areas of unused space.

Photographs should be well-contrasted black and white prints. For photomicrographs, the magnification should be given a scale (or marker) bar on each photograph and the length of this represents given in the legend. Photographs of the original material should be submitted for the reviewer's scrutiny. Legends for figures should be grouped together and typed with double-spacing on a separate page and not attached to the artwork.

## **5. Review Papers**

These should be centered on current issues that are of interests to all.

## **Preparation of Manuscripts**

Two copies of manuscripts must be submitted. The paper must be typed with a double spacing throughout, including references, tables, footnotes, figures legends, etc on A4 size paper leaving margins of 25 mm minimum. Manuscript should be prepared in Microsoft Word. Headings should be centered, upper case in bold. Sub-headings should be lower case, at left margin and in bold. Sub-sub-headings should be in italics at left margin. Use font size number 12.

### **Title Page:**

- i. A concise and informative title unobscured by taxonomic detail
- ii. A brief running title
- iii. Name of author(s)
- iv. Address of institution(s) where the work was done

## **Abstract and Keywords**

Two abstract required: English and Bahasa Malaysia version

Provide: 1. No more than 200 words summarizing the main points of the paper

2. Up to six keywords or phrases

## **Introduction**

This should clearly state the aims and objectives of the paper. The rationale of the research undertaken should be explained. It should include key references to appropriate work but should not be historical or literature review.

## **Materials and Methods**

Materials and Methods should be described in sufficient detail to allow the work to be repeated. Specify and describe the study site and test animals where appropriate. Sub headings are used to itemize the main parts. References should be used where appropriate to avoid repetition of established methods and techniques. The origin of materials and/or suppliers of equipment should be named if necessary. Methods of data analysis should be included.

## **Results and Discussion**

The sections may be separated, though authors may find it easier to combine them. Use tables or graphs as appropriate but do not repeat information in the text. The reproducibility of the findings must be clearly stated, the number of times the experiment was conducted, the number of replicate samples, etc., should be stated. Statistical analysis of results must specify the procedure being used with a reference given. If results are given as a percentage of a control value, the 100% should be given.

Discussion should bring out those essential points of the work, the implications and practical significance of the findings, their limitation and relevance to previous studies. It should not be a recapitulation of the results.

## **Units, Abbreviations and Nomenclature**

Use only recommended SI Units. Use superscripts presentation (mg/ml). The correct Latin names of organisms must be used on first mention in the text. A widely recognized and designated common name should be used for subsequent mention.

