

INSTRUCTION TO AUTHORS

MALAYSIAN FISHERIES JOURNAL

Aim and Scope

The journal seeks to provide a forum for dissemination of research findings 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- It reports original unpublished work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 that 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) Results; (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, not more than 3000 words. 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 to two printed pages 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.

5. Review Papers

These should be centered on current issues that are of interests to all. The length of the paper is between 6000 – 10000 words. The references must be more than 30.

6. Preparation of Manuscripts

Manuscript should be prepared in Microsoft Word. 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. Line numbers should be insert for review purposes. Headings should be centered, upper case in bold, size 14. Sub-headings should be lower case, centered and in **bold**. Sub-sub-headings should be in *italics* at left margin. The font used throughout your document should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font size, with double spacing. Please refer this format in the MFJ template format attached.