

Review of: "Food and Feeding of Atlantic Mudskipper *Periophthalmus Barbarus* in Ogbo-Okolo Mangrove Forest of Santa Barbara River, Bayelsa State Niger Delta, Nigeria"

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I believe there's room for improvement in this manuscript to enhance its clarity and coherence. It appears to be challenging to follow and somewhat repetitive. Additionally, there are opportunities to address fundamental grammar and scientific writing concerns. Allow me to offer some constructive suggestions for improvement:

Streamline the introduction by focusing on essential information. For instance, the section explaining the etymology of the scientific name *Periophthalmus barbarus*, while interesting, may not directly contribute to the theoretical framework. It would be beneficial to clarify the novelty of this study within the provided theoretical context and the stated objectives.

In the results section, consider providing estimations for the level of stomach fullness and the extent of digestion of the content. Furthermore, despite the thorough analysis of several specimens, it would be advantageous to attempt species or genus identification of the prey. Utilizing such information can enrich the study, even if it requires additional effort.

The discussion could be expanded to provide deeper insights beyond merely restating the results. Engaging with relevant literature could help explore the implications of the findings in more depth.

Ensure consistency by italicizing species and genus names throughout the manuscript.

Lastly, reviewing and standardizing the citation format in the bibliography would enhance the overall professionalism of the manuscript.