

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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1. The result in the Abstract should be presented in decreasing order of percentage consumed by the fish. Highest % to lowest %.
2. The terms Phylogeny, DNA barcoding, Population structure, and Intraspecific diversity as Keywords should be reconsidered since they are not the subject matter of the study.
3. The introduction, paragraphs 1, first part of 2, and 3 need reference (citations) for the statements used. Don't cite the whole paragraph.
4. Third line of Materials and Methods - delete the words see and below (see Figure 1 below).
5. A sketch of the gear (trap) used to catch mudskippers must be provided.
6. All scientific names must be in italic form.
7. Review/edit grammar.
8. Table 1 - please specify the statement: Number of species (fish individuals?) in which food items occurred?
9. Page 8, 1st paragraph, 3rd line. Clarify what you mean by fish and bones? Part of a fish with bones?
10. Table 2 - Specify/clarify Size Range of what? Fish or food? Provide a complete statement.
11. Discussion - compare your results to similar studies in other areas and in the same area.
12. Specify in the discussions and conclusions that your data and results only represent the rainy season, 2 months' data.
13. Anchor/base your recommendations only on the results and conclusions of the study.
14. This is a preliminary review of the study. With the current condition, this paper is not publishable yet. It needs a second round of review.
15. Good Luck!