

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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The work is good; it deals with a species that is ecologically interesting. It seems that it is the first information about the feeding and diet of this species.

In the title, the species is erroneously capitalized as *Periophthalmus barbarus*; it should be corrected.

In Table 1, in the middle column, it says "No. Species..." Do they refer to food items?

Since the introduction, there is an abundance of information about the feeding process of the species. I suggest presenting more information on the state of knowledge of the feeding of the fish in the sampling area, particularly of *P. barbarus*.

I understand that it is a mangrove forest, whose importance is indisputable. The methods employed are basic, but they represent the diet of the species adequately.

I suggest that graphs (e.g., pie charts) be used to present the information. I don't think it's necessary to break down the information to present all food types; it tends to make the reading heavy.

In the discussion, the information of the results is repeated. I suggest that the ecological significance of the diet of *P. barbarus* in the Ogbo-Okolo Mangrove Forest be deepened; they do not write much about it.

In the conclusions, they state that *P. barbarus* is an omnivore and herbivore. This statement is a contradiction unless criteria (not presented in the brief) are used to qualify the diet of the species in this way.

Is this reference well written?

Mohammed Sadequer Rahman, Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Md. Sohel Parvez¹, and Md. Rashed-un-Nabi, (2016) Feeding habit and length-weight relationship of a mudskipper *Apocryptes bato* (Hamilton, 1822) from the coast of Chittagong, Bangladesh. *Journal of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences* 40 (1), 57-64.