

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 manuscript (MS) presented a pure report on stomach contents from 350 specimens of a species. The manuscript, however, was not well written, with many repeats in results and discussion.

The introduction had too much unnecessary information; rather, it should have focused on the scope of the MS, such as feeding or food items. The section also did not reflect the novelty of the MS with regard to others studied or previously published.

Materials and Methods were well written according to the context of the MS, focusing on only stomach contents. I think the authors had no empty stomachs from specimens during the study. If there were, why were the number of empty stomachs not involved in the frequency index?

Results and discussion are very similar, repeating the sentences and offering no discussion with the other studies published. Scales could be food items found in the stomach, but the scales cannot be digested by this species. I suggested the scales could be discarded during the calculation of the frequency and numerical index.

I strongly recommended that the MS cannot be accepted in its present form and that the authors shorten it significantly, and then resubmit it as a short note with one table.