

Instructions for Authors

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Publication, Reviewing and Editing Processes

The reviewing process will be done in double-blind peer review method. Once a manuscript is successfully submitted, the corresponding author should expect to receive an email notification within hours. After paper submission, it will be passed to the related field editor. If the editor accepts that the paper is suitable for publishing in the journal, she/he will pass the paper to the reviewers. The reviewers have 2-3 weeks' time to send their own opinions about the paper regarding to the acceptance, major/minor corrections, or rejection. The reviewers should write their own comments in the paper's file wherever it is needed and then send it to the editor. The editor will wrap-up the comments and will send the results to the corresponding author. If the result is acceptance with corrections, the authors will have a specified time to do the final corrections and send the paper to the journal for doing publication processes.

Papers Categories

Original articles: traditional research papers. Generally, 5-20 printed pages (approximately 3000- 9000 words) inclusive of text, appropriate references (target up to 50), figures, and tables.

Comment/Reply articles: comments on, or replies to, papers published in the journal; Generally, Four printed pages (approximately 2000 words).

Review articles: comprehensive and synthetic reviews on topics of wide general interest or on hot topics, sometimes solicited by the editorial board. Authors considering submitting a review article for consideration are advised to contact the Journal regarding topic and proposed length.

Any argumentative essays, essays on technology, environment essays and short comments related to the water environment are welcomed to possible publication in our journal.

Format

Scientific manuscripts should usually be submitted as a Word document (.doc or .docx). The document should be double-spaced throughout with a left-hand margin of 3cm, and the page and line numbers function switched on. The manuscript should contain the following information: title page contains of author(s) name, author(s) affiliation, plus email address of the corresponding author; abstract; key words (up to six); text; tables and figures should be in the text where they must be placed. The manuscript must be submitted as one file that are named “Manuscript”.

Maximum word count for abstracts: 300 words

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- Havfrue, D. L. 1990. Ecological implications of genetic mutation. *In* Studies in Parthenogenesis, 2nd edn, pp. 282–289. Ed. by F. Ray, and O. Lith. Thalassa Press, London. 331 pp.
- Wang, W. 2010. ARW modeling user’s guide. Mesoscale & Microscale Meteorology division. Boulder, USA: National Center for Atmospheric Research.

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