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## Author Guidelines

### 1- Manuscript preparation

Manuscripts must be written in good English (American or British usage is accepted, but not a mixture of these). The manuscript should be written in Arial, 11-point font, presented with 1.15-line spacing and in two columns (column width of 7.5 with a spacing of 0.8 between the two columns). All elements must be single-spaced, including the title, Abstract, Keywords, references, table and figure captions. The submission of a manuscript is in the form of a single Microsoft Word electronic file to facilitate peer review.

**For submission, please respect the following:**

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- **Tables:** Microsoft Word
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**Manuscripts should respect the international codes:**

- **Genus and Species:** should be mentioned in italics, and the authority (author's name and date) should be indicated at the first occurrence of the species name in the text.
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The manuscript should be presented in the following order: Title, Abstract, Keywords, Text, Acknowledgments, References, Appendix (if any), Tables, and Figures.

#### 2-1 Title

The title should be informative. Not more than 120 characters, i.e. ~18 words -on 1 or 2 printed lines). Capitalize only the first letter of the title, proper nouns (Genus species, countries, initials, and acronyms, organizations, places...).

#### 2-2 Authors

Information about authors should include:

Full names of the authors are formatted as Name SURNAME. Separate the names with a comma (,) and add an ampersand (&) before the final name.

Affiliation of each author should include: The University or the full name of the organization, Department, City and Country. Begin each affiliation with a different numbered superscript. If the affiliation is the same for multiple authors, one entry and superscript should be used.

A corresponding author (Put an asterisk after the name). Email and post addresses should be given. Corresponding author will receive all communications.

### **2-3 Abstract**

Abstract should not exceed 250 words. References should be avoided and standard/non-standard abbreviations should be avoided.

### **2-4 Keywords**

List keywords for the work presented, separated by semicolon. Keywords should be different from those used in the title. The required number of keywords 3–7. Where relevant these should include the main species concerned / the geographical area.

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The text should be written correctly (style, synthesis, punctuation).

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The Introduction must place the focus of the manuscript into a broader context. Classically, an introduction raises interesting scientific questions elaborated from the review of the current knowledge.

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The Materials and Methods section must provide enough details for reproduction of the experiments and/or analysis. Submit detailed protocols for newer or less established methods. Well-established protocols may be simply referenced. The section should be divided into subsections, each with a concise and informative subheading. The Materials and Methods section should be written in past tense.

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The Results section must describe the results that are required to support the conclusions of the paper. The section may be divided into subsections, each with a concise and informative subheading. The Results section should be written in past tense.

#### **2.5.4. Discussion:**

The Discussion must spell out the major conclusions and interpretations of the work including explanations of the significance of the work. If warranted, the Results and Discussion may be combined into one section, as appropriate.

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### 2.5.6. Acknowledgments:

Funding sources should be acknowledged at the end of the manuscript. Persons who contributed to the work but are not included in the authorship should be listed with a short description of their contribution.

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A complete reference should give the reader enough information to find the relevant article. Authors should pay particular attention to spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

Bibliography references in the list will be given by numbers in square brackets ([1], [2], [3] ...). The references are listed alphabetically by the author at the end of the article. Multiple works by the same author are listed alphabetically by title and then chronologically.

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#### Examples of common bibliographic formats:

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[1] Amorri J., Veit-Köhler G., Boufahja F., Abd-Elkader O.H., Plavan G., Mahmoudi E. & Aïssa P. (2022). Assessing Metallic Pollution Using Taxonomic Diversity of Offshore Meiobenthic Copepods. *Sustainability*, vol. 14, no 23, p. 15670, nov. 2022, doi: 10.3390/su142315670.

[2] El Kateb A., Stalder C., Rüggeberg A., Neururer C., Spangenberg J. E., & Spezzaferri S. (2018). Impact of industrial phosphate waste discharge on the marine environment in the Gulf of Gabes (Tunisia). *PLoS ONE*, vol. 13, no 5, p. e0197731, mai 2018, doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0197731.

[3] Ghannem A., Ben Aïssa I., & MAJDOUB R. (2017). Etude de l'état hydrique du sol sous séchage partiel de la zone racinaire et irrigation déficitaire conventionnelle appliquées sur une culture de tomate sous serre au Sahel Tunisien. *Les journées scientifiques de la Medjerda*, p.202-211.