

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Purpose of JWB

The Journal of Wetlands Biodiversity (JWB) is the official scientific magazine of the Department of Natural Sciences of the Museum of Braila.

JWB is an annual journal featuring both experienced and new researchers from universities, faculties, research institutes, museums and non-governmental organizations, whose research activity takes place in aquatic ecosystems.

The main purpose of the journal is to publish results of research studies concerning wetlands biodiversity. Original articles are accepted on botany, zoology, ecology, biogeography, as well from other branches of biology (microbiology, genetics, evolution, taxonomy etc.) whose results relate to inventory, analysis and interpretation of wetlands biodiversity. Short notes and comments are also welcomed.

Format and structure of the manuscripts

Accepted papers will be written concisely and accurately as well as being scientifically and grammatically sound. Manuscripts that do not comply with this expectation will be returned to the authors. The final arrangement of the published works is entirely the responsibility of the Editor.

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- for thesis:

CIURANA J.C. (2010), *Food webs of Mediterranean coastal wetlands*, Ph.D. dissertation, Institute of Aquatic Ecology, University of Girona, Girona, Spain.

- for citations on internet:

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