

# GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS FOR THE ICCAT SCRS AND COLLECTIVE VOLUME SERIES

## 1. Introduction

The ICCAT Collective Volumes (also known as “Red Books”) are produced annually and contain the Reports of SCRS Working Groups, the Detailed Reports of stock assessment sessions, and the scientific contribution papers (non peer-reviewed) submitted to the SCRS. Generally there is one volume per year with 4-5 numbers.

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## 2. Submission process

**To be more consistent with the submission process of other learned journals, without sacrificing quality, authors are requested to follow formatting instructions closely. Failure to follow formats may result in your paper being returned to you for re-formatting. Publication of your document may be delayed by one year or canceled, as a result. Please consult the checklist at the end of the document before submitting your document.**

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## 3. Formats

**First page of document** should include the title, author(s) with addresses, including e-mail address, in a footnote, the summary (**180 word limit**) and keywords. Summaries will be translated by the Secretariat to the three official ICCAT languages and inserted on the first page. The summaries should include the aim of the investigation, a brief description of procedures applied and results, and conclusions (if any). Because abstracts are subsequently included in bibliographic databases (ASFA, ICCAT), it is important that they represent the research clearly and concisely.

**Keywords:** Choose up to 10 from the attached list. The attached list includes the most common keywords in fisheries (in English only), which are used in the ASFA database. Regardless of the original language of the paper, keywords should only be in English.

**General text** must be in Times New Roman 10 (see margins below). Headings should be short, reflect a logical sequence, and follow the rules of multiple subdivision (*i.e.*, there can be no subdivision without at least 2 two subheadings). The entire text should be intelligible to readers and therefore, acronyms and abbreviations should be written out and all lesser-known technical terms should be defined the first time they are mentioned. Dates should be written as follows: 10 November 2019. Measures should be expressed as metric units, *e.g.*, metric tons (t).

**References** to works that have been published: The format for references **within the text** should follow the name and year system. In the text, write “Smith and Jones (1999)” but if the reference is parenthetical, then write “(Smith and Jones 1999).” In the **References section**, list alphabetically by the last name of the major author. References that have the exact same author(s) and published in the same year should be assigned a letter to distinguish among them (2002a for the first, 2002b for the second, etc.), and these should be cited as such in the text! Authors are responsible for completeness of all references. References format: Author (last name, followed by first name initials), year, title of report or manuscript, abbreviated title of the series in which the article was published, volume number, page numbers. The abbreviated title should be in accordance with the list of abbreviated titles of series (List of Serial Title Word Abbreviations-ISO4, published by the International ISSN Center, at 20 rue Bachaumont, F-75002 Paris; <http://www.issn.org>.) For books please provide publisher, city and country. (see Section 4 for samples).

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For your convenience, below is a **summary** of the formatting instructions and a **model page** is attached.

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<i>Line spacing:</i>	Text: Single Between paragraphs: Double Before major headings: Triple (For contributors using an East Asian version of MSWord, please ensure that the printed copy is indeed single-spaced.)
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- used MSWord?
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## TITLE OF PAPER

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### SUMMARY

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### Fórmulas

$${}^gYPR = \sum_a Y_a \cdot {}^g\bar{R}_a$$

### References

Surname of first author, name or initial(s), Surname(s) of other author(s), name or initials. Year of publication. Title of paper. Journal or publication Vol. (No.): pages.

#### *Example:*

ICCAT. 2003. Atlantic Swordfish Executive Summary. *In* ICCAT Report for Biennial Period 2002-03, Part I (2002), Vol. 2: 115-124.

Anon. 2003. Report of the 2002 Atlantic Swordfish Stock Assessment Session. *Collect Vol. Sci. Pap. ICCAT* 55(4): 1289-1415.

Smith, J.E. and Brown. Assessment of skipjack stocks. *FAO Fish. Yearbook* 22(5): 262-265.

Cressie, N.A.C. 1993. *Statistics for Spatial Data*. Revised edition, New York, Wiley. Wiley Series in Probability and Mathematical Statistics. DeAngelis, D.L., Mooij, W.M., Basset, A. 2003, The importance of spatial scale in the modeling of aquatic ecosystems. *In* Seuront, L., Strutton, P.G. (Eds.) *Handbook of Scaling Methods in Aquatic Ecology*, London, CRC Press, pp.383

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**Table 1.** Headings of tables should be short but sufficient to allow the table to be intelligible on its own.

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**Figure 1.** Captions for figures should be short but sufficient to allow the figure to be intelligible on its own.