

WorkShop

The World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) and its thematic and regional species databases workshop

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All delegates are welcome to this workshop. This workshop will first briefly review the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS), a freely accessible, online database that covers 226,000 named marine species and about 20,000 of their freshwater and terrestrial relatives. It is permanently hosted by the Data Centre at the Flanders Marine Institute, Belgium, and edited by over 200 experts. Initially established to aid quality control in species nomenclature, it is gradually expanding to including more literature, geographic distribution and other attributes (e.g. images, introduced, conservation status, parasite-host, body size). WoRMS integrates regional (e.g. Europe, Antarctic), national, and thematic (e.g. harmful algae, deep-sea, introduced) databases. A new national database for China (integrated within WoRMS) will be announced at the workshop. The WoRMS editors present at the conference will attend and can comment on why they contribute to, and how useful they find, the database. Comments from WoRMS users and potential contributors are welcomed. This workshop will thus review the present status of WoRMS, developments underway, and seek advice on how to make it more useful.

Getting published in international journals

This workshop aims to help researchers understand the publisher and editor's perspective in journal publishing and gives practical help and advice on how to write and submit a manuscript for publication in international journals. The following topics will be discussed: Preparing, writing and structuring your article; Tips on being concise; Importance of the title, abstract and figures; Publishing ethics e.g. co-authors approvals, plagiarism, duplicate submissions. Open discussion of the issues and sharing of experiences between participants is expected.

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