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2. Journal Information

ICES Journal of Marine Science is the official journal of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

The *ICES Journal of Marine Science* publishes articles, short communications, and critical reviews that contribute to our scientific understanding of marine systems and the impact of human activities. The *Journal* serves as a foundation for scientific advice across the broad spectrum of management and conservation issues related to the marine environment. Oceanography, marine habitats, living resources, and related management topics constitute the key elements of papers eligible for publication. Integrated studies that bridge gaps between traditional disciplines are particularly welcome. The scope of the *Journal* has been broadened to include economic, social, and public administration studies to the extent that they are directly related to management of the seas and are of general interest to marine scientists. Proceedings of ICES-sponsored symposia constitute an integral part of the *Journal* and observe the standards set for regular papers.

Research Areas Include:

- Population biology and ecology of fish and shellfish
- Marine mammals and invertebrates
- Stock assessment
- Biological oceanography
- Environmental processes
- Physical and chemical oceanography relevant to the dynamics and productivity of marine resources

Audience

Fisheries scientists, marine biologists, marine ecologists, fish ecologists.

Abstracting / indexing

- EmBiology
- Scopus

3. Editorial Report

Manuscript Submissions

All material for regular (not proceedings) issues should be sent in the first instance to: ICES Secretariat, Attn: Soren Lund, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 44 - 46, DK-1553, Copenhagen V, Denmark (tel: +45 33 38 67 39; fax: +45 33 93 42 15; email: soren@ices.dk).

Accepted manuscripts

Year	Accepted Manuscripts at login department
2005 (until August 2005)	106
2004	182
2003	150
2002	184

Rejection rates 2004

Rejection rates have not officially been calculated per editor.

Handling times

ICES Journal of Marine Science's average manuscripts handling times in weeks for 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 (until August 2005):

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Refereeing time:	34.7	34.9	34	36
Production time:	26.4	22.9	18.9	22.4
Total in weeks:	61.1	57.8	52.9	58.4

The average manuscript handling time for all Aquatic Sciences' journals (12 titles) in 2004 was **51.1 weeks**. The average refereeing time 31.9 weeks and the average production time 19.2 weeks.

4. Publication Overview

Publication schedule

Year	Volumes	Issues
2005	62	8 issues
2004	61	8 issues
2003	60	6 issues
2002	59	6 issues

The average pages per issue is 193 pages.

Present publication status

Vol/Issue	Coverdate	Dispatch date
62/6	September 2005	2 September 2005
62/5	Augustus 2005	15 July 2005
62/4	June 2005	13 July 2005
62/3	May 2005	23 February 2005
62/2	April 2005	4 February 2005
62/1	February 2005	7 January 2005
661/6	December 2004	17 December 2004

Issue 62/7 will be dispatched on 26 September 2005. Issue 62/8 will be compiled on 18 October 2005.

Published Manuscripts

Year	Number of articles published
2004	154
2003	141
2002	177
2001	139

Special Issues

Planned for 2006:

Gadoid Mariculture: Development and Future Changes (Symposium Issue)

(To be) Published in 2005:

The Influence of Climate Change on North Atlantic Fish Stocks (Bergen Symposium Issue)
Volume 62, Issue 7 (May 2005)

Quantitative ecosystem indicators for fisheries management

Edited by N. Daan, V. Christensen and P.M. Cury
Volume 62, Issue 3 (May 2005)

Published in 2004:

Fish behaviour in exploited ecosystems

Edited by S.J. Walsh and A. Bjordal
Volume 61, Issue 7 (October 2004)

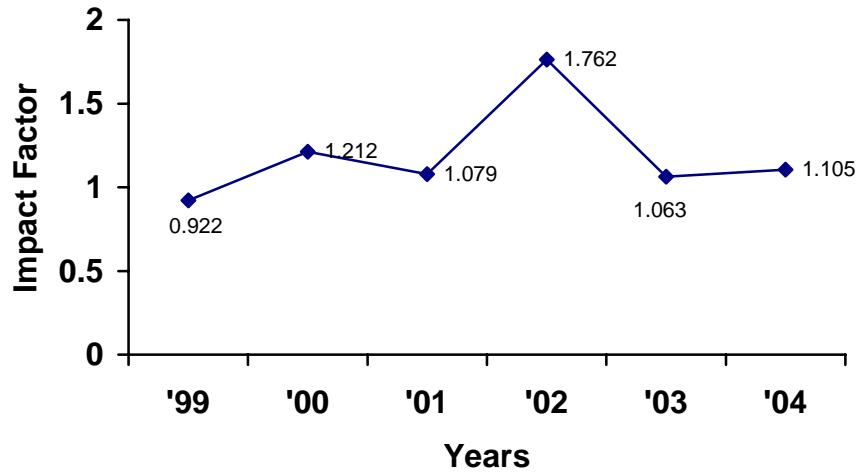
The role of Zooplankton in Global Ecosystem Dynamics: Comparative studies from the World Oceans

Edited by L. Valdes, R. Harris, T. Ikeda, S. McKinnell and W.T. Peterson
Volume 61, Issue 4 (June 2004)

Impact Factor

The journal impact factor is a measure of the frequency with which the 'average article' in a journal has been cited in a particular year. The impact factor will help to evaluate a journal's relative importance, especially when compared to others in the same field.

Impact Factor ICES Journal of Marine Science 1999 - 2004



ISI Science Citations	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Impact Factor	1.212	1.079	1.762	1.063	1.105
<i>Ranking:</i>					
'Fisheries'	9 th /35	12 th /36	4 th /37	12 th /39	12th/40
'Marine and Freshwater Biology'	21 st /71	31 st /71	12 th /73	19 th /74	33rd/75
'Oceanography'	12 th /38	20 th /39	11 th /41	19 th /41	20th/41

Top 20 ISI Ranking Impact Factors 'Fisheries' (total journals: 40)

Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title	ISSN	Total Cites	Impact Factor	Articles	Cited Half-life
1	FISH SHELLFISH IMMUN	1050-4648	1273	2.149	105	4.9
2	REV FISH SCI	1064-1262	288	2.115	5	7.4
3	CAN J FISH AQUAT SCI	0706-652X	12462	1.972	175	>10.0
4	FISH OCEANOGR	1054-6006	870	1.662	45	5.6
5	AQUACULTURE	0044-8486	11274	1.627	612	8.3
6	J FISH DIS	0140-7775	1674	1.587	86	9.5
7	DIS AQUAT ORGAN	0177-5103	2714	1.583	148	6.0
7	FISHERIES	0363-2415	838	1.583	26	7.8
9	ECOL FRESHW FISH	0906-6691	333	1.286	38	5.6
10	T AM FISH SOC	0002-8487	4357	1.278	125	>10.0
11	J FISH BIOL	0022-1112	7042	1.198	288	9.2
12	ICES J MAR SCI	1054-3139	2441	1.105	141	5.3
13	REV FISH BIOL FISHER	0960-3166	821	1.104		7.5
14	FISH B-NOAA	0090-0656	2365	1.032	64	>10.0
15	MAR FRESHWATER RES	1323-1650	1413	0.955	82	5.6
16	NEW ZEAL J MAR FRESH	0028-8330	1234	0.945	70	>10.0
17	AQUAT LIVING RESOUR	0990-7440	758	0.935	51	6.6
18	FISH RES	0165-7836	1734	0.932	161	5.7
19	FISH PATHOL	0388-788X	827	0.875	35	9.5
20	N AM J FISH MANAGE	0275-5947	2116	0.849	135	8.7

Top 20 ISI Ranking Impact Factors 'Oceanography' (total journals: 41)

Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title	ISSN	Total Cites	Impact Factor	Articles	Cited Half-life
1	OCEANOGR MAR BIOL	0078-3218	1534	4.118	0	>10.0
2	LIMNOL OCEANOGR	0024-3590	15027	3.024	225	>10.0
3	PALEOCEANOGRAPHY	0883-8305	3902	3.018	95	7.6
4	MAR CHEM	0304-4203	4178	2.508	126	8.7
5	PROG OCEANOGR	0079-6611	2325	2.432	45	5.8
6	J PHYS OCEANOGR	0022-3670	8331	2.380	186	9.7
7	DEEP-SEA RES PT I	0967-0637	3013	1.975	116	6.5
8	J MARINE SYST	0924-7963	1553	1.940	129	5.6
9	MAR GEOL	0025-3227	5245	1.818	184	7.8
10	J OCEANOGR	0916-8370	827	1.669	91	4.1
11	FISH OCEANOGR	1054-6006	870	1.662	45	5.6
12	TELLUS A	0280-6495	1109	1.603	43	8.6
13	J SEA RES	1385-1101	746	1.566	51	5.1
14	DEEP-SEA RES PT II	0967-0645	2218	1.537	175	4.6
15	CONT SHELF RES	0278-4343	2879	1.431	132	7.8
16	J MAR RES	0022-2402	2376	1.397	32	>10.0
17	POLAR RES	0800-0395	446	1.362	18	6.6
18	IEEE J OCEANIC ENG	0364-9059	1091	1.159	104	5.8
19	DYNAM ATMOS OCEANS	0377-0265	481	1.116	8	8.0
20	ICES J MAR SCI	1054-3139	2441	1.105	141	5.3

5. Subscriptions & Usage

Subscriptions 2005

Subscription options for the print version of *ICES Journal of Marine Science* in 2005, Volume 62, 8 issues:

Institutional price:

USD 794 for all countries except Europe and Japan

EUR 895 for European countries

JPY 96,600 for Japan

Personal price:

USD 240 for all countries except Europe and Japan

EUR 255 for European countries

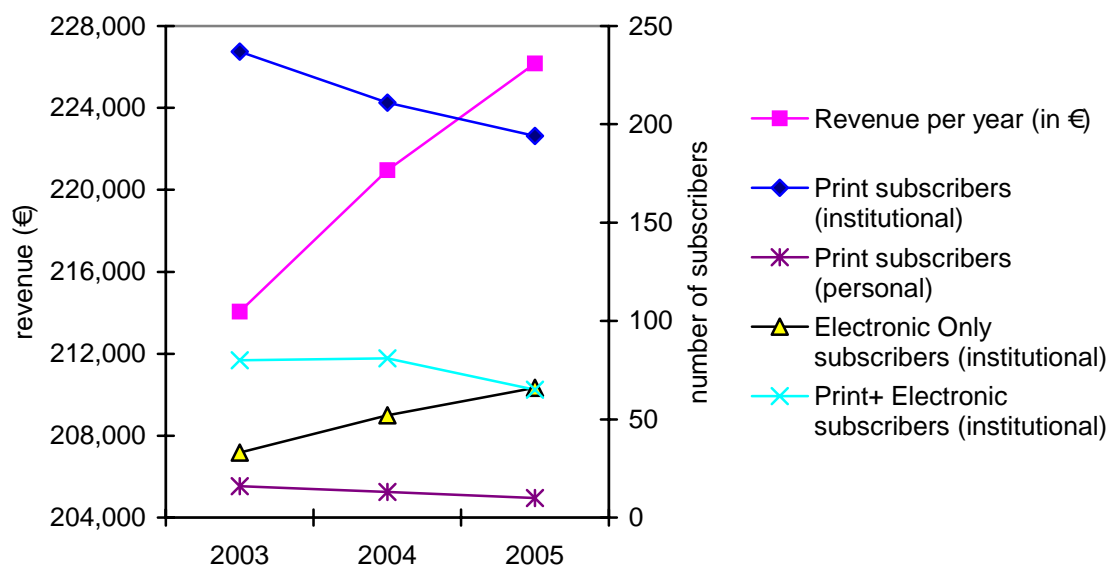
JPY 27,600 for Japan

Subscribers 2004

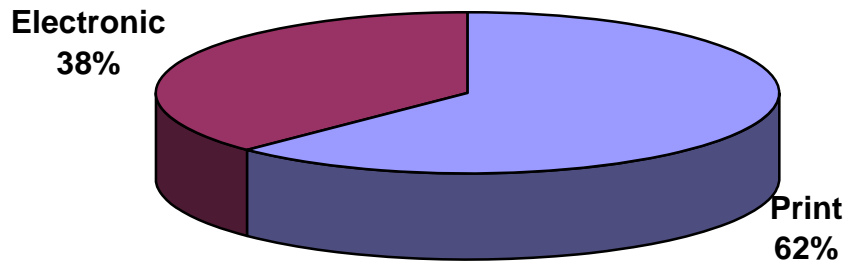
Number of subscriptions

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Print Institutional	306	318	300	302	237	211	194
Print Personal	21	17	17	15	16	13	10
Electronic Only					33	52	66
Print+ Electronic				11	80	81	65
<i>Gratis</i>				30	148	123	70

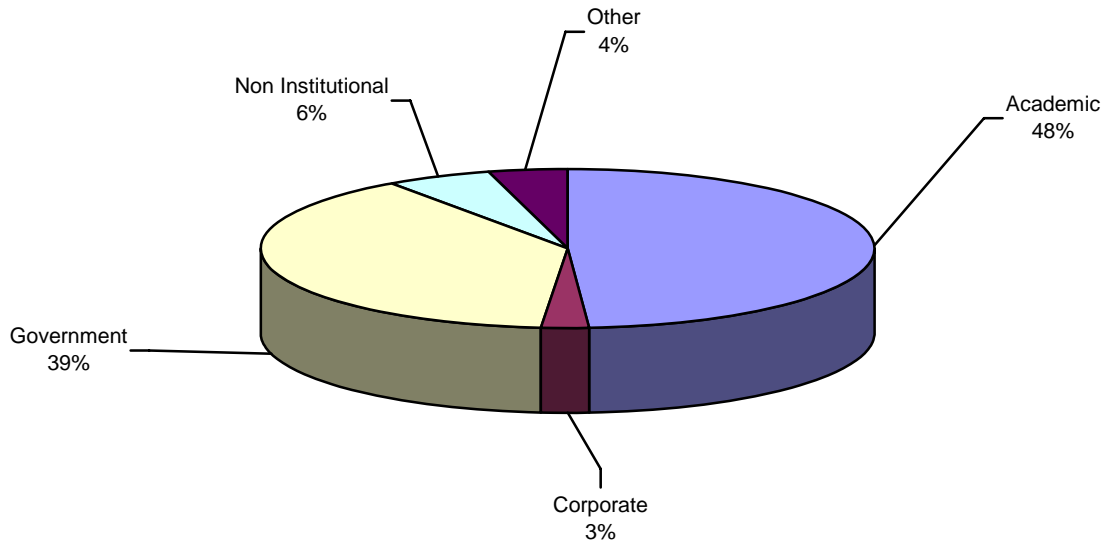
Revenue and subscribers 2003-2005



Breakdown Subscriptions 2004



Breakdown of all Subscribers (print & electronic) per Type

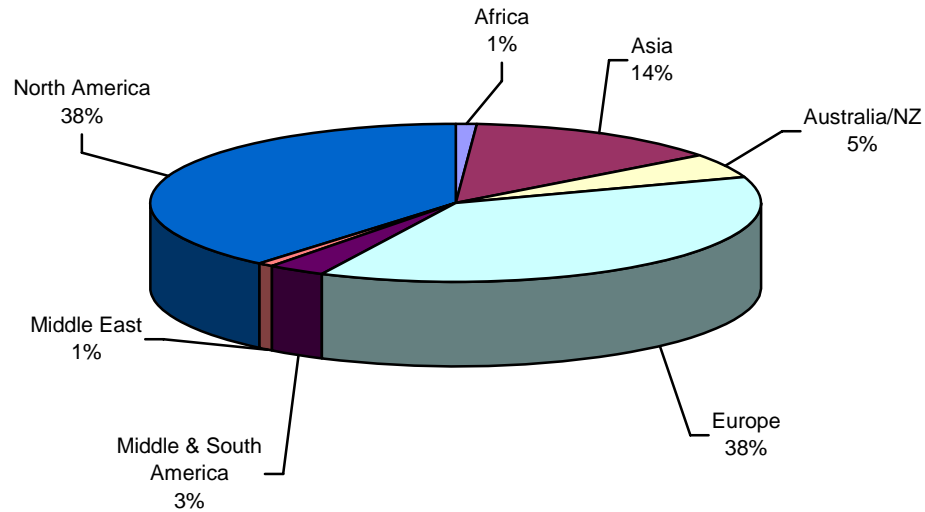


* Other includes Societies/Associations, Distributor and Unassigned

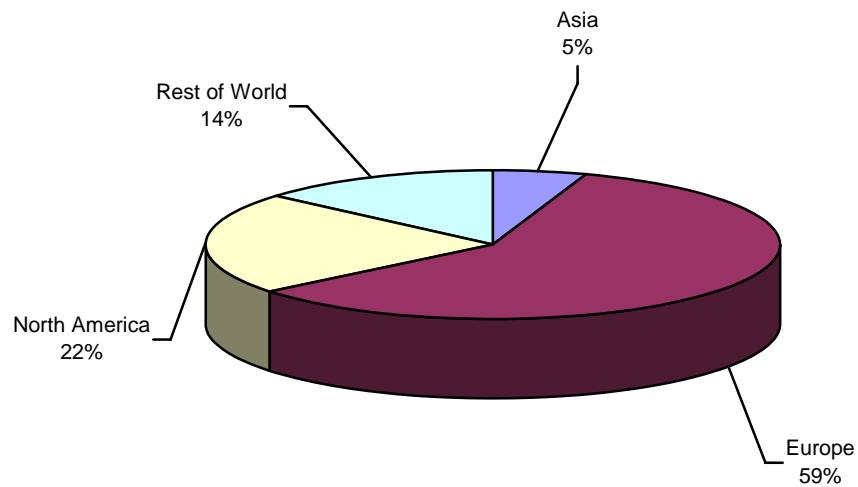
Geographical Breakdown

Presented below is the geographical breakdown of all subscribers (print and electronic subscriptions included) and the geographical breakdown of all published authors in 2004 (regular and special items included).

Geographical Breakdown of all Subscribers (print & electronic)



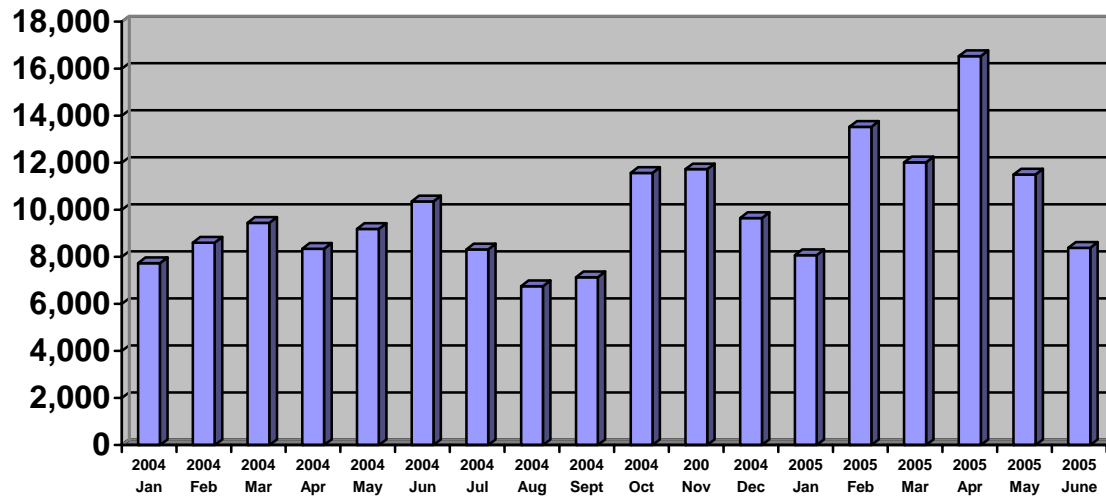
Geographical Breakdown of Authors



Online Usage

The Online Usage can be defined as the full text article requests of *ICES Journal of Marine Science* (HTML and PDF) on ScienceDirect. In 2004 **108.867** articles were downloaded. In 2003 this number was 64.612 articles.

Science Direct Full-text Article Usage



Most downloaded articles

Top 10 of most frequently downloaded *ICES Journal of Marine Science* articles on ScienceDirect in the second quarter of 2005:

1. **Changes in the North Sea fish community: evidence of indirect effects of fishing?** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 2, Pages 177-188
2. **Response of potential fish community indicators to fishing** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 2, Pages 214-225
3. **The effects of marine sand and gravel extraction on the macrobenthos at a commercial dredging site (results 6 years post-dredging)** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 2, Pages 145-162
4. **Do tagging experiments tell the truth? Using electronic tags to evaluate conventional tagging data** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 2, Pages 236-246
5. **Relationship between phytoplankton production and cod production on the Faroe Shelf** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 2, Pages 163-176
6. **The effects of fishing on sharks, rays, and chimaeras (chondrichthyans), and the implications for marine ecosystems** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 57, Issue 3, Pages 476-494
7. **Reproduction and seasonal occurrence of the copper shark, *Carcharhinus brachyurus*, from north Patagonia, Argentina** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 1, Pages 107-115
8. **An alternative echo-integrating method** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 2, Pages 226-235
9. **Review of technological advances for the study of fish behaviour in relation to demersal fishing trawls** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 61, Issue 7, Pages 1036-1043
10. **Chokka squid (*Loligo vulgaris reynaudii*) abundance linked to changes in South Africa's Agulhas Bank ecosystem during spawning and the early life cycle** • Article
ICES Journal of Marine Science, Volume 62, Issue 1, Pages 33-55

6. Author Feedback Program

The Author Feedback Program monitors the performance of Elsevier titles against competitors on a continuous basis. It does this by asking the main author, of every article, to rate the Elsevier title they have just published within, and another title in which they have recently published (in many cases this will be a competitor title).

This information is updated on a monthly basis. Full, in-depth reports, detailing the performance of each title during the previous 12 months are provided in March and September each year. In this way the progress of any title can be tracked over time. The program also includes an annual publishing speed survey of 580 competitor titles, and ES titles (through PTS). If your journal is rated poorly for refereeing speed, or production speed, you can compare the actual publishing speed of your title with the more highly rated competitors - and set targets accordingly.

The AFP is a significant undertaking. Over 850 Elsevier titles are live within the program; this involves mailing over 100,000 authors every year. Furthermore, the publishing speed survey requires that publishing speed data from over 90,000 competitor articles are analysed each year.

Please note: The full Author Feedback Report – Time Series results for *ICES Journal of Marine Science* are not available yet.

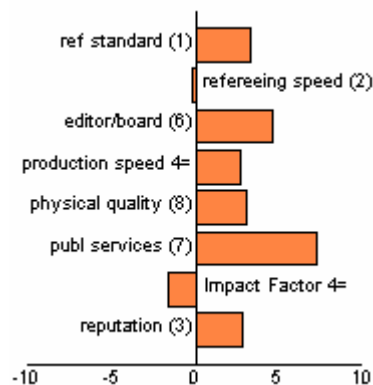
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Report Period: January 2004 – December 2004

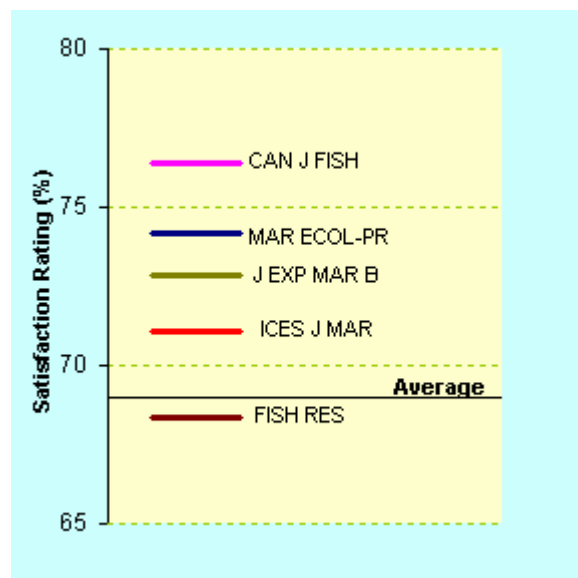
The satisfaction rating for *ICES Journal of Marine Science* is **71.1%** against an average score of 69% for all titles.

How do authors rate *ICES Journal of Marine Science*:

Against benchmarks:



Against key competitors:



Figures in brackets indicate how each factor ranks in importance to respondents, where 1=highest, and 8=lowest.

Publication other journals

Within which other journals have ICES Journal of Marine Science's authors published?

ICES Journal of Marine Science's authors were asked to name another journal in which they have recently published. These journals are listed in order of frequency below:

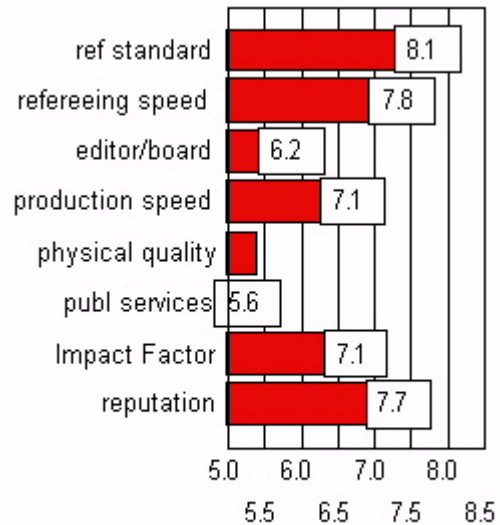
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
CANADIAN JOURNAL OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCES	4	8.9	8.9
MARINE ECOLOGY-PROGRESS SERIES	3	6.7	15.6
FISHERIES RESEARCH	3	6.7	22.2
JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MARINE BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY	3	6.7	28.9
JOURNAL OF PLANKTON RESEARCH	3	6.7	35.6
AQUATIC LIVING RESOURCES	2	4.4	40
JOURNAL OF MARINE SYSTEMS	2	4.4	44.4
LIMNOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY	2	4.4	48.9
ECOLOGICAL MODELLING	2	4.4	53.3
MARINE BIOLOGY	2	4.4	57.8
FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHY	1	2.2	60
OCEANOLOGICA ACTA	1	2.2	62.2
JOURNAL OF THE ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA	1	2.2	64.4
DEEP-SEA RESEARCH PART I-OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH PAPERS	1	2.2	66.7
GLOBAL BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES	1	2.2	68.9
FISHERY BULLETIN	1	2.2	71.1
EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF OPERATIONAL RESEARCH	1	2.2	73.3
SCIENCE	1	2.2	75.6
ITALIAN JOURNAL OF ZOOLOGY	1	2.2	77.8
FISH AND FISHERIES SERIES	1	2.2	80
JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE PHYSIOLOGY A-NEUROETHOLOGY SENSORY NEURAL AND BEHAVIORAL PHYSIOLOGY	1	2.2	82.2
COMPARATIVE BIOCHEMISTRY AND PHYSIOLOGY B-BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	1	2.2	84.4
NETHERLANDS JOURNAL OF SEA RESEARCH	1	2.2	86.7
NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION	1	2.2	88.9
NATURE	1	2.2	91.1
HYDROBIOLOGIA	1	2.2	93.3
DEEP-SEA RESEARCH (part unspecified)	1	2.2	95.6
FISHERIES SCIENCE	1	2.2	97.8
ESTUARINE COASTAL AND SHELF SCIENCE	1	2.2	100
Total	45	100	100

Importance Publishing Factors

(Rating: 0=not important, 10=extremely important)

The most important publishing factors for ICES Journal of Marine Science authors.

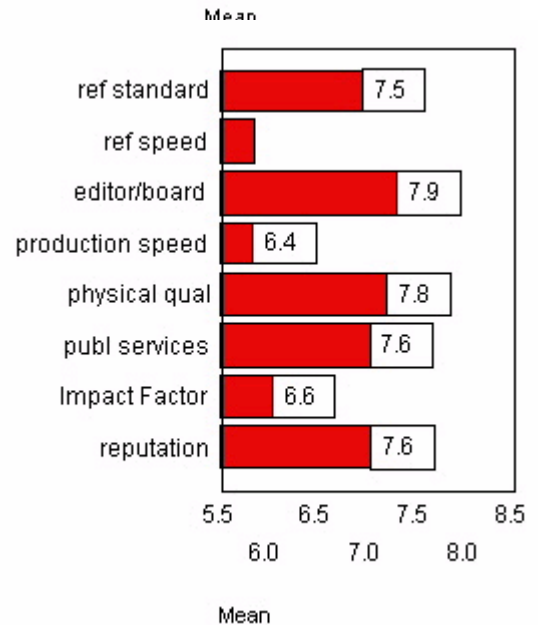
There are many considerations which are important when an author is selecting a journal to publish within. In determining which considerations were of most importance for *ICES Journal of Marine Science* authors, each author was asked to rate the importance of a number of factors.



All factors

How is ICES Journal of Marine Science rated against these factors?

Each author was asked to rate *ICES Journal of Marine Science* against a series of publishing factors. The scores for each factor are given in the following chart. It is therefore possible to look at what factors *ICES Journal of Marine Science* authors consider most important, and see how *ICES Journal of Marine Science* is rated against each of these areas.

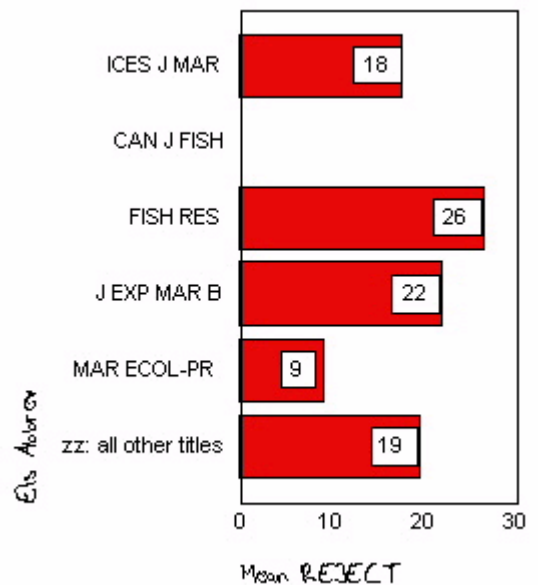


Rejection other journals

What percentage of ICES Journal of Marine Science articles have been rejected by other journals?

ICES Journal of Marine Science's authors were asked whether their last article published in *ICES Journal of Marine Science* had previously been submitted to other journals. The results for *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, and key competitor titles, are charted here.

Information on the Author Profile can be found in **Appendix 1**.



7. Other Initiatives 2005

For 2005 marketing activities will focus on 2 objectives:

- Stimulating the submission of quality content to ICES Journal of Marine Science as appropriate.
- Developing the highest visibility and associated linking benefits for ICES Journal of Marine Science to strengthen and increase the recognition of the journal and its online usage.

Stimulating Submission of Quality Content

Continued promotion to potential authors of ICES Journal of Marine Science is important to increase paper submissions. This will ultimately help to increase quality. Promotion to authors therefore forms a significant element of our ongoing marketing plan. We aim to:

- Feature and highlight specific content e.g. special issues, reviews, top cited papers, most downloaded papers particularly hot papers or papers in a sub-discipline new (or important) to the journal.
- Demonstrate the benefits of publishing in ICES Journal of Marine Science, highlighting features such as the Elsevier Author Gateway personalised manuscript tracking system, author support, and the high level of exposure that papers receive via ScienceDirect, with an emphasis on features such as global electronic distribution and citation alerting.
- Update authors and readers on developments e.g. online submission, faster publication times, free colour illustrations (where appropriate).

Existing and potential authors could be targeted employing a variety of tactics – a broad-brush approach to reach a wide audience, or we can target specific groups to boost submissions in a geographic region or, topical or emerging areas of research. As an example Elsevier has opened an office in Beijing to serve the sales and editorial needs of the Chinese market as it increasingly seeks to integrate its knowledge base with that of the rest of the scholarly world.

Developing The Highest Visibility

Researchers are increasingly using web-based services to access the information they require. Any scientific journal that is to continue to have an impact in the future must be made widely available online, and linked to other online sources of information as seamlessly as possible.

The explosion of journal use in electronic forms needs to be fully supported by e-marketing tools and we would use these techniques to drive increasing online access to ICES Journal of Marine Science and heighten visibility of the title.

Online marketing channels, in particular ScienceDirect, provide a huge boost to visibility.

MARKETING CHANNELS

We are constantly re-evaluating the approaches that are most effective in meeting our objectives, and revising them as the market and trends change. For simplicity we have isolated print, physical and online marketing channels below but in reality a mixture of approaches would be in constant use.

Increasingly electronic marketing using static and dynamic websites, search tools, alerts and email communications are supplementing more traditional print communication tactics. This is because they offer improved speed of production, response times, increase of recipients' participation and are generally more cost-effective.

Print and Physical Marketing Channels:

- Exhibitions
- Print Advertising
- Printed Collateral

Online Marketing Channels:

Search environments

- Search Engines
- SCOPUS (www.scopus.com)
- Scirus (www.scirus.com)
- CrossRef (www.crossref.com)

Proprietary web environments

- ScienceDirect (www.sciencedirect.com)
- Elsevier Corporate Website / Journal homepage (www.elsevier.com)
- Author Gateway (www.authors.elsevier.com)

Email address driven mechanisms

Journal specific:

- Tables of Contents Alerts (www.contentdirect.elsevier.com)
- ScienceDirect TOP25 Downloaded Articles Alerts (<http://top25.sciencedirect.com>)

Cluster/subject area:

- ScienceDirect Search, Citation and Topic Alerts (Aquatic Sciences and Oceanography)
- Newsletters (Ocean News)
- Email and web promotions

MARKETING TACTICAL PLAN

EXHIBITIONS:

In 2005 ICES Journal of Marine Science will be prominently displayed at key meetings attended by Elsevier including:

- ASLO 2005 Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA, 20-25 February
- Benthic Ecology Meeting, Williamsburg, VA, USA, 6-9 April
- World Aquaculture 2005, Bali, Indonesia, 9-13 May
- International Ocean Research Conference, Paris, France, 6-10 June
- Pollution Responses in Marine Organisms (PRIMO13), Alessandria, Italy, 19-22 June
- ASLO Summer Meeting, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 19-24 June
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) Annual Meeting, Aberdeen, Scotland, 20-24 September

A pre-event email for World Aquaculture 2005 was sent featuring relevant Elsevier journals including ICES Journal of Marine Science. Links were given to the TOP25 downloads list, latest journal issue, special issues "Quantitative ecosystem indicators for fisheries management" and "Fish behaviour in exploited ecosystems", articles-in-press, and sample copy issue.

Promotion of ICES Journal of Marine Science at the ICES Annual Meeting includes a flyer in the delegate bags (featuring author benefits, top cited and downloaded papers), a standing poster, and information at the Elsevier booth on alerting services, author benefits, Author Gateway and AGORA.

SEARCH ENVIRONMENTS:

Elsevier provides metadata to the major **search engines** and through the specific adaptation of that metadata can ensure journal references are suitably ranked in search results.

A multidisciplinary navigational tool that contains records going back to the mid 1960's, offering newly-linked citations across the widest body of scientific abstracts available in one place. Designed and developed with researchers and librarians, **SCOPUS** is the easy way to get expert results. Integrated web search and seamless links to full-text articles and other library resources make SCOPUS quick, easy and comprehensive. SCOPUS offers ICES Journal of Marine Science increased visibility and usage.

Scirus is the most comprehensive science-specific search engine on the Internet. Driven by the latest search engine technology, Scirus searches over 200 million science-specific Web pages. Scirus picks up ICES Journal of Marine Science articles offering increased visibility for the journal amongst the scientific community.

ICES Journal of Marine Science articles on ScienceDirect can be seamlessly linked to from all other scientific articles published under the **CrossRef** scheme, enabling access to the abstract or full text. This easy navigation increases visibility and accessibility as well as usage amongst licensed Institutes, and subscribers to the online version. ScienceDirect offers a pay-per-view option for guest users.

PROPRIETARY WEB ENVIRONMENTS:

ICES Journal of Marine Science has its own homepage on **ScienceDirect** which can be found at www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10543139. Additional coverage is provided on the ScienceDirect **Agricultural and Biological Sciences and Earth and Planetary Sciences subject corners**. These subject level pages feature selected articles, special issues, books and other relevant information. In May, an Aquatic Sciences theme was featured to time with the World Aquaculture 2005 meeting. The subject corners can be found at www.sciencedirect.com/science/home/agribio and www.sciencedirect.com/science/home/earth respectively.

ICES Journal of Marine Science has a dedicated homepage on the **Elsevier Corporate Website** (www.elsevier.com/locate/icesjms). Information on this page includes aims and scope, editorial board, impact factor, abstracting and indexing services, subscription data, and Guide for Authors. The homepage can also be used to highlight content e.g. special issues. A link to a list of the ScienceDirect TOP25 is featured, as well as the top 25 cited articles to further promote the journal's reputation. In 2005 a subject area page for Aquatic Sciences will be developed on the Elsevier Corporate Website. This page will be updated frequently to highlight content from Elsevier's Aquatic Sciences titles and include relevant marketing messages.

Elsevier's **Author Gateway** is an online tool for authors with each journal having its own homepage (<http://authors.elsevier.com/journal/icesjms>).

EMAIL ADDRESS DRIVEN MECHANISMS:

ICES Journal of Marine Science is included in the **ContentsDirect** alerting service. Messages on the marketing announcement field currently include a link to the list of the top 25 cited articles, ScienceDirect TOP25 downloaded articles and the sign-up page for the ScienceDirect TOP25 alert, and ICES special issues.

The recently developed **ScienceDirect TOP25** alert lists user's 25 most frequently downloaded journal articles. Throughout 2005 researchers will be encouraged to sign-up for the free quarterly service.

ScienceDirect provides a range of customisable alerting services letting you pinpoint the information you need to keep you up to date with the developments in your field e.g. "Save as Citation" alert providing e-mail updates each time that article is cited - an excellent way for authors to keep track of how their research is being used. ICES Journal of Marine Science articles are covered in the **ScienceDirect topic alert** for "Aquatic Sciences" and "Oceanography".

Ocean News is a free quarterly e-mail alerting service bringing you a regular overview of the most recently published articles, new books, reference works and special issues from the Elsevier oceanography programme in physical and chemical oceanography, marine biology and ecology, coastal and estuarine science. ICES Journal of Marine Science is featured in each issue of the newsletter. Coverage has included new journal issues and the most downloaded papers. Ocean News is distributed to some 8000 marine scientists and technologists.

8. Other Initiatives 2005

AGORA

Elsevier, in cooperation with other international scientific publishers, UN agencies, and other private and public sector organisations, signed an agreement with the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), which will allow students, researchers and academics in developing countries to access a wealth of scientific information that will help improve food security.

Elsevier has offered 185 journals to the AGORA project, a groundbreaking initiative that will provide free or very low cost access to journals in the agriculture, biological, environmental and social sciences. *ICES Journal of Marine Science* is included in the subject category Fisheries/Aquatic Science.

AGORA will initially offer a collection of literature via the Internet to 69 eligible countries with per capita annual income of less than USD 1000. The AGORA website will provide access to more than 400 key scientific journals in agriculture and related fields.

AGORA is inspired by the UN's Health Internetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI), which provides information on biomedical research to institutions in developing countries.

More information can be found on www.aginternetwork.org

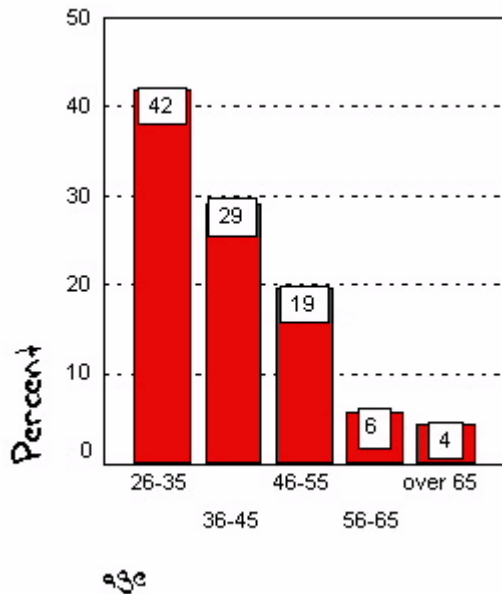
APPENDIX 1

Author Profile (respondents AFP)

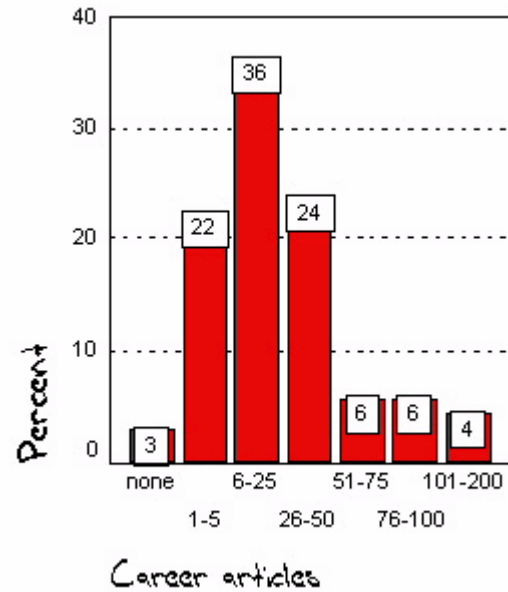
Who are the ICES Journal of Marine Science respondents?

The profile of all the *ICES Journal of Marine Science* authors who responded to the questionnaire is given below. Note: this may be different to the actual distribution of authors/papers given by secondary data-bases.

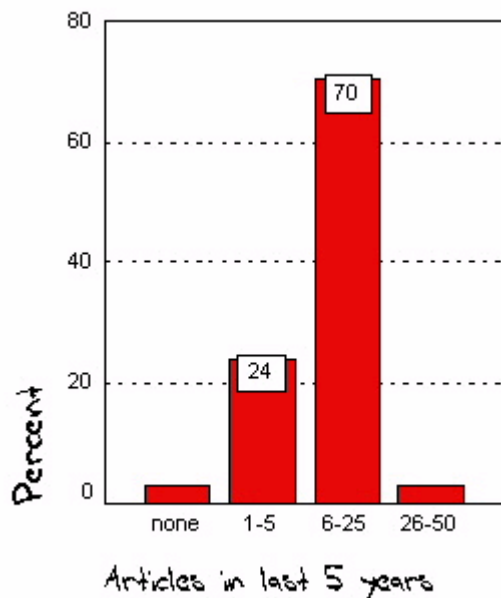
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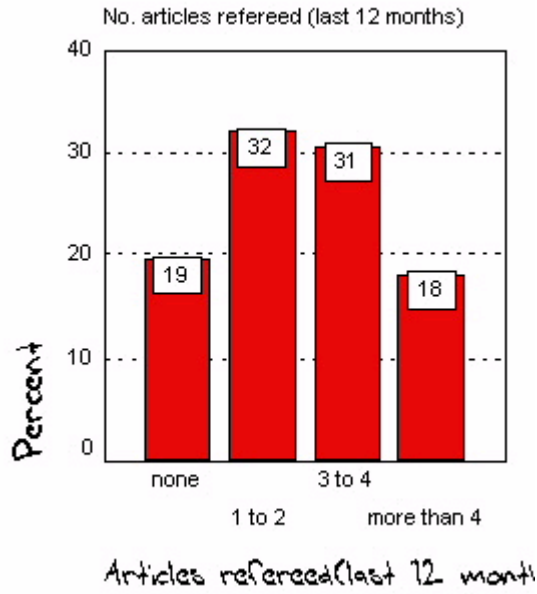
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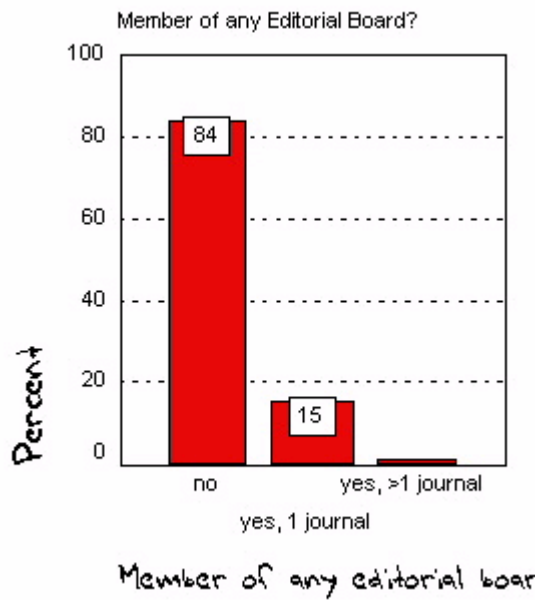


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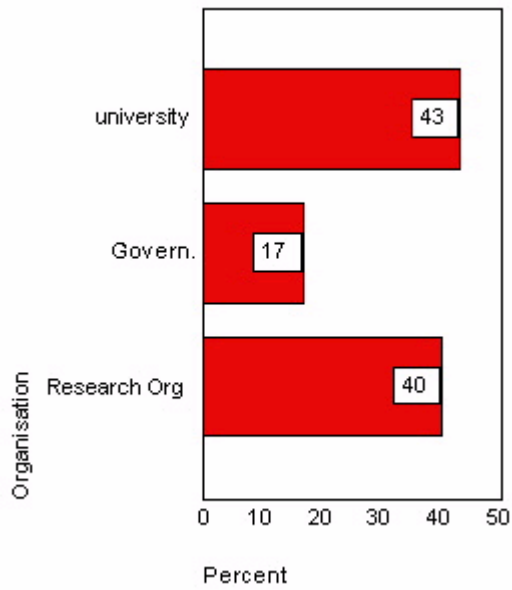


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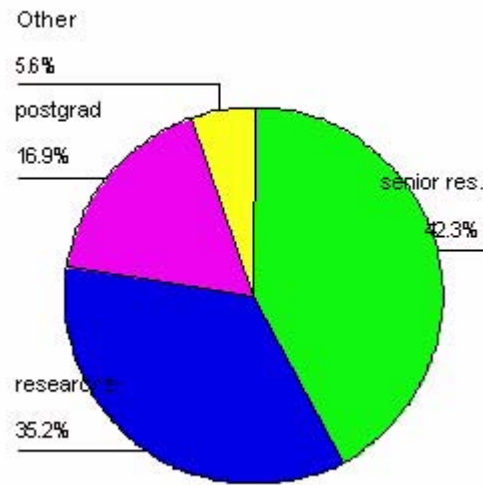
Authors were asked if they belonged to the editorial board of a journal.



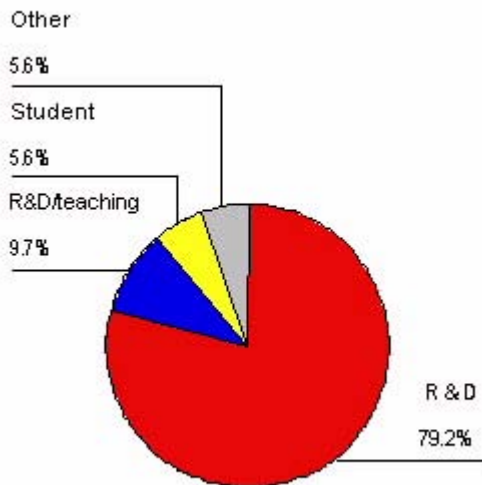
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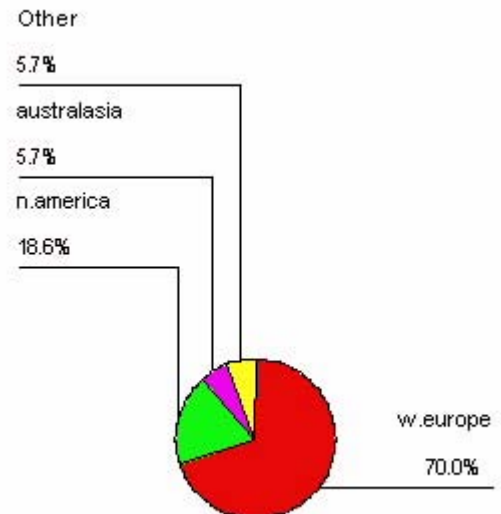
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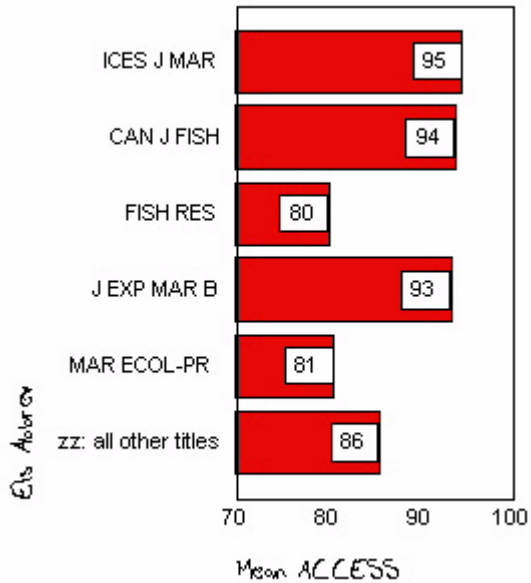
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What access do ICES Journal of Marine Science authors have to ICES Journal of Marine Science?

ICES Journal of Marine Science authors were asked whether they had access to a copy of ICES Journal of Marine Science, or to the other journal they listed in the questionnaire. They were then asked how they accessed that title. The results are charted below.

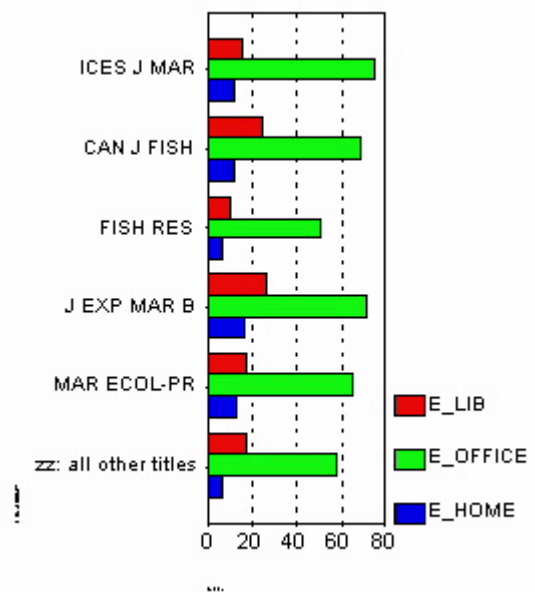
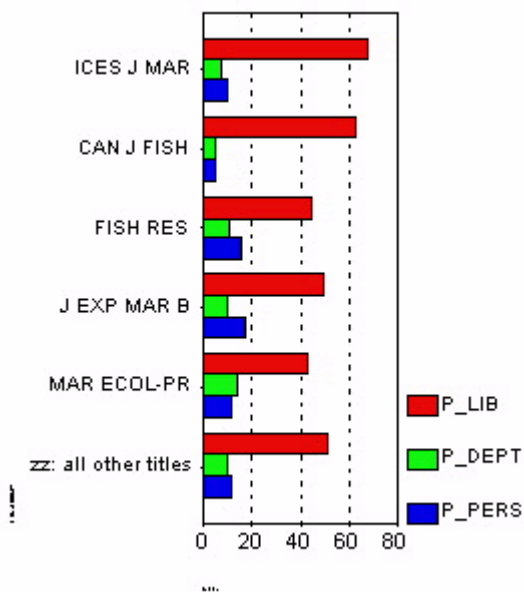
Percentage with access:



The chart on the left indicates the percentage of respondents who stated they had access to a print version of the title. The chart on the right indicates the percentage of respondents who accessed the electronic version of the title. For each chart, the source of access is shown.

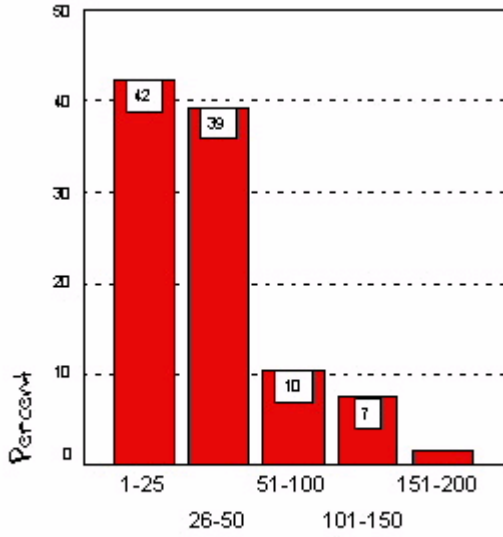
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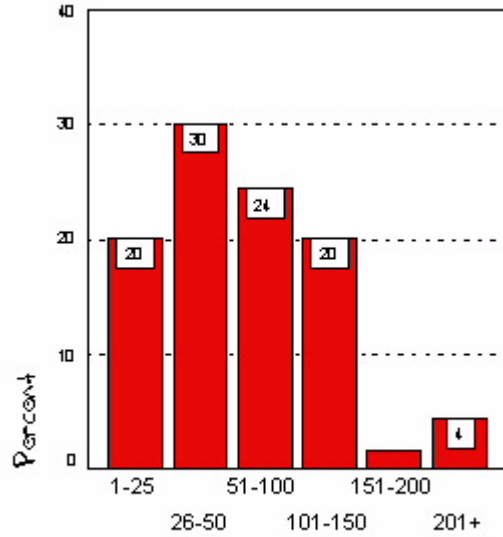
ICES Journal of Marine Science authors were asked to state how many research articles they read on average each year in traditional paper journal and how many they read online (or downloaded to read). The results are charted below.

Average no. of articles read a year:



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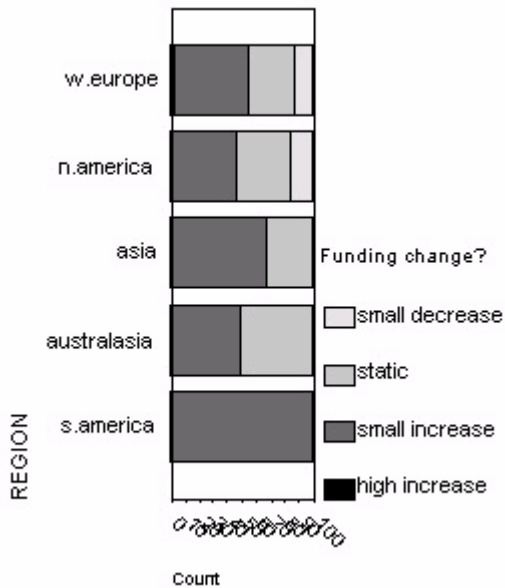
Average no. of articles read a year online in a traditional paper journal or downloaded and then read



Electronic research articles read

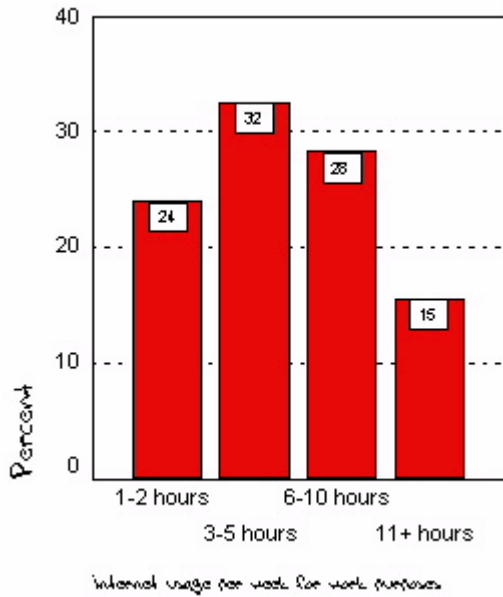
How do ICES Journal of Marine Science authors anticipate their future research funding changing?

ICES Journal of Marine Science authors were asked to look at the next five years, and describe how they thought research activity and funding would change:



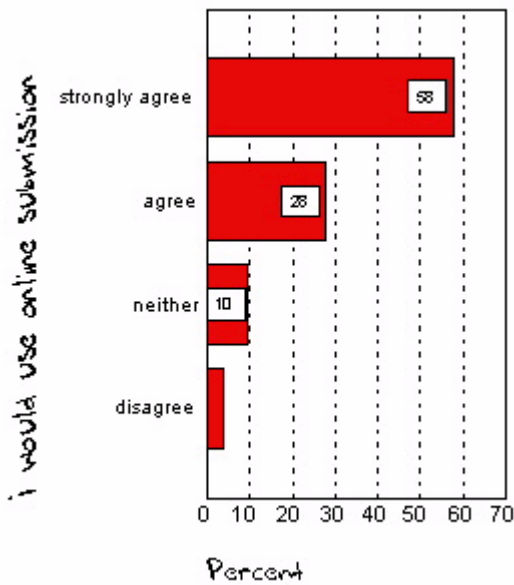
What are the internet usage habits of ICES Journal of Marine Science authors?

ICES Journal of Marine Science authors were asked how many hours they typically spent using the internet for work purposes each week.



ICES Journal of Marine Science authors were asked about their preferences for online submission and online tracking.

I will submit an article online:



I will track my article online:

