

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE BOLETIM DO INSTITUTO DE PESCA

EDITORIAL

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The *Boletim do Instituto de Pesca* (BIP) is celebrating 50 years. Coincidentally, this historical landmark is happening at a time in which science is breaking down barriers of the academy and becoming popular in every corner of the earth. The popularization of science is even faster now in the second consecutive year of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, when the world places all its hopes on scientists. This is because they are the only ones capable of developing the most effective way to control this virus, that is, vaccines.

In this context of science dissemination, we invite the audience to browse the BIP website to have free access to the almost 1400 scientific articles published since its foundation in January 1971. From this moment, the journal has advanced significantly. When the BIP was created, its objective was to share the research results from the *Instituto de Pesca*. Nowadays, the journal receives articles from the whole scientific community, including international authors.

The subjects published in the BIP followed the development of the fishery resources sector over the past few decades. In the 1970s, publications about the aquatic environment and its species were highlighted. In the 1980s and 1990s, publications emerged about the production of aquatic organisms and its economic issues. From 2000, the articles started addressing the advances of fishing production techniques and aquaculture. Currently, relevant topics include sustainability of aquaculture and fisheries, environmental impacts, aquatic health, and genetic aspects of aquatic organisms.

Over the last decade, this journal has undergone the main changes. From 2009 to 2011, all BIP content was digitized and made available in open access (free for readers). In 2014, the printed version of the *Boletim do Instituto de Pesca* was replaced by the digital version. In 2016, articles started to receive the *Digital Object Identifier* – DOI, which made it easier to search specialized database.

In this new management, we focus on the internationalization process of the journal. In 2018, all publications started to be written in English. In 2020, an open software for managing and publishing journals (*Open Journal System* - OJS) was implemented to improve the agility and data control of the procedures. This system has allowed the standardization of messages in English and has enabled access to foreign authors, reviewers and editors.

From 2021, the *Boletim do Instituto de Pesca* will adopt the process of rolling article publishing in a single annual volume. This modality speeds up the publication process and the availability of content to readers.

All these advances were only possible due to the dedication and competence of the BIP previous editors. Moreover, the high quality of this journal was maintained during this half century because of all the reviewers that voluntarily contributed to the *Boletim do Instituto de Pesca*.

We encourage authors to submit their articles to the Bulletin of the Fisheries Institute and we also invite readers to visit the journal homepage (<https://www.pesca.sp.gov.br/publicacoes/boletim-do-instituto-de-pesca/published-editions>) to access this valuable scientific content built up over the last 50 years.