

PeerJ Hubs

A new concept for sustainable Open
Access Publishing and Growth Tools
for Scholarly Societies and Research
Associations

PeerJ Hubs

PeerJ Hubs present a [sustainable Open Access](#) solution for scholarly societies and research associations, with meaningful benefits for you and your members. Grow and develop your community, and make Open Access a more attainable and equitable option for your members.

PeerJ strongly believes that scholarly societies and associations, and the communities they support and develop, are vital to a thriving academic and research ecosystem. We've developed Hubs in such a way that any research organization can build and manage their own publication. We'll provide the support you need, and the tools to grow your organization and measure your impact. We are confident that PeerJ Hubs is the missing link to sustainably transitioning to Open Access for societies and research associations across the sciences and the globe

Built on top of PeerJ's existing infrastructure and journal portfolio, Hubs provide a submission portal for partners, with [editorial guidance and oversight provided by your members](#) to ensure research content published in the Hub reflects the scope and aims of your organization. Hub partners can [choose from a range of editorial models](#) designed for every size of society and research association.

Your members can [immediately access high-quality, indexed journals with established metrics](#) and editorial boards, which qualified members are invited to join. Peer review is managed by PeerJ, providing [industry-leading editorial support and customer service](#).

Your Hub will [showcase research articles from your members](#), co-branded with your organization's brand, and will integrate an array of tools and programs to support and [grow a vibrant and equitable research community](#).

Your members will benefit from [discounted Article Processing Charges](#), and you can choose to create a unique Cooperative Publishing Fund to [support your members](#) without the means or funding support to publish Open Access.

What is a PeerJ Hub?

A PeerJ Hub is an [overlay journal](#). Articles submitted to the Hub by your members will be:

- published in one of PeerJ's seven [Open Access](#) journals
- showcased on a [bespoke](#) Hub landing page
- [co-branded](#) with your organization's name and logo



The Hub uses [PeerJ's best-in-class submission and peer review platform](#), supported by our highly experienced editorial and publishing teams.

With [zero costs to partners to launch a Hub](#), you get all the benefits of your own journal, without the administrative burden and financial costs of launching a new title from scratch.

By providing meaningful benefits to your members, a [Hub provides an incentive for researchers to join your organization](#), meaning you can grow your community.

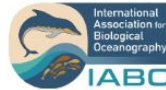
Creating a [Hub Cooperative Publishing Fund](#) allows your organization and your members to support Open Access via PeerJ's Contributor Rewards program and donations from funders and supporters.

Features and tools on the Hub allow you to [measure and report on the growth, impact and success](#) of your Hub and your members' research, meaning your Hub will become a showcase of your members' research and your organization's impact.

The International Association for Biological Oceanography

[HOME](#) [SUBMIT](#) [ABOUT](#)

Welcome to the IABO Hub, the publishing home of the International Association for Biological Oceanography.



The Hub features the latest biological oceanography research published by the members of IABO. Anyone can browse the Hub and make a presubmission enquiry, but you can unlock more features - and benefits - when you join the Hub Community.

It's free to join the Hub, and IABO. You'll benefit from a Hub publishing discount, increased visibility of your research in your community, and you can access, and donate to, the Hub Cooperative Publishing Fund.

Submissions are assessed for community relevance by the Hub Editorial Team, made up of IABO members. Articles are peer reviewed and published in *PeerJ Life & Environment*, a high quality, Open Access journal publishing world-class research from across the globe.

[JOIN HUB COMMUNITY](#)

[SUBMIT ABSTRACT](#)

Open to non-members as well

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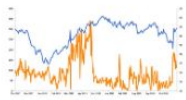
Journal Info



PeerJ
The journal for life, medicine, and environment

3.06 Impact Factor
4.7 Citescore
1.074 SNIP
3-year cite avg > 5

Articles [VIEW ALL \(8\) >](#)



The seasonal investigation of Symbiodiniaceae in broadcast spawning, *Acropora humilis* and brooding, *Pocillopora cf. damicornis* corals

PeerJ doi: 10.7717/peerj.13114

Suppakarn Jandang, Voranop Viyakarn, Yuki Yoshioka, Chuya Shinzato, Suchana Chavanich

1,032 pageviews



6th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (WCMB 2023)

The next General Assembly of IABO will be

The Hub homepage for the *International Association for Biological Oceanography*.

Benefits: Open Access discounts & PeerJ Contributor Rewards

Discounts for your members

When an article has been approved by the Hub Editorial Team and at least one author has been verified as a member of the partner organisation, that submission, if accepted, will be eligible for a [10% Article Publishing Charge \(APC\) discount](#).

PeerJ Contributor Rewards

PeerJ rewards contributions to peer review - reviewing and editing - with PeerJ Tokens. Tokens can be:

- Accrued over time
- Pooled with co-authors
- Exchanged for APC discounts
- Donated to Hub Cooperative Publishing Fund

Hub Members can also exchange their Hub discount for Tokens and donate them to the Hub Cooperative Publishing Fund.

Cooperative Publishing Fund

The Hub Cooperative Publishing Fund allows IABO and our members to support [Open Access publishing](#) for those members who don't have funding to pay APCs.

Members of IABO can choose to [donate any PeerJ Tokens](#) they earn to the Hub's Cooperative Publishing Fund. Supporters can also purchase and donate Tokens to the Fund.

[Verified members can apply to use Tokens](#) from the Fund to reduce their publishing costs.

Fund requests are managed by IABO, with a dedicated Fund Analytics Dashboard.

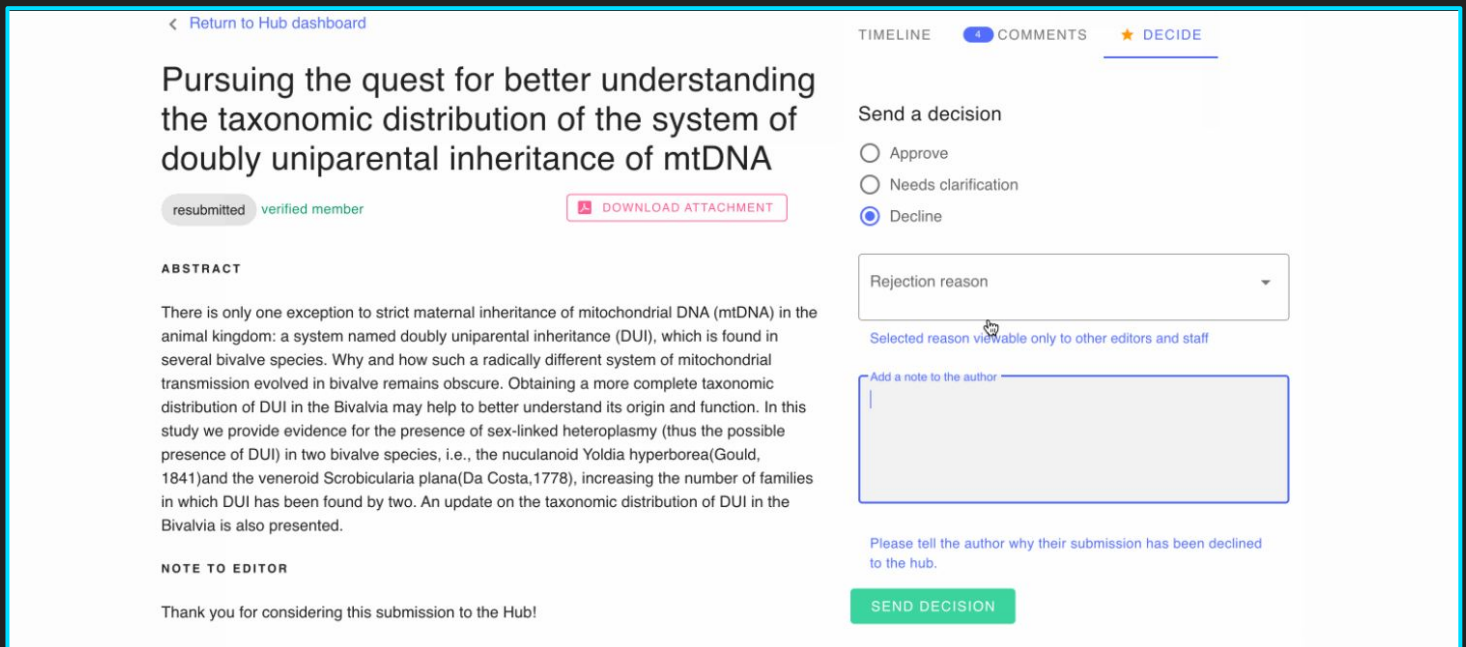
Editorial Models

Partners can choose from a range of editorial models to manage the content submitted to their Hub, designed to support societies and research associations of any size. You can choose to form your own Hub Editorial Team to assess pre-submissions from your members, and whether you want to use the full 2000+ PeerJ Editorial Board or create your own Hub Editorial Board to manage peer review.

Assessment Model - a Hub Editorial Team to assess presubmissions, and a Hub Editorial Board to peer review full submissions. Well suited to large organizations.

Curation Model - a Hub Editorial Team to assess presubmissions, with full submissions peer reviewed by the full PeerJ Editorial Board. Well suited to medium organizations

Collation Model - no presubmission, with full submissions peer reviewed by the full PeerJ Editorial Board. Suitable for smaller organizations



The screenshot displays a submission page on the PeerJ Hub. At the top left, there is a link to "Return to Hub dashboard". The main title of the submission is "Pursuing the quest for better understanding the taxonomic distribution of the system of doubly uniparental inheritance of mtDNA". Below the title, it indicates the submission is "resubmitted" and by a "verified member". A "DOWNLOAD ATTACHMENT" button is visible. The "ABSTRACT" section contains text about mitochondrial DNA inheritance in bivalve species. Below the abstract is a "NOTE TO EDITOR" section with the text "Thank you for considering this submission to the Hub!". On the right side, there is a "DECIDE" panel with three radio button options: "Approve", "Needs clarification", and "Decline". The "Decline" option is selected. Below these options is a "Rejection reason" dropdown menu and a text area to "Add a note to the author". A green "SEND DECISION" button is at the bottom of the panel.

Anyone can submit to your Hub, but to be eligible for Hub benefits, and to be highlighted on the Hub, at least one author must be a verified member of your organization, creating a meaningful incentive to join.

Membership verification is an automated process developed and managed by PeerJ.

Editorial Models

	Presubmission via Hub?	Initial assessment by Hub Editorial team?	Full submission peer reviewed by...	Published to Hub and PeerJ Journal?	Support from PeerJ Editorial and Publishing Teams?	Branded articles and Hub landing page?	Option to add news and information to your Hub?	Benefits for members of your organization?
Assessment Model	✓	✓	Hub Editorial Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curation Model	✓	✓	PeerJ Editorial Boards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collation Model	✗	✗	PeerJ Editorial Boards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

A **Presubmission** is a quick submission of an abstract and author information - with the option to upload a full PDF - for assessment by the Hub Editorial Team.

A **Hub Editorial Team** is a group of 3-6 Hub Members who assess presubmissions to decide whether they fit the editorial scope of the Hub. If they approve a presubmission, they then invite the authors to make a full submission to be peer reviewed.

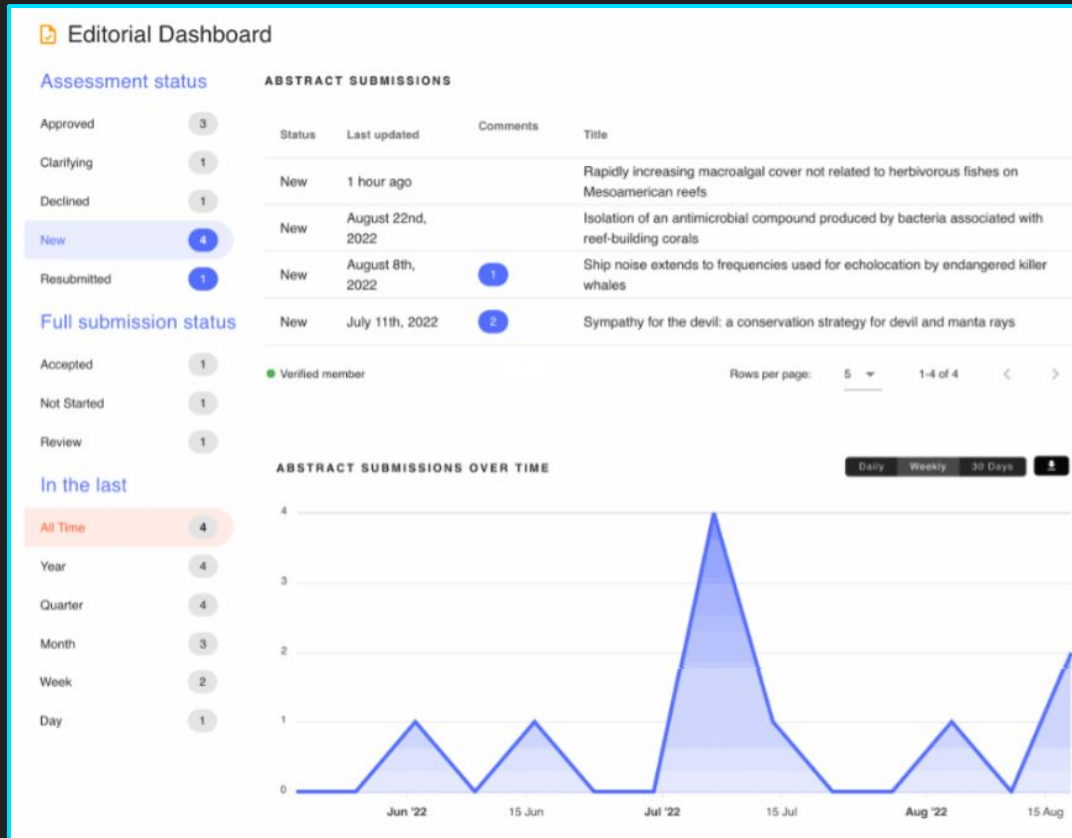
A **Hub Editorial Board** is a subset of the PeerJ Editorial Board, made up of Academic Editors who are members of the Hub partner organization. In the Assessment Model, all full submissions would be handled by the Hub Editorial Board.

PeerJ Editorial Boards are the groups of Academic Editors who oversee peer review of submissions to PeerJ journals. In the Curation and Collection Models, a full submission could be handled by any member of a PeerJ Editorial Board with the requisite expertise, regardless of whether they are a member of the Hub or not.

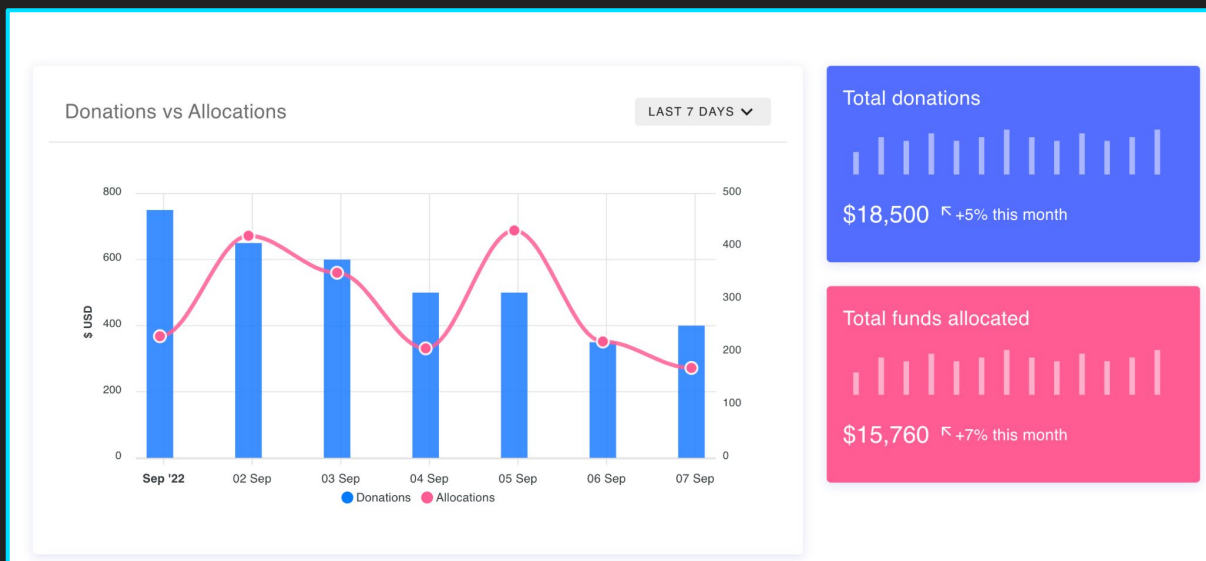
Assessment and analytics

Hubs provide a suite of [Tools and analytics](#) to measure the impact of the Hub, including abstract submissions, submission progress, and Hub sign ups.

[Hub Level Metrics](#) will measure the impact of the research published by your members via cumulative citations, views and downloads.



A [Fund analytics dashboard](#) to manage and report on impact of donations and use of the Hub Cooperative Publishing Fund



PeerJ Journals

PeerJ Hubs removes the administrative effort and cost of launching your own journal, and allows your members to immediately start publishing in highly regarded and indexed journals.

PeerJ journals' excellent reputation, broad audience and high-quality peer review standards means your members can submit to your PeerJ Hub knowing their research will be highly visible, widely disseminated, indexed in all the important databases and responsibly archived.



Our flagship journal, *PeerJ* publishes research in Biological, Medical and Environmental Sciences. Indexed in PubMed, the Journal Citations Reports, Google Scholar, Scopus, Europe PMC and more, the journal is highly cited and regarded, working with over 1600 world-leading researchers on our Editorial Board.

3.06 Impact Factor | 4.7 CiteScore | 5 Citation Ave (3 year) | 1.074 SNIP



Covering all areas of computer science research and with the backing of over 300 expert academic editors, *PeerJ Computer Science* is indexed in PubMed, Journal Citations Reports, Google Scholar, Scopus, Europe PMC and more, including specialist CS databases.

2.41 Impact Factor | 2.2 CiteScore | 4 Citation Ave (3 Year) | 1.304 SNIP



Launched in 2019 with the support of over 200 chemistry researchers on their editorial boards, our suite of **chemistry journals** provide fast, rigorous and fair peer-reviewed open access publishing in organic, physical, inorganic and analytical chemistry, and materials science.

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Working with PeerJ was an excellent collaboration. From the onset of the project there was a clear plan of what we wanted to achieve together. The entire process was honest and straightforward - Enrique Montes, President of IABO

It's been great working with PeerJ to develop our Hub. Through a truly collaborative effort we've built something that will serve the needs of the biological oceanography community. The whole project was transparent and cooperative. We discussed several challenges but the PeerJ team came up with very nice solutions - Cesar Cordeiro, IABO Hub Editor

I would definitely recommend working with PeerJ to launch a Hub - Yasmina Shah Esmaeili, IABO Communications Task Group

Through listening to the needs of the communities that publish with PeerJ, and co-developing Hubs with our partners, we have built a flexible, accessible and equitable option for societies and research associations, that will help them grow their membership, and their impact.

We look forward to welcoming your community into the PeerJ Hubs network.

To arrange a meeting to discuss your options, contact PeerJ today:
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