

# How to find a journal's impact factor

The impact factor indicates the average number of citations to articles published in a journal. You can use Journal Citation Reports (JCR), integrated with the Web of Science, to find impact factors. JCR lists the impact factors of journals, and ranks journals within subjects accordingly.

## To find the impact factor of a journal:

1. Go to Web of Science: [www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com). You can access Web of Science with your WUR account.
2. In the top bar, click 'Journal Citation Reports'.
3. Enter the journal title in the search bar that appears, and select the journal you are interested in. Note: if a journal is not indexed by Web of Science, or was indexed only recently, it does not (yet) have an impact factor.
4. You find the most up-to-date impact factor right below 'Journal Impact Factor Trend'. A figure shows how the impact factor has changed over the last five years. Note that impact factors for the current year are not yet visible, for these still need to be calculated and will only be released next year.

## ECOLOGY OF FRESHWATER FISH

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TITLES  
ISO: Ecol. Freshw. Fish  
JCR Abbrev: ECOL FRESHW FISH

LANGUAGES  
English

### CATEGORIES

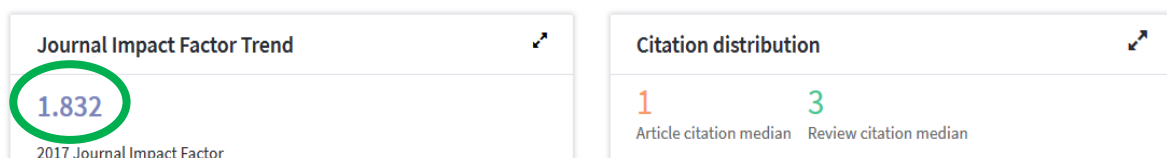
FISHERIES - SCIE

MARINE & FRESHWATER BIOLOGY - SCIE

PUBLICATION FREQUENCY  
4 issues/year

Current year All years

The data in the two graphs below and in the Journal Impact Factor calculation panels represent citation activity in 2017 to items published in the journal in the prior two years. They detail the components of the Journal Impact Factor. Use the "All Years" tab to access key metrics and additional data for the current year and all prior years for this journal.



5. To compare this journal's impact factor to that of other journals, follow the link 'Click here to view Rank, ...'. On the next page, click 'Rank'. A table will appear showing you the ranking of this journal within the subject categories it belongs to. In the example here, the journal belongs to the categories 'Fisheries' and 'Marine & Freshwater Biology', in 2017 ranking 16<sup>th</sup> of 50 in the first category (Q2), and 44<sup>th</sup> out of 106 in the second (also Q2):

## JCR Impact Factor

JCR Year ▼	FISHERIES			MARINE & FRESHWATER BIOLOGY		
	Rank	Quartile	JIF Percentile	Rank	Quartile	JIF Percentile
2017	16/50	Q2	69.000	44/106	Q2	58.962
2016	13/50	Q2	75.000	34/105	Q2	68.095
2015	11/52	Q1	79.808	32/104	Q2	69.712
2014	18/52	Q2	66.346	41/103	Q2	60.680

### To get an overview of journal ranks within subject categories:

1. Go to JCR by accessing Web of Science ([www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com)) and clicking on 'Journal Citation Reports' in the top bar.
2. Click 'Browse by Category'.
3. In the next screen, make sure that 'Journals By Rank' is selected in the top bar.
4. Choose the subject category/categories you want to see the rankings for:

Go to Journal Profile	Journals By Rank	Categories By Rank
Master Search	Journal Titles Ranked by Impact Factor	
Compare Journals	Compare Selected Journals	Add Journals to New or Existing List
View Title Changes	Select All	Customize Indicators
Select Journals	Full Journal Title	Total Cites
Select Categories	Journal Impact Factor	Eigenfactor Score
<input type="checkbox"/> ETHNIC STUDIES <input type="checkbox"/> EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY STUDIES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FISHERIES <input type="checkbox"/> FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY <input type="checkbox"/> FORESTRY	1 <a href="#">Reviews in Aquaculture</a> 2 <a href="#">FISH AND FISHERIES</a> 3 <a href="#">Reviews in Fisheries Science &amp; Aquaculture</a> 4 <a href="#">REVIEWS IN FISH BIOLOGY AND FISHERIES</a> 5 <a href="#">FISH &amp; SHELLFISH IMMUNOLOGY</a> 6 <a href="#">DEVELOPMENTAL AND COMPARATIVE IMMUNOLOGY</a> 7 <a href="#">ICES JOURNAL OF MARINE SCIENCE</a>	860 3,611 208 3,062 14,245 7,569 9,838
		7.139 6.990 4.750 3.299 3.185 2.913 2.906
		0.00196 0.00707 0.00069 0.00335 0.01530 0.00924 0.01295

5. Click 'Submit' at the bottom of the page.
6. You now get to see a list of journal titles within the chosen category, ranked by impact factor.