

From Grey Literature to Global Impact : "INSTM Bulletin of Marine And Freshwater Sciences" Goes Digital

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INSTM - National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies

The National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies (INSTM), located in the historic Punic ports of Carthage, Tunisia, was originally created in **1924** as the Salammbô Oceanographic Station (SOS). It later became the National Scientific and Technical Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (INSTOP), before adopting its current name in **1992**. Operating under the Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries, INSTM includes 5 Research laboratories (Aquaculture, Marine Biodiversity, Blue Biotechnology & Aquatic Bioproducts, Marine Environment, Fisheries Sciences).



History of the INSTM Bulletin of Marine and Freshwater Sciences

INSTM Bulletin has a long and rich history, tracing its roots back to **1924**. It is one of the oldest marine science journals in the Mediterranean region. Initially published as a monograph series by SOS (**1924-1959**). It became a journal in **1966**, evolving in title, format, frequency and language over the years. In **2023**, it was published online in English as «INSTM Bulletin of Marine and Freshwater Sciences». Now an international, double-blind, peer-reviewed, and Open Access publication.



The first issue of the Bulletin was published in 1924 as a monograph series focused on Tuna migrations and fisheries in Tunisia and the Western Mediterranean.

The Shift from traditional print publication to Online

By embracing the digital age, the INSTM Bulletin has not only modernized its dissemination process but also created a more accessible platform for scientists worldwide to share, discuss, and utilize the valuable results of their research. This transition to an online, peer-reviewed journal enhances the credibility and academic integrity of the Bulletin, marking a significant evolution in how scientific knowledge is shared. The shift to a digital platform allows for:

- **Global Access:** The INSTM Bulletin is freely available to all, breaking down barriers to access.
- **Real-Time Publication:** Latest articles are published online immediately after completion.
- **Interactivity and Reach:** Online visibility via platforms like Google Scholar boosts citations and impact.
- **Sustainability:** The environmental impact of printed journals is reduced, the digital format ensures long-term archiving and is more cost-effective.

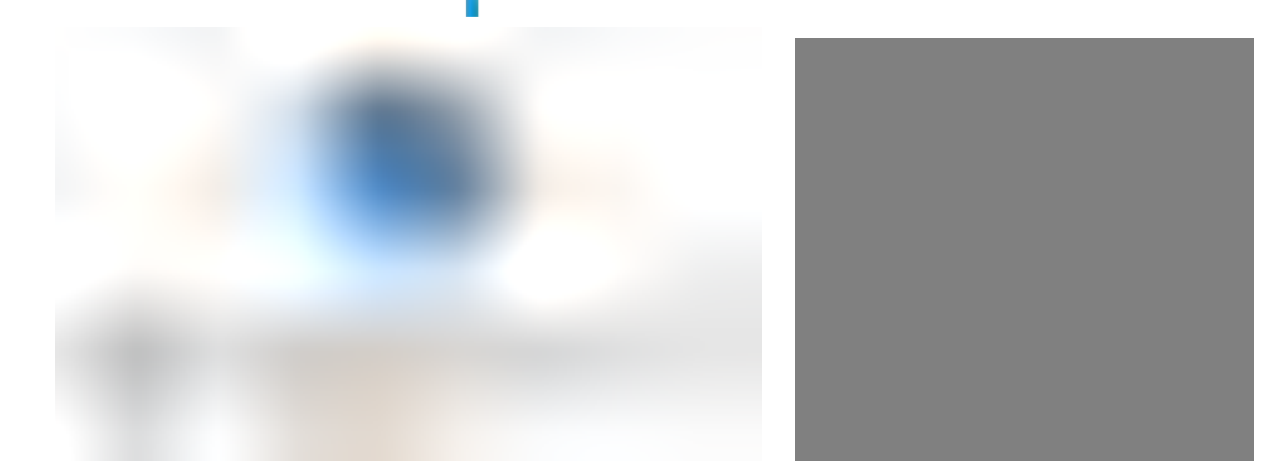
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