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**Abstract**

* Keep the abstract to a single paragraph of 300 words maximum.
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* Use continuous line numbers throughout the text for organization. Set line spacing to 2.
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* All paragraphs should be indented.

Introduction

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* Use an en-dash in English for the following: two authors (Mann–Whitney), relationships (bacteria–algae interaction), ranges (4–9 m), and mathematical symbol for minus (–5 ºC).
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*Serial comma*

* Use a serial comma in English to separate the last element of a list of three or more items (e.g., plankton, zooplankton, and meroplankton).

*Placenames*

* According to the updated scientific style of the journal, placenames including geographic features will be formatted in such a way to reflect the accepted conventions of our scientific community and improve the search engine optimization of our articles after publication.
* English: Bahía de Los Ángeles, Gulf of California, Mexican Pacific, Pacific Ocean, California Current
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Materials and methods

Subheading

Sub-subheading

* Use subheadings to organize this section.

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* Insert equations using the equation editor native to Word.
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Example of equation:

, (1)

where E is energy, m is mass, and c is the speed of light. Equations are part of the sentence and punctuated accordingly. If the equation is introduced in the middle of a sentence, it should be preceded by a colon and followed by a comma or period (inserted one Tab length away).

*Using parentheses, brackets, and braces*

* Order in sentences: parentheses, brackets, and braces ([{}])
* Order for mathematical operations: braces, brackets, and parentheses {[()]}.

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Subheading

Sub-subheading

* Use subheadings to organize this section.
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* Statistical symbols should be in italics: see table below.

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| Population symbol  (italics) | Sample symbol (italics) | Abbreviation (no italics) | Explanation |
|  | *F* |  | Variance ratio (F test) |
| *H0* |  |  | Null hypothesis |
| *H1* |  |  | Alternative hypothesis |
| *N* |  |  | Number of individuals or subjects (population or lot size) |
|  | *n* |  | Number of individuals or subjects (sample) |
|  | *P* |  | Probability of obtaining a more extreme test value for a hypothesis test |
|  | *R* |  | Coefficient of multiple correlation, range of a sample |
| ρ | *r* |  | Coefficient of correlation |
|  | *r2* |  | Coefficient of determination |
|  | *R2* |  | Coefficient of multiple determination |
| σ | *S* | SD/DE | Standard deviation/ desviación estandar |
| σ *2* | *S2* |  | Variance |
|  | *Si* | SE | Standard error of the mean |
|  |  | CV | Coefficient of variation/ coeficiente de variación |
|  | *t* |  | Statistics derived in Student *t* test |
|  |  |  | Arithmetic mean |
|  | α |  | Probability of a type I error; significance level |
|  | β |  | Probability of a type II error |
|  | 1–β |  | Statistical power |
|  | *χ2* |  | Statistics derived in chi-square test |
|  | *v* | d.f. (EN), g.l. (ESP) | Degrees of freedom/grados de libertad |
| *θ* |  |  | Parameter (unknown constant) and estimator (function a data set) |

* Include degrees of freedom for ANOVAs: *F*(between groups, within groups) = 2.3.
* Include *P* value for all statistical tests in parenthesis at the end of the sentence (statistic, *P* value).
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This study was conducted with ethical approval from [Institution] and with all necessary permits [permit numbers]; the study complied with all corresponding regulations for the justified use of animals in research and their welfare [list regulations, if applicable].

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DOI

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jembe.2017.01.017>

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MacGinitie GE, MacGinitie N. 1968. Natural History of Marine Animals. 5th ed. New York (USA): McGraw-Hill. 523 p.

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Granger H. 2001. Assessment of Population Dynamics of Chloropteran Insects in Scotland. Ringma (UK): Commission on Microscale Organisms. Technical report, No. 28. 78 p.

Córdova-Tapia F, Zambrano-González L, Ayala-Azcárraga C, Orozco-Martínez C, López-Guijosa A, Ortiz H, Levy-Gálvez K. 2014. Análisis de la Manifestación de Impacto Ambiental del Proyecto “Dragado de la Laguna de Salinas, Zihuatanejo de Azueta, Guerrero”. Mexico City (Mexico): Grupo de Análisis de Manifestaciones de Impacto Ambiental, Unión de Científicos Comprometidos con la Sociedad. Environmental Impact Assessment, MIA-12GE2014HD023. 15 p.

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[IATTC] Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. 2016. Tunas, billfishes and other pelagic species in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in 2015 = Los atunes, peces picudos y otros peces pelágicos en el océano Pacifico Oriental en 2015. La Jolla (USA): IATTC. Fishery Satus Report, no. 14. 78 p.

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[CONAGUA] Comisión Nacional del Agua. 2002. Precipitación en Baja California: CONAGUA; [accessed 2024 Feb 23]. <https://org/press-release/california_prep>.

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Google. 2021a. Bahía de Zihuatanejo (17°38'12.5"N, 101°33'03.1"W) [map]: Google; [accessed 2021 Sept 5].<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rwK2BphbxoYGF46r7>.

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Doyon R, Donvan T, cartographers. 1992. AIDS in Massachusetts, 1985-1991 [demographic map]. Amherst (USA): University of Massachusetts.

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