



## ARTICLE GUIDELINES

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The *Malabar Journal of Agriculture and Environment (MJAE)* is a peer-reviewed, open-access, multidisciplinary journal dedicated to advancing research in agriculture, environmental science, and allied disciplines. The journal publishes original research articles, review papers, case studies, and short communications. All manuscripts must be original, not previously published, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

### II. SCOPE OF THE JOURNAL

The *Malabar Journal of Agriculture and Environment (MJAE)* welcomes manuscripts covering, but not limited to:

1. **Agricultural Sciences:** Agronomy, Horticulture, Soil Science, Crop Science, Agricultural Biotechnology, Sustainable Farming, Agricultural Extension, and Precision Agriculture.
2. **Environmental Sciences:** Environmental Science, Ecology, Climate Change, Natural Resource Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Environmental Pollution, and Sustainable Development.
3. **Life Sciences:** Biological Sciences, Genetics, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Environmental Biology, and Plant Physiology.
4. **Interdisciplinary Studies:** Integration of agriculture, environment, and life sciences to address contemporary scientific, environmental, and societal challenges.

### III. SUBMISSION

The *Malabar Journal of Agriculture and Environment (MJAE)* welcome high-quality manuscripts from researchers, academicians, and professionals worldwide. Submission of a manuscript implies that the work is original, has not been published previously, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

All authors must approve the manuscript prior to submission. The corresponding author is responsible for all communication with the journal and must ensure that all co-authors are informed about the submission and review process.

Manuscripts should be submitted via:

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#### IV. MANUSCRIPT CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS

##### 3.1 Types of Manuscripts

- Original Research Articles
- Review Articles
- Short Communications
- Case Studies

##### 3.2 Word Limits

- Research Articles: 3500–6000 words
- Review Articles: 5000–8000 words
- Case Studies: 2000–4000 words
- Short Communications: 1000–2000 words

All manuscripts must include an abstract and follow the journal formatting guidelines.

##### 3.3 Article Formatting

Category	Item	Guidelines
Page Setup	Paper Size	A4 (Preferred) or Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)
	Margins	1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides
	Orientation	Portrait
Font & Text	Font Style	Times New Roman
	Font Size	12 pt (Text), 14–16 pt (Title)
	Line Spacing	1.5 spacing
	Alignment	Justified
	Paragraph Spacing	6 pt before and after
	Indentation	First line indent (0.5 inch)
Headings	Main Heading	Bold, Centered, Title Case
	Subheading	Bold, Left aligned
	Sub-subheading	Italic, Left aligned

<b>Title Page</b>	Title	Bold, Centered
	Authors	Full names, Centered
	Affiliations	Department, Institution, City, Country
	Corresponding Author	Email and phone
<b>Abstract</b>	Length	200–250 words
	Format	Single paragraph
	References	Not allowed
	Keywords	4–6 keywords
<b>Main Text</b>	Structure	Introduction, Materials & Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion
<b>Tables</b>	Format	Numbered (Table 1, 2...), title above
<b>Figures</b>	Format	Numbered (Figure 1, 2...), caption above
	Resolution	Minimum 300 dpi
<b>References</b>	Style	APA 7th Edition
	Order	Alphabetical
	Indentation	Hanging indent (0.5 inch)
	DOI	Include where available
<b>Units &amp; Style</b>	Units	SI Units only
	Abbreviations	Define at first use
<b>Language</b>	Requirement	Clear academic English

## V. PREPARING YOUR SUBMISSION

### 1. Manuscript Components

The manuscript should be arranged in the following order:

- Title Page (separate file)
- Abstract and Keywords
- Main Text
- Tables and Figures
- References
- Acknowledgements

#### 1.1 Title Page (Separate File)

- Title of the manuscript
- Full names of all authors
- Institutional affiliations
- Corresponding author details (email and phone)
- ORCID IDs (recommended)

## 1.2 Abstract

The abstract should be 200–250 words and include:

- Background / Purpose
- Methods
- Key Results
- Conclusion

**Keywords:** Provide 4–6 relevant keywords for indexing and discoverability.

No references or abbreviations should be included.

## 1.3 Main Text Structure

1. **Introduction:** The introduction should present the background of the study, clearly define the research problem, and state the objectives of the investigation.
2. **Materials and Methods:** This section should describe the study design, materials used, procedures followed, and statistical methods in sufficient detail to allow replication.
3. **Results:** The results should present the findings of the study clearly and concisely, supported by appropriate tables and figures where necessary.
4. **Discussion:** The discussion should interpret the results, compare them with existing literature, and explain their significance and implications.
5. **Conclusion:** The conclusion should summarize the key findings of the study and highlight their relevance and possible applications.
6. **Tables and Figures:** Tables and figures should be clearly labelled, numbered consecutively, and appropriately referenced in the text with descriptive titles and legends. Eg: Table 1 and Figure 1
7. **References:** References should be formatted according to APA 7th edition style, and all cited works must be included in the reference list with DOI where available.
8. **Acknowledgements:** The acknowledgements section should recognize funding sources, institutional support, and contributions from individuals who do not meet authorship criteria.

## VI. MAIN MANUSCRIPT (BLIND REVIEW FORMAT)

The main manuscript file must be prepared without any author-identifying information to ensure a **double-blind peer review process**.

Authors must ensure that:

- Names, affiliations, and acknowledgements are removed
- Self-identifying references are anonymized
- File metadata does not contain author details

The manuscript should include only:

Title, Abstract, Keywords, Main Text, Tables, Figures, and References

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- 2. Online Publication:** Accepted articles will be published online with a DOI. Early publication may be provided.
- 3. Post-Publication:** Authors are encouraged to promote their work through academic platforms and institutional repositories.

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