

## Review Form 1.6

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Research</a>
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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	I suggest that for better picture of the status of reef fishes – a section may be devoted for status of coral reefs – as quality of reef may have direct impact to the population structure of reef fishes	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	The author mentioned exploitation of commercially important reef fishes – but has not included a possible data on the percentage of reef fishes catch to the total fish catch in the fishing ground.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	I am confused whether the section 3.2 - conservation status should be labelled IUCN status of reef fishes or retain the section heading of conservation status but include in the discussion the conservation effort in the fishing area.	

### PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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