

# Intention to digitize articles in the "Publications of the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory" and the "Special Publication Series" for online public access, and invitation for objections from copyright holders of articles

To whom it may concern,

Seto Marine Biological Laboratory, Field Science Education and Research Center, Kyoto University, in cooperation with the Kyoto University Library Network, have started a project to digitize the contents of the entire run of our academic serial publication, "Publications of the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory" and "Special Publication Series (formerly 'Special Publications from the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory Series')" for online public access. This is in order to better disseminate the results of the university's research programs and facilities, and to provide further intellectual contributions to society.

Authors of articles, either individually or jointly with co-authors, initially held the copyright to most articles published in these publications. We have been seeking written permission from authors (or their heirs or other subsequent copyright assignees) to digitize each such article for online public access, but we have been unable to locate all copyright holders. To be specific, we have been asking copyright holders' permission for the following two actions, not for the transfer of copyright, which they shall retain.

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We hope to digitize as many papers from the publications as possible and make them open to the public. Objections with holding permission for this should be sent to the following address, to arrive not later than **31 March 2013**: Professor Akira Asakura, Director of the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory, 459 Shirahama, Wakayama 649-2211, JAPAN. If an objection is submitted by someone other than an original copyright holder (e.g., an author's heir, literary executor, or legal representative), an explanation of the transfer of copyright or power of attorney must be included. We thank all copyright holders for their cooperation and understanding.

Very sincerely yours,

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