Dear Editors,

Our enclosed manuscript "Artificial Reefs for Marine and Freshwater Fish Management in Brazil: Researchers Profile and Academic Production over the 1990-2010 Period" is hereby submitted for consideration for publication in Oecologia Australis. This is the first study to assess the scientific publication on freshwater and marine experiments with artificial reefs in Brazil over a two-decade (1990-2010) period. In addition to describe the academic profile of the major Brazilian researchers on the subject "artificial reefs and fish", our study also assesses the temporal evolution and impact factor of publications on this theme through the 1990-2010 period. We also assure that this manuscript has not been published or simultaneously submitted for publication elsewhere and that all the authors agree with its publication in Oecologia Australis. Excellent potential reviewers might be Dr. Ilana R. Zalmon (ilana@uenf.br), Dr. Acácio R. Tomás (argtomas@gmail.com) and Dr. Carlos Edwar Freitas (freitasc50@gmail.com).

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