

Instructions for Article Submission – *International Journal of Underwater Domain Awareness*

The International Journal of *Underwater Domain Awareness (IJUDA)* is a peer-reviewed, **interdisciplinary scholarly platform** dedicated to advancing knowledge, innovation, and integrated solutions specifically within the domain of underwater domain awareness (UDA). The journal recognises that UDA is inherently multidisciplinary, requiring contributions from diverse fields to address the complex challenges of understanding, monitoring, and managing underwater environments.

The journal welcomes contributions from a broad range of disciplines—including oceanography, engineering, computer science, environmental science, maritime studies, and policy—**provided that the research is clearly and directly connected to underwater domain awareness.**

Manuscripts must explicitly address underwater domain awareness. Submissions that do not demonstrate a clear and substantial connection to UDA—regardless of their academic quality—will be **rejected at the initial screening stage.**

The International Journal of *Underwater Domain Awareness (IJUDA)* is committed to publishing **high-quality, original, and impactful research** that demonstrates:

- Clear relevance to the underwater domain awareness
- Interdisciplinary integration where appropriate
- Methodological rigour and scientific validity
- Innovation and practical or policy significance

All submissions must adhere to the highest standards of **academic integrity and ethical publishing practices.** Manuscripts must be original, free from plagiarism, and not under consideration elsewhere. Each submission undergoes a rigorous peer-review process to ensure scholarly quality, credibility, and relevance to the journal's scope.

In addition to original research articles, the journal welcomes review papers, case studies, and technical contributions that provide meaningful insights into UDA-related challenges and advancements.

By maintaining a strong and focused scope, the *UDA Journal* aims to serve as a specialised and authoritative platform for advancing research and collaboration in underwater domain awareness.

Themes Covered

The **International Journal of Underwater Domain Awareness** welcomes submissions on a broad range of topics that advance Underwater Domain Awareness (UDA). Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Underwater Radiated Noise (URN), underwater acoustics, and marine acoustic ecology
- Underwater sensing, surveillance, and autonomous systems
- Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, and digital technologies for UDA
- Marine Spatial Planning (MSP), maritime spatial intelligence, and the Blue Economy
- Ocean governance, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks, UDA policy, and international cooperation
- Sustainable maritime infrastructure, ports, and offshore technologies
- Coastal management, resilience, and livelihood enhancement
- Sediment management and coastal geomorphology
- Marine environmental monitoring, conservation, and ecosystem restoration
- Disaster risk reduction, early warning systems, and climate resilience
- Capacity building, skilling, education, and community engagement for maritime sectors
- Defence, maritime security, and strategic aspects of Underwater Domain Awareness
- Any other emerging topics that fall within the scope and objectives of Underwater Domain Awareness.

Submission Guidelines

- **Word Limit:** Articles should be between **3,000 and 5,000 words**, excluding references, tables, and figures.
- The **International Journal of Underwater Domain Awareness** accepts submissions under the following three categories:
 - **Technology Interventions** – Research and innovations related to underwater sensing, acoustics, artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, data analytics, and other enabling technologies for UDA.

- **Policy Interventions** – Studies addressing governance, maritime policy, regulatory frameworks, international cooperation, and strategic aspects of Underwater Domain Awareness.
- **Capacity and Capability Building** – Contributions focusing on education, training, skill development, institutional frameworks, knowledge sharing, and initiatives that strengthen UDA capabilities across stakeholders.

General Submission Requirements

Originality

- Manuscripts must be original and unpublished.
- Submissions must not be under consideration elsewhere.

Language

- All manuscripts must be written in clear, concise English.
- Authors are responsible for language accuracy.

Submission Format

- Submit manuscripts in Word (.doc/.docx) format.
- Use a standard font (Times New Roman, size 12).
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Font Colour - Black
- Margins: 1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides.

Manuscript Structure

Title Page

Include:

- Full title of the manuscript
- Author names and affiliations
- Corresponding author details (email, phone)
- ORCID ID (if available)

Abstract

- 150–250 words
- Clearly state:
 - Objective
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion

Keywords

- 4–6 keywords
- Avoid repeating words from the title

Main Text

For Research Articles:

1. Introduction
2. Literature Review (optional but recommended)
3. Methodology
4. Results
5. Discussion
6. Conclusion

Tables and Figures

- Number sequentially (Table 1, Figure 1, etc.)
- Provide captions and sources (if applicable)
- Ensure high-resolution images

References

- Follow the IEEE citation style
- Ensure:
 - All references cited in text are listed
 - No missing or incomplete references

Submission Process

Step 1: Prepare Manuscript

- Ensure compliance with formatting and structure

Step 2: Submit Manuscript

- Submit via:
 - Journal submission portal OR
 - Official journal email

Step 3: Acknowledgement

- Authors receive confirmation within **48 hours**

Review Timeline

- Review timeline: **1 – 2 months**

Editorial Decisions

Possible outcomes:

- Accept
 - Minor Revision
 - Major Revision
 - Reject
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Revision Guidelines

- Submit:
 - Revised manuscript
 - Point-by-point response to reviewer comments
- Highlight changes clearly (track changes preferred)

Publication Process

- Accepted manuscripts undergo:
 - Copyediting
 - Proofreading
- Authors must approve final proofs before publication

Copyright Policy

- Authors retain copyright OR transfer rights (specify)
- Journal may publish under:
 - Open Access OR Subscription model

Important Reasons for Rejection

Manuscripts may be rejected if:

- Out of journal scope
- Poor quality or lack of novelty
- Plagiarism detected
- Non-compliance with guidelines
- Ethical violations
- Inadequate revisions

Contact Information

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Final Checklist for Authors

Before submission, ensure:

- Manuscript follows journal format
- Abstract and keywords included
- References properly formatted
- Plagiarism checked
- Ethical statements included
- Figures and tables properly labelled