

Manuscript Reviewing Procedure in the Journal "Current Studies in Herpetology"

1. Manuscripts received by the editorial office of Current Studies in Herpetology are preliminary reviewed by the editors for compliance with the general requirements of the journal within 3 working days. After preliminary consideration, every manuscript is sent to the editorial board members or to experts (scientists and specialists in the field, doctors and candidates of science) for reviewing; the authors of the manuscripts are not informed about the personalities of the reviewers.

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4. Review terms are determined by the Editor-in-Chief of the journal for every specific case separately. The maximum period for reviewing, between the date of receipt of (a version of) the manuscript to the editorial office and the date of making a decision by the editorial board, is 3 months.

5. Any review should contain a qualified analysis of the manuscript's material and its objective evaluation (with emphasis on its relevance, scientific novelty and practical significance). The reviewer gives a recommendation (either positive or negative) of the possibility of publishing the manuscript.

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9. After the decision to publish is taken, the responsible secretary of the editorial board notifies the author by e-mail.

10. The originals of reviews are kept in the publishing house and in the editorial office for 5 years.

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