

Literature Research Project

Objective

To develop the ability to publicly present a synthesis on a given topic of your choice on Marine Biology using scientific journals, books, and/or theses.

Structure of the Presentation

Length of presentation: 15 min, followed by 5 min for questions from the audience.

Structure your presentation using the following sections throughout your slides: title (include your name, as the presenter), introduction to your topic of interest (include the goals of your presentation), description of studies that generated knowledge about your topic, summary of conclusions, and suggestions for future research.

In other words, you should produce a state-of-the-art account on your selected topic. You should first introduce the audience to the generalities about your topic and, then, move to the specifics, or core, of your presentation in a logical manner (with flow!). Your synthesis should not be a mere description of successive results obtained by other people, but an *integrated account* in which past observations are related to allow the understanding of the whole. Since this will be an oral presentation, make use of abundant figures, tables, and even videos if they help to make a point.

Use Google Scholar or the Web of Knowledge to find sources of information. In your slides, briefly cite the source of information (e.g., scientific article, book, etc.) from which you took every new piece of information presented in your talk.

All presentations will take place on Wednesday, 30 November 2011.

Value of the Literature Research Project

10 % of the course final grade