

**Guidelines for Abstract Submission**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium on Oceans and Freshwater Systems (SOFS-2024)**  
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1. Abstract should be written in a single page as a one paragraph.
2. Word count of the abstract should not exceed 400 excluding the title, authors, and affiliations.
3. The abstract should be submitted in Microsoft Word template provided, using the following formatting.

Title: Times New Roman 12, bold, centered, only the first letter of the first word of the title should be capitalized. All other words should be in lowercase except for proper nouns and abbreviations.

Body of the abstract: (in structured format as indicated in template, 10 points, font type; Times New Roman, line spacing – single). Margins (Top, Bottom and Right -2.5 cm each, left - 3 cm) should be as shown in the template.

4. Maximum five key words should be mentioned at the end of the abstract.
5. Abbreviations should be well defined at the first time it is used.
6. If scientific terms of organisms, botanical names, etc., are included, they should be written in *italics*. If common vernacular names follow the scientific name, they should be included in parentheses.
7. Research grants can be only acknowledged at the end of the abstract under a heading “Acknowledgement”
8. Abstracts should be submitted using our online system that supported by the Microsoft CMT on or before 03.05.2024. For more information for submission, please follow the instructions for online submission.
9. All abstracts should be submitted in English language.
10. The mode of presentation will be decided by the editorial board.
11. After receiving the reviewer’s comments, abstracts cannot be withdrawn by authors.