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EDITORIAL

PHOTOS FROM SELECT JOURNAL ARTICLES ADDED TO GULF AND CARIBBEAN RESEARCH WEB PAGE AND UPDATED IMPACT FACTOR

Gulf and Caribbean Research is now featuring photographs from selected articles published in the current issue on our webpage (<https://aquila.usm.edu/gcr/>). These photographs appear as a slideshow along the top of the web page with a brief description of the photo, including the author's name, volume and page numbers, and the doi. All images will remain displayed throughout the year with the current issue. Photographs will be added as new articles are accepted and published in the current issue.

The addition of photographs to the journal webpage helps raise interest in papers published in the journal. Authors are encouraged to submit a photograph or colored line drawing with their manuscript for consideration for inclusion in the slide show; see Author Guidelines for additional information. The decision of which illustrations to use in the slide show is at the discretion of the editors.

The journal webpage now also provides an active link to the biographies of authors of upcoming invited Ocean Reflections articles prior to the publication of each article. Readers are encouraged to look at the biographies of our upcoming 2024 Ocean Reflections articles by Yvonne J. Sadovy and our first co-authored Ocean Reflections paper, Felicia C. Coleman and Christopher C. Koenig.

The visibility of *Gulf and Caribbean Research* continues to grow! We received an impact factor of 1.5 in June 2024, an increase from our 1.1 impact factor last year! Additionally, our updated Cite Score is 1.6. Submissions to the journal continue to increase, with the 2023 volume 34 our largest to date. In 2023 we had a 31% rejection rate, and averaged 143 days from first submission to acceptance. To date in 2024, time from submission to acceptance has remained relatively constant at an average of 146 days. Typically, articles are published within 2 weeks of acceptance.

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