



Editorial Note

Notice of triplicate publication: “Fish community structure and ecological degradation in tropical rivers of India” published in Web Ecol., 6, 27–36, 2006

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The current article “D. Chakrabarty and S. K. Das (2006) Fish community structure and ecological degradation in tropical rivers of India, Web Ecology, 6, 27–36, 2006” was originally submitted, thoroughly reviewed and edited, and finally accepted for publication by Web Ecology on 26 June 2006, and it was subsequently published on 19 July 2006 (doi:10.5194/we-6-27-2006).

Soon after, a nearly identical version was submitted, accepted and published in the journal Tropical Freshwater Biology “S. K. Das and D. Chakrabarty (2006) The use of fish community structure as a measure of ecological degradation: a case study in two tropical rivers of India, Tropical Freshwater Biology 15, 55–69”.

Finally, on 3 August 2006, yet another nearly identical version of the article was submitted to BioSystems, where it was accepted on 16 August 2006 (doi:10.1016/j.biosystems.2006.08.003): “S. K. Das and D. Chakrabarty (2007) The use of fish community structure as a measure of ecological degradation: A case study in two tropical rivers of India, BioSystems, 90, 188–196”.

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Since Web Ecology was the first journal where the study was published, and the scientific validity of it is not questioned, Web Ecology editorial board decided to keep the publication as is, while including the present cautionary statement.