

# Welcome to the Aquatic Commons Repository

<http://aquaticcommons.org/>

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window displaying the Aquatic Commons website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://aquaticcommons.org/>. The website's header features a blue banner with the text "Aquatic Commons" and a globe icon. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Browse by Year, Browse by Subject, Browse by Issuing Agency, and Language. A secondary menu includes "Logged in as Pauline Simpson", "Manage deposits", "Manage Records", "Profile", "Saved searches", "Review", "Admin", and "Logout".

The main content area is titled "Welcome to Aquatic Commons" and contains a descriptive paragraph: "The Aquatic Commons is a thematic digital repository covering the natural marine, estuarine /brackish and fresh water environments. It includes all aspects of the science, technology, management and conservation of these environments, their organisms and resources, and the economic, sociological and legal aspects. It is complementary to OceanDocs, which is supported by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) specifically to collect, preserve and facilitate access to all research output from members of their Ocean Data and Information Networks (ODINS). The records of both repositories are harvested by [Hydra](#) which aggregates records from marine and aquatic repositories around the World. [Click to read more information about this repository.](#)"

Below the description are several utility boxes: "Latest Additions" (with Atom, RSS 1.0, and RSS 2.0 feeds), "Search Repository" (with Simple Search and Advanced Search options), "Browse Repository" (with options to browse by year, subject, or issuing agency), "About this Repository" (for more information about the site), "QuickStart guide" (a page-by-page screenshots guide), and "Usage Statistics" (usage statistics of the repository).

At the bottom of the page, a footer note states: "Aquatic Commons supports [OAI 1.1](#) with a base URL of <http://www.aquaticcommons.org/oai/>".

To register, go to <http://aquaticcommons.org> and click on **Create Account**, fill in the information, and submit it.

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## Register

In order to access some areas of the repository, you'll need a user registration. No charge is made for registering with us or using any of our services.

This page lets you register with Aquatic Commons. This will allow you to save searches, receive alerts and deposit items.

Your new password will need to confirm your email address by using a code which will be mailed to you.

If you have already registered but have forgotten your username or password, [click here](#) to set a new password.

**Name**

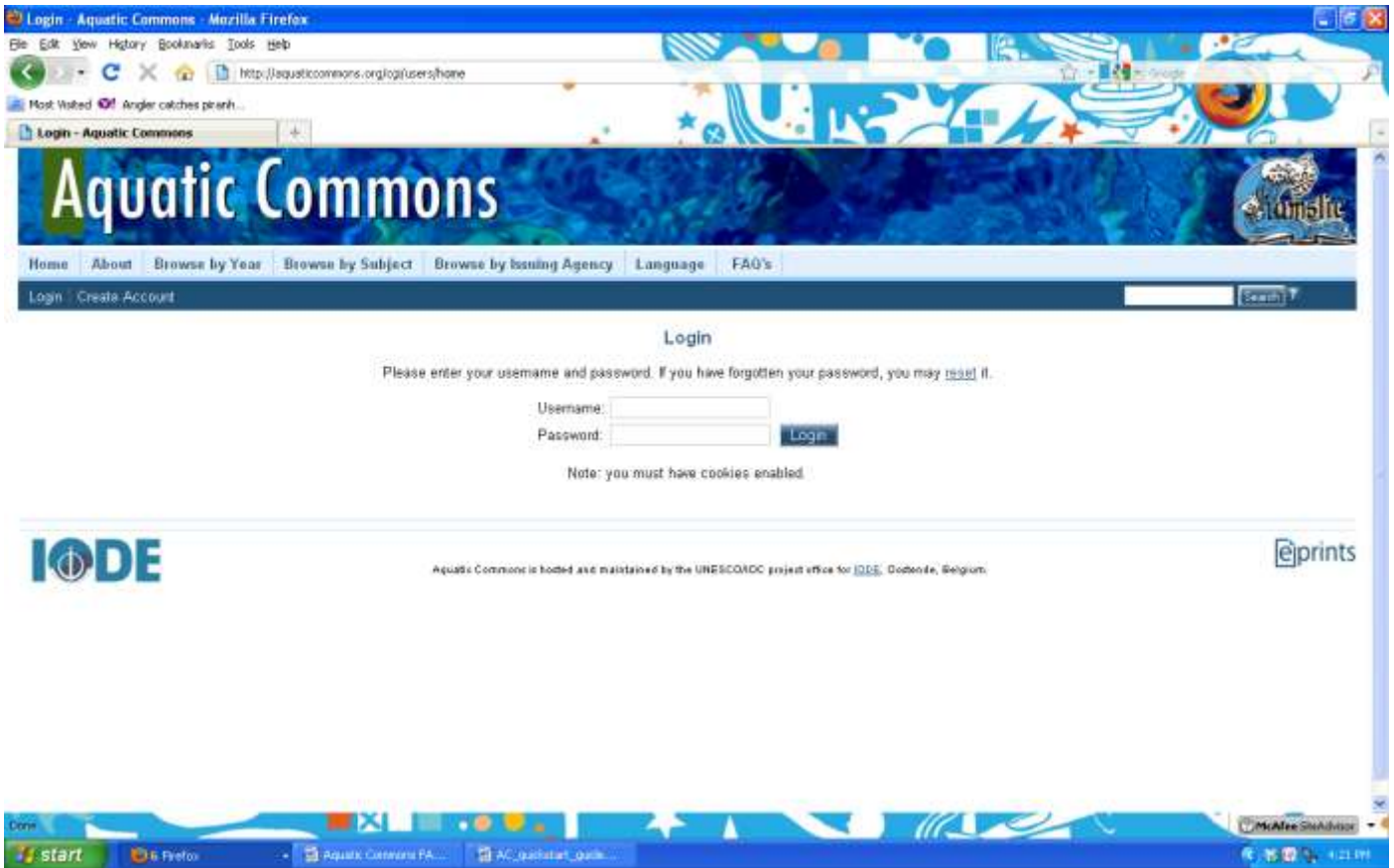
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**Your email address**  
This must be a valid email address.

**Select a username**  
A username must begin with a letter and only contain letters and numerals.

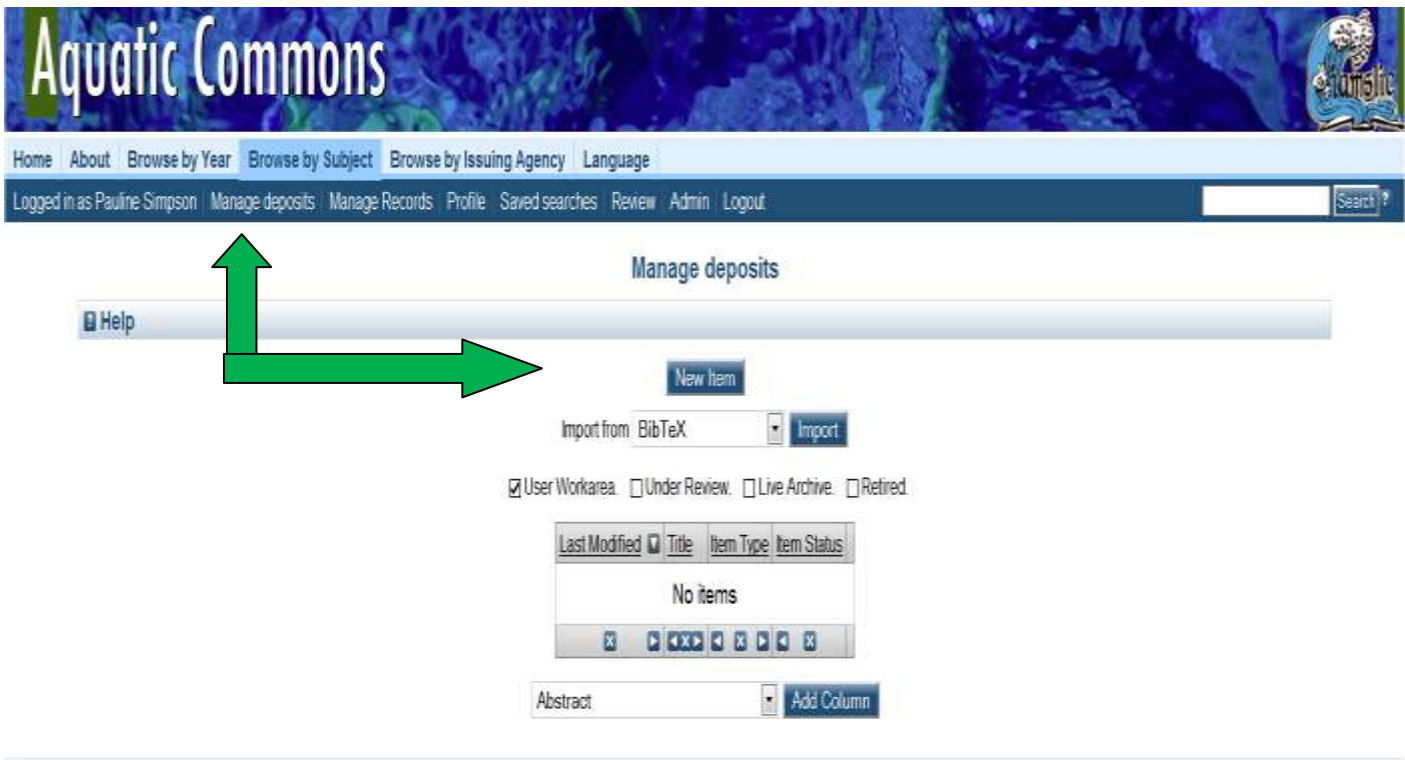
**Select a password**  
A combination of uppercase and lowercase letters and numerals.

Once you have received confirmation of your registration by email, you may return to the Aquatic Commons, **Log in**, and begin sharing your items with your colleagues.



To begin, click on **Manage deposits**.

Then click on **New Item**.



This will open up a series of screens where you can complete the metadata (descriptive information) about the item you wish to deposit.

★ Fields must be completed.

If you need help, click on the ? In the upper right corner of the field name for formatting guidelines



After selecting the Type, click on **Details** and fill in information for each of the applicable fields.

Note: Clicking on the ? will provide a drop down explanation of how to format the entry for that particular field.





Continue filling in the appropriate information

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Details' form for a publication. The form is divided into several sections:

- Personal Creator/Author:** A table with 4 rows and 4 columns: 'Family Name', 'Given Name', 'Initials', and 'Text'. Each row has a 'UD' button in the 'Text' column.
- Corporate Creator/Author:** A table with 3 rows and 2 columns: 'UD' and 'UD'.
- Editors:** A table with 4 rows and 4 columns: 'Family Name', 'Given Name', 'Initials', and 'Text'. Each row has a 'UD' button in the 'Text' column.
- Publication Details:** A series of input fields: 'Place of Publication', 'Publisher', 'Series Name', 'Volume', 'Number', and 'Identification Number'. Each field has a 'UD' button to its right.
- Date:** A dropdown menu for 'Year', a text input for 'Month', and a dropdown for 'Day'.

Once you have finished completing the **Details**, move on to **Subjects**.

These are extremely broad categories, choose one or more. You must choose at least one.

The screenshot shows the 'Subjects' selection screen on the Aquatic Commons website. The page title is 'Edit item: Some data on the predacious behaviour of tendipidae larvae [Translation from: C. R. Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S. 111, 691-4, 1956]'. The page includes navigation buttons: 'Type', 'Details', 'Subjects', and 'Upload'. Below these are 'Previous', 'Save and Exit', 'Cancel', and 'Next' buttons. The 'Subjects' window is open, showing a search bar and a list of subject categories:

- Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Biology**
- Chemistry
- Conservation
- Earth Sciences
- Ecology**
- Education
- Engineering
- Environment
- Fisheries
- Health
- Information Management
- Law
- Literology
- Management

Next, you will **Upload** your digital file (most commonly a pdf). Use the Browse button to find the file, then click on **Upload**.

✳️ Click on Show Options, to display fields for adding additional descriptions of a file for example if there are several files for the document eg. Description of pages in file.

Click on Update Metadata



The final step is to click on the [Deposit Item Now](#) button. In doing this you confirm that what is submitted is not in copyright violation, that non-exclusive rights are given to IAMS LIC Aquatic Commons for internet distribution for non-commercial educational use only and that necessary format changes can be made for preservation of the digital package

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "Deposit item: FISHMAP - a fish survey...". The page header features the "Aquatic Commons" logo and navigation links: Home, About, Browse by Year, Browse by Subject, Browse by Issuing Agency, and Language. A user is logged in as "Pauline Simpson" with options to manage deposits, records, profile, and saved searches. A search bar is visible on the right.

The main content area is titled "Deposit item: FISHMAP - a fish survey system" and includes a breadcrumb trail: Type → Details → Subjects → Upload → Deposit. Below this, there are three paragraphs of text:

In self-archiving this collection of files and associated bibliographic metadata (Work) whether personally or through an assistant or other agent, I grant Aquatic Commons the right to store them and to make them permanently available publicly for free on-line. Rights granted to Aquatic Commons through this agreement are entirely non-exclusive. I am free to publish the Work in its present version or future versions elsewhere. I agree that Aquatic Commons may, without changing content, translate the Work to any medium or format for the purpose of preservation.

I understand that once the Work is deposited, a citation to the Work will always remain visible, although the author retains the right to update the Work. Removal of the item can be made after discussion with the Aquatic Commons repository administrator.

I declare that I have the authority of the authors to make this agreement and I understand that IAMS LIC does not assume any responsibility for any content errors, or any breach of copyright in distributing these files or metadata. (All authors are urged to prominently assert their copyright on the title page of their work).

Clicking on the deposit button indicates your agreement to these terms.

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Deposit Item Now" and "Save for Later".

The footer of the page includes the text "Aquatic Commons is hosted and maintained by the UNESCO/IOC project office for ICDE, Ostende, Belgium." and the "eprints" logo on the right.

Submitting items to the Aquatic Commons is a straightforward process.

As soon as your item is reviewed by one of the editors, it will be moved into the active repository.

We aim for a 48 hour turn around time.

The Aquatic Commons Management Board will continue to work to make this a user friendly, functional resource supporting IAMSLIC's goal of resource sharing among the marine and aquatic communities.

### **Information and Contacts**

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