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FOREWORD

Marine and fisheries biotechnology is proven to have an essential contribution in the development of functional food, cosmetics and pharmacology through comprehensive research. The chemical and physical profiles of raw materials from marine and fisheries resources are proven to possess various bioactive properties. The Squalen Bulletin of Marine and Fisheries Postharvest and Biotechnology (CiteScore 2023 of 1.4; SJR 0.21-Q3 (2022) and SNIP 0.767 (2021)) presents the latest update of biotechnology research which relevant to marine and fisheries.

In Volume 18 Issue 1 on May 2023 edition, seven titles were featured which encompassed researchers from Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia i.e. Study of *Actinotrichia fragilis* Indonesian Red Seaweed as Raw Material for Healthy Salt (1); Metabolites Alteration and Antioxidant Activity of *Gracilaria verrucosa* after Fermentation using *Aureobasidium melanogenum* MTGK.31 (2); Antioxidant and Anti-tyrosinase Activities of *Halymenia durvillei* Water Extract Containing RPhycoerythrin before and after Microencapsulation (3); Abundance and Characteristics of Microplastics Found in The Gastrointestinal Tract of Commercial Marine Fish from Bitung, North Sulawesi, Indonesia (4); Effect of Cooking and Preservation Time on Fish Balls Quality Produced from *Pangasius hypophthalmus* Meat by-Product (5); Molecular Assessment of *Kappaphycus alvarezii* Cultivated in Tarakan based on *cox2-3* Spacer (6); and The Potential of Sponge-Associated *Bacillus* spp. as A Biocontrol Agent to Inhibit Several Bacteria from Infected Catfish (*Clarias gariepinus* Burch) (7).

We believe the results of these researches will be useful and have a major impact on science and the sustainability of marine and fisheries postharvest and biotechnology. Therefore, on behalf of the editorial board, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the reviewers for their in-depth constructive comments and criticism of the published articles.

We also thank all of the authors who contributed to this publication.

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