

## How to find a journal's impact factor

The impact factor indicates the average number of citations to articles published in a journal. You can use Journal Citation Reports (JCR), integrated with the Web of Science, to find impact factors. JCR lists the impact factors of journals, and ranks journals within subjects accordingly.

### Follow these steps to find the impact factor of a journal:

1. Go to Web of Science: [www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com). You can access Web of Science with your WUR account.
2. In the top bar, click 'Journal Citation Reports'.
3. Search for the journal in the box below 'Go to Journal Profile', and select the journal you are interested in. Note: if a journal is not indexed by Web of Science, or was indexed only recently, it does not (yet) have an impact factor.

Go to Journal Profile		Journals By Rank	Categories By Rank
Ecology	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	Journal Titles Ranked by Impact Factor	
ECOLOGY AND SOCIETY		Compare Selected Journals   Add Journals to New or Existing	
<b>ECOLOGY OF FRESHWATER FISH</b>		Full Journal Title   Total Cites	
ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY		1	CA-A CANCER JOURNAL FOR CLINICIANS   20,488
ECOLOGY OF FOOD AND NUTRITION			

4. See the column 'Journal impact factor' for its impact factor by year. Note that impact factors for the current year are not yet visible, for these still need to be calculated and will only be released next year.

Key Indicators								
Year	Total Cites	Journal Impact Factor	Impact Factor Without Journal Self Cites	5 Year Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Citable Items	Cited Half-Life	Citing Half-Life
	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>	<a href="#">Graph</a>
2015	1,617	2.052	1.878	2.030	0.589	56	7.4	>10.0
2014	1,481	1.701	1.581	1.964	0.518	56	6.9	>10.0
2013	1,468	1.590	1.500	2.051	0.390	59	6.6	>10.0
2012	1,458	1.935	1.782	2.095	0.345	58	6.3	>10.0

5. To compare this journal's impact factor to that of other journals, click 'Rank' below the table. This will show you the ranking of this journal within each subject category it belongs to. In the example below, the journal belongs to the categories 'Fisheries' and 'Marine & Freshwater Biology', in 2015 ranking 11<sup>th</sup> out of

25 in the first category (Q1), and 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 104 (Q2) in the second.

JCR Impact Factor						
JCR Year	FISHERIES			MARINE & FRESHWATER BIOLOGY		
	Rank	Quartile	JIF Percentile	Rank	Quartile	JIF Percentile
2015	11/52	Q1	79.808	32/104	Q2	69.712
2014	18/52	Q2	66.346	41/103	Q2	60.680
2013	19/50	Q2	63.000	45/103	Q2	56.796
2012	13/50	Q2	75.000	37/100	Q2	63.500
2011	19/50	Q2	63.000	43/97	Q2	56.186
2010	17/46	Q2	64.130	46/93	Q2	51.075
2009	14/42	Q2	67.857	39/88	Q2	56.250

To get an overview of journal ranks within subject categories:

1. Go to JCR by accessing Web of Science ([www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com)) and clicking on 'Journal Citation Reports' in the top bar.
2. Click 'Select categories' and choose the subject category/categories you want to see the rankings for:

The screenshot displays the 'Journal Titles Ranked by Impact Factor' page. On the left, there are navigation options: 'Go to Journal Profile', 'Master Search', 'Compare Journals', 'View Title Changes', 'Select Journals', 'Select Categories', 'Select JCR Year' (set to 2015), and 'Select Edition' (with SCIE and SSCI checked). The main content area shows a table with columns for 'Full Journal Title' and 'Total Cites'. The top entry is 'CA-A CANCER JOURNAL FOR CLINICIANS' with 20,488 citations. A 'Select Category' dialog box is open, showing a list of categories: ETHICS, ETHNIC STUDIES, EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY, FAMILY STUDIES, FISHERIES (checked), and FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY.

3. Click 'Submit' at the bottom of the page.
4. You now get to see a list of journal titles within the chosen category, ranked by impact factor.