**COVER LETTER**

Dear Editor in Chief,

*Saintek Perikanan: Indonesian Journal of Fisheries and Technology*

We submit an original research article entitled “**Mapping zonation of fishing area and fisheries production potential in Bone bay: Perspective of fisheries catching equipment in Bone, South Sulawesi, Indonesia**” for publication in *Saintek Perikanan: Indonesian Journal of Fisheries and Technology*. The manuscript is original and has been approved by the author. The manuscript is not under consideration for publication in another journal publisher and submitted for this journal only. We declare no conflict of interest.

We decided to submit the manuscript in the *Saintek Perikanan: Indonesian Journal of Fisheries and Technology* because our study was aimed to identifying the type of fishing gear, map the fishing area (FG), analyze the type of catch in the FG, analyze the potential and production value per type per fishing gear and per catch zone.

What our study adds:

* There are eight types of fishing gear operating in the waters of Bone Bay; seven types of fishing gear operate in Kajuara waters and six types operate in Lamuru waters.
* The distribution of catch types varies in each zone. In Kajuara waters, the variation of catch types is between 11–18 species, while in Lamura waters it is between 4–16 species.
* Production and production value are not linear. Zone 3 of Kajuara waters is a zone that has the largest fishery potential, the number of catches is 335 kg/trip. In Lamuru waters, the largest fishery potential is in zone 5 with a catch value of 290 kg/trip

Thank you for your best convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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