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**Provisional design and content of fish identification guide**

The Japan’s fish identification guide has been translated into English by Dr. Kouichi Hoshino and is currently under review by the contracted expert, Dr. James Orr. The below table outlines the suggestions from Dr. Hoshino on the design and scientific content of the fish ID guide. Members are invited to review the suggested specifications and express their views. The fish ID guide is expected to be printed out in 2022 and distributed to Members.

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| **Design** |  | **Scientific content** |  |
| Paper quality | Waterproof | Structure of Guide | Two or three species on one page |
| Size of paper | A4 or B5 | Instruction for users | 1 page |
| Orientation | Portrait | Taxonomic resolution | From species to genus |
| Theme font | Arial, Century | Common English name | May not be listed |
| Size of font | 10.5 | Size information (text or scale) | Text + scale |
| Color of main text font | Black | Information about specimen’s color and its variability | Text and pictures |
| Size of illustrations | 60-80 mm width in A4 | Physical description | Basically concise but depends on the species. |
| Illustration background | White, grey or black | Habitat and depth | + |
|  |  | Commonly mistaken for other indicator groups | To be mentioned in Remarks if necessary |