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### Guidelines for writing a marine scientific research project proposal

I**. Title**

II. **Abstract (one paragraph)**

Brief description of the hypothesis and goals of the experiment. This section should indicate the questions the researcher will seek to answer.

III. **Introduction and Literature Review**

This section contains basic information of the research topic and then focus on details of the proposed work. It also explains what is interesting and new about your research idea and establish the groundwork for your proposal. Use and cite sources of information.

IV. **Research Hypothesis**

This section explains the hypothesis of your work including the questions you are seeking to answer. Show what is known in this field of work and explain what you expect to see and hope to show through your work.

V. **Material and Methods**

This section provide details of your proposed work. Explain the processes/methods you are going to use. Provide details of the equipment and supplies that will be necessary for your project and state if any equipment will be purchased or imported into Belize.

VI. **Conclusion and Justification**

This section states clearly how your proposed research work will advance knowledge and how the results can be of benefit to Belize and the world. Provide details of the far-reaching effects of your research work and how your study can potentially change practices or policies in Belize.

VII. **Bibliography**

Include all the resources that were used in the writing of the paper.