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Professor P.M. Mohan, from Pondicherry University, India pointed out a plagiarism in a paper published in Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science Volume 6, 642-648, 2011.

On the receipt of the letter from P.M. Mohan, the case forwarded to the Ethics Committee of the Science Alert. As per the report of the Ethics Committee, article entitled "Molecular Taxonomy of *Plectropomus maculatus* (Serranidae) by DNA Barcode (COI) from Andaman Sea." authored by V. Madhan Chakkaravarthy, C. Raghunathan, K. Venkataraman and M. Gabriel Paulraj, published in Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science, 6: 642-648. (DOI: 10.3923/jfas.2011.642.648) contains substantial sections of text that have been taken verbatim from earlier publication without clear and unambiguous attribution.

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