**COVER LETTER**

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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi (Chief Editor of Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology),

We wish to submit an original research article entitled “DNA BARCODE OF BARRED MUDSKIPPERS (*Periophthalmus argentilineatus* VALENCIENNES, 1837) FROM TEKOLOK ESTUARY (NTB, INDONESIA) AND THEIR PHYLOGENETIC RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS INDONESIAN BARRED MUDSKIPPER” for consideration by Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we report on DNA barcode of barred mudskipper form Tekolok Estuary (NTB, Indonesia) and cryptic diversity evidence of Indonesian barred mudskipper (*Periophthalmus argentilineatus*). This is significant because many previous studies revealed cryptic diversity on mudskipper around the world. In addition, the cryptic evidence of Indonesian barred mudskipper is a novel finding.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by Journal of Trpical Biodiversity and Biotechnologybecause it relevant to the scope of JTBB that is Descriptive and analytical studies of genetic, species, and community diversity.

We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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