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(journal article)*	Widodo, J. 1991. Maturity and spawning of shortfin scad ( <i>Decapterus macrosoma</i> ) (Carangidae) of the Java Sea. Asian Fisheries Science 4:245-252. * Journal titles should be given in full.
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