

# Zooarch attachments survey

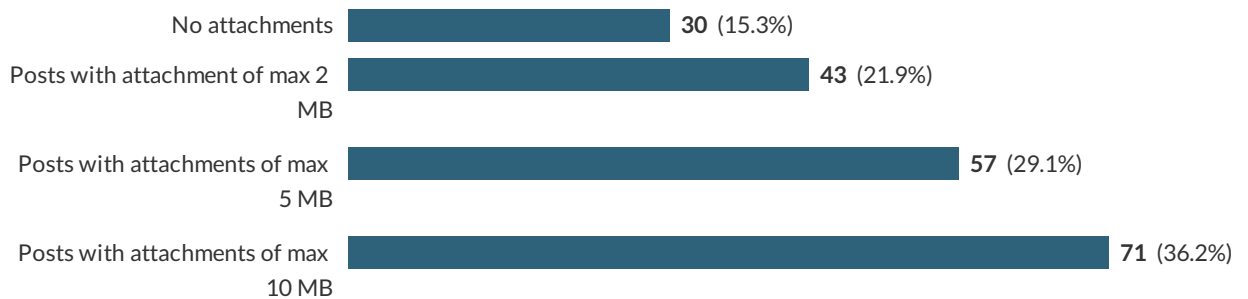
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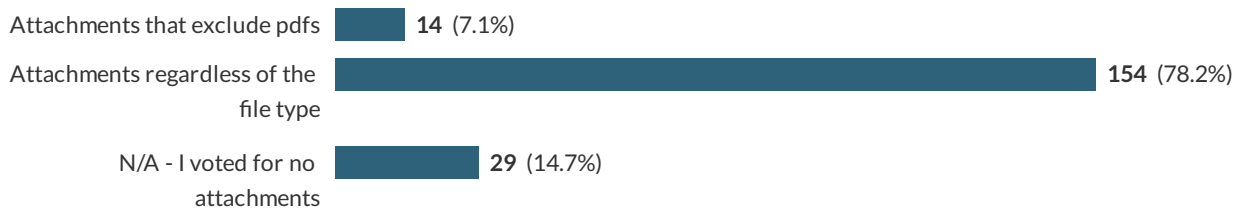
Response rate: 198%

**1** Please vote for one of the following options regarding the use of attachments on the Zooarch mailbase discussion list. Zooarch should allow



*Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)*

**2** If Zooarch is accepting attachments these should be limited to



**3** Please do add any additional comments - if necessary. We have hoped to capture the range of options, but if you feel there is anything else you would like to add, leave us your thoughts.

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You are doing a great job.

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Thanks for this. It'd be great to have all correspondence and files in one

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place. I get the rationale for not having attachments and there have been good work arounds (e.g. Jim Morris's Zoobook etc) developed but I can never remember log-ins so it takes too much time to go search for things that people are talking about. Then again, I've only just gotten decent internet and up until this recent high-speed innovation large attachments to any email would have made my computer grind to a halt. So, in sum, either way forward is fine!	
I am afraid that if attachments will be possible, the mails will be very heavy. As far as it shows, when PDF are involved, those that are interested find a way to get a copy. Thanks	564039-564030-55372827
I would be tempted to trail attachments for a set period (eg three months) and then reasses and possibly re-survey the group as there are bound to be pros and cons that we havent thought of yet	564039-564030-55372915
There is no reason to have any attachments unless they are only PDFs. Many PDFs that would be circulated may already be in possession of the members. This would do nothing but clog up all our emails.	564039-564030-55373306
Thank you for exploring this option through member consensus.	564039-564030-55373385
I wonder if a computer engineer was consulted about how much risk we would expose ourselves to. Maybe, if technically possible, we could limit the attachments to specific file types like pdf and jpg. This might filter out some potential problems.	564039-564030-55373834
To be encouraged for photos but only occasionally for other things. I would recommend that people should by all means send an email announcing publication of a paper or book but do not attach pdf.	564039-564030-55373990
I do not have any strong opinions about attachments, but I think small files (~5mb or less) would be OK to allow. Perhaps it could be put through a test phase first, to make sure no one abuses it (e.g., sending entire books as PDFs)?	564039-564030-55374093
Ask people to use no attachments but to use a link instead. Life's too busy to be removing attachmetns in message you want to keep.	564039-564030-55374218
While adding attachments sounds logical and reasonable in the 21st century where my primary school children regularly share large video files with each other, I fear it will result in a proliferation of attachments and 'heavy' email traffic. The current system works just fine with scholars sending pdfs among themselves 'offline'. Adding attachments would probably increase the distribution of papers in general but I am not sure I want to be tempted by multiple papers every day on the list! Yours Sincerely, 'Boomer'	564039-564030-55374310
Attachments will only encourage the number of article requests!	564039-564030-55374687
No executable files.	564039-564030-55376086
I have expressed my preferences, but I would gladly defer to the needs of others if attachments (or larger attachments) will make the list hard to use for them.	564039-564030-55376316
Will the attachments be kept in the archived posts as well? Can zooarch get in trouble in case someone attaches an article they are not legally	564039-564030-55376892

allowed to share?	
having no attachments avoids some security issues + clogging up inboxes with large attachments. Plenty of other options are available for posting pics etc online.photos etc	564039-564030-55377686
Need to have regulations concerning copyright material	564039-564030-55377703
Attachments should be kept to a minimum -simple pictures, to avoid overload, and to remain "text/word focussed"; so, ;maybe a new etiquette will be circulated	564039-564030-55378061
Many of the emails regarding attachments are outside my regional specialty. This, these attachments can quickly put me over my email storage limit and means I would have to spend extra time and care in deleting zoarch listserv emails.	564039-564030-55379752
Dmg, Exe ir any other executable filetypes should be explicitly banned, to avoid security compromises and to ensure the safety of zoarch users data	564039-564030-55380454
Would like to limit attachments to pdf and jpg for security, perhaps install some sort of virus intercept? Would still encourage present method of sharing multiple images on other sites and sharing pdf by contacting first requester.	564039-564030-55381022
I agree on a limit for attachments.	564039-564030-55382248
I think attachments would be great, but perhaps limit them to document (.pdf, .doc, and .docx) and image formats (jpeg and TIF) so that articles & identification discussions could be facilitated. Allowing PDFs would also enable folks to share 3D scans, which are an invaluable resource and becoming increasingly common.	564039-564030-55382202
Adding any types of attachments are a security risk, some email systems may block messages with attachments altogether, and they will quickly fill up most people's inboxes. I suggest starting an external Google Drive (or other) repository for difficult to find and often requested PDFs. This way new member could simply be referred to this repo in the first instance and papers not found in the repo could be added.	564039-564030-55382362
I am much more interested in having access to unpublished materials and images that are being circulated for comment or question than the endless requests for copies of published work. The need for handling attachments seems much easier to justify when it is a research focus rather than an alternative to using interlibrary loan.  I guess I am wondering also how long these attachments would be posted. One of the charms of the Zooarch list is being able to search to the beginning of the archive. So much valuable material there, not to mention the history of a rapidly expanding discipline. My highest priority would be protecting that information, rather than adding pdfs, images, or datasets.	564039-564030-55374947
10 mb files are small by current standards; those whose systems and/or mail server can't handle them can always get them the "old" way, i.e. how we're doing it now. Plus, you can handle unanticipated problems by allowing attachments for a trial period. Thanks very much for this.	564039-564030-55391930

ZooArch is being run perfectly, one may ask why tweak something that works? I think attachments would increase the speed and efficiency of communication.	564039-564030-55394173
My server limits total attachments to 10 MB so it is the total that is important not the individual limit.	564039-564030-55394575
As a doctoral student, support and access to information, guides, and articles is needed for productive and stress free research	564039-564030-55394654
I don't want to exclude pdf because it could be a good way to attach several pictures with a small weight. But attaching papers should be excluded. I might be illegal and second it will turn Zooarch into a paper storage.	564039-564030-55394653
We also ought to be aware of the carbon footprint of every sent email - if sent in vain	564039-564030-55430162
Ideally people should be able to upload files to some zooarch cloud so that anyone interested may download the file/s from there. As this may be difficult, we could continue the current way: you ask the holder of the file to send it to you -and not to the thousands of zooarch members. My point is that my account would fill up very easily with files I am not even interested in.... Thanks for asking!	564039-564030-55435618
Reasons against attachments: No 1 - viruses - they're much less likely when you are talking one-on-one with an individual. No 2 - the amount of attachments would probably increase dramatically and that would probably lead to more emails and more data being used on mobiles (my primary method of checking email). The pros would be simply not having to contact people off-list for things, but is it really that bad? I've made connections bc of these private conversations. What do other listservs do? Maybe encourage users to use dropbox/google drive to widely share attachments. (and thanks for all you do for this listserve - it's an amazing resource!!)	564039-564030-55446549
I think members should be encouraged to send links rather than attachments but both are OK with me	564039-564030-55461246
I prefer to keep attachments external to keep the service slim-line. I can see the listserv (and my email) being bogged down with attachments. This may also cause data usage issues for researchers working in areas with limited data access. Also, I'm curmudgeonly and love Zooarch just the way it is - I fear change will alter it's flavour and make it less of an enjoyable place to be. This might not be a good reason to ban attachments, but nevertheless, it is a concern of mine.	564039-564030-55485782
Sometimes, if a program is promoted, a printable attachment can be printed and put on a bulletin board. Also, if someone is asking for help on a photo ID, it saves people time in connecting to a Dropbox. If the file can stay relatively small, that would be best.	564039-564030-55488078
Definitely would prefer photos to be attached for 'mystery bone' inquiries. I find I have difficulty with Zoobook and can't fully engage in list interactions as a result.	564039-564030-55503521
I was going to vote no attachments as I like the 'tidy' format but then with identification problems (especially) being able to add a photo or drawing would be useful.	564039-564030-55544294

I think attachments should be allowed but that links to attachments would be better. However, I have unlimited internet and do not know how problematic this would be for researchers in other countries.	564039-564030-55809831
Greetings	564039-564030-56408832
Small attachments like PDF's would be fine. For images it is better for people to post links to Dropbox or something similar so we can see images in detail.	564039-564030-56408923
I like the idea of attachments	564039-564030-56412773
Attachments seem like a good idea. Feel bad using zoobook given the cost and upkeep for owner.	564039-564030-56417286
It would be useful to avoid direct responses to people making queries. The idea is that answers should benefit everyone who reads the intital query. Making attachments possible through answers to the whole list will be beneficial to all.	564039-564030-56426518
It is important to give cred when needed, and I wonder about rights of circulating etc (copyright) but otherwise it would facilitate a lot. Still think pdfs are safer, although I don't know why	564039-564030-56427710
Adding attachment to emails have a huge ecological impact, especially for large mailing group. A file repository to whom interested people can access would make much more sens to me. For your information: 60.5 spam emails x 0.3 g CO2e = 18.5 g CO2e 30.25 standard emails x 4 g CO2e = 121 g CO2e 30.25 emails with attachments x 50 g CO2e = 1512.5 g CO2e	564039-564030-56427751
I voted against attachment because, the list being very active, I am afraid that we will soon be overwhelmed by the files. I think that we should continue to encourage people to share attachments of the list.	564039-564030-56428906
I opted for the largest suggested file size for an attachment as systems are continually improving but would be happy with 2 or 5MB if that is what most people currently prefer/can cope with. A cumbersome but workable compromise might be for senders of attachments to flag up in advance that they have an attachment of, say, 6MB in one message, followed by a second message with the attachment. People who cannot download large messages would then be alerted to the reference and might be able to make alternative arrangements The big issue is copyright protocols which have to be explicit and followed. Not sure how they can be monitored. Attachments that are photos taken by individuals, of course, should be fine- it's publications that are an issue	564039-564030-56429685
n/a	564039-564030-56434818
Zoobook is a great resource for linking to photos. Maybe zoarch and zoobook could formally join forces so that people are automatically members of both when they join one. This would keep down the attachments. For myself, attachments are not a problem as I am registered with a yahoo email, which has no storage limit (or not one I have ever run into) but my work email does have a limit and I regularly have to delete things from it,	564039-564030-56437420

so I can understand why people don't want to be sent lots of attachments. I'm easy either way.	
Definitely a good idea for pics of mystery bones & path. Not a good idea for the "please send me an article" requests.	564039-564030-56446405
Allowing attachment would help share elaborate data. Sincerely,	564039-564030-56451448