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# Fish Reproductive Biology and Embryogenesis

# Message from the Guest Editors

Fish have evolved diverse reproductive strategies and developmental processes over millions of years. Understanding species survival, adaptation, and diversification hinges on the mechanisms governing fish reproduction and embryogenesis, from external fertilization to complex parental care. Advances in reproductive endocrinology, gametogenesis, and embryonic growth highlight key genetic, chemical, and environmental factors shaping reproductive success. Ongoing research on oogenesis, spermatogenesis, sex differentiation, hormonal regulation, and climate change effects continues to refine our knowledge. Additionally, emerging embryological studies explore axis formation, morphogen gradients, epigenetic regulation, and maternal effects. This Special Issue invites original research and analyses on fish reproduction and development from evolutionary, ecological, physiological, and molecular perspectives. By integrating comparative morphology, genomics, and multidisciplinary approaches, we aim to deepen our understanding of fish biology and its broader evolutionary and developmental implications.

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