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Diversity, Adaptation, and Biogeography of Gastropods

Message from the Guest Editor

Gastropods are one of the most species-rich and diverse animal groups, having habitats all over the world and presenting incomparably diverse biology. They can be found in the sea—including the hadal zone, hot-vents, shelf waters, and tidal zone—inhabit fresh waters and terrestrial habitats, and even caves and high mountains. Their species-level diversity, as well as phylogenetic relationships and diversified modes of life caused by their adaptations, remain still poorly studied. This situation is especially disquieting since, because of the biodiversity of these animals, most of them are incapable of migrating to areas less affected by man and climate change. The study of their biology, phylogenetic relationships—including molecular taxonomy—and historic geology will enable the reconstruction of their recent biogeography.

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