

Special Issue

The Three Otolith Pairs in Teleosts and Their Application in Eco-Morphological, Ecological, and Systematic Studies

Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, otoliths have proven to be of great scientific value in research dealing with teleost fishes' ecology, zoology, and physiology. Due to their high intra- and inter-specific variability, metabolic inertia, and growing process in daily increments of carbonate deposition, they have attracted increasing interest in population studies, eco-morphological investigations, and palaeontologic, systematic, and physiological research. The development and morphology of the three otolith pairs occur under the dual influence of environment and genetics. For this reason, they are perfect for investigating the eco-morphological adaptation of teleost fishes to different habitats and environmental pressures. This Special Issue will be focused on the current research on otoliths (papers on *sagittae* are particularly welcome, but those on *lapilli* and *asterischi* will also be gladly accepted), dealing with the exploration of eco-morphological adaptations and phenotypic plasticity in teleosts, their intra- and inter-specific variability, and population and life habit studies exploring their microchemistry.

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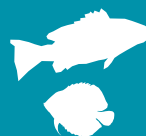
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