

## Special Issue

# Fish Fossils: Paleontology's Window to the Past

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to highlight the significance of fish fossils as key archives for understanding the evolutionary history of vertebrates, the evolution of vertebrate forms and functions, and the ecosystems they inhabited throughout evolutionary time. The fossil record, spanning over 500 million years, provides critical insights into major evolutionary transitions, such as the origins of jaws and the transition to land. We welcome contributions that leverage new discoveries and methodological innovations—including advanced imaging, geochemical analysis, and digital reconstruction—to interpret paleobiology, phylogenetic relationships, and responses to past environmental changes. We encourage submissions ranging from descriptions of new taxa and functional morphological studies to integrative research that links paleontological data with modern evolutionary developmental biology. By showcasing these diverse approaches, this Special Issue seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue among paleontologists, evolutionary biologists, and earth scientists, ultimately enriching our understanding of the profound role fishes have played in shaping the history of life on Earth.

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