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Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics of Medusozoa (Aka Jellyfish)

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Message from the Guest Editors

Over two thousand species have been described in the Cnidaria subphylum Medusozoa (aka jellyfish). Remarkably, despite lacking a brain, some jellyfish have evolved the ability to kill a human in minutes, leading to their reputation as a nuisance to beachgoers. This perception is ironic because even in all their splendor, intrigue, and diversity of body form, most medusozoans never exhibit a free-swimming medusae stage during their life history. Having diverged over 600 mya and adapted to a plethora of aquatic habitats worldwide, pest or not, jellyfish are here to stay. In their defense, jellyfish are a crucial component of our oceans (and some freshwater environments), and are essential to the commercial fisheries and biomedical industries. Therefore, we must find a way to coexist with these ancient marine organisms.

We welcome original research articles, reviews, commentaries, data papers, and the like to address the topic of the ecology, evolution, and systematics of Medusozoans (Jellyfish).



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