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## Diversity and Biogeography of Sea Stars (Echinodermata, Asterozoa)

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the forthcoming Special Issue “Diversity and biogeography of sea stars (Echinodermata, Asterozoa)” for the journal “*Diversity*” (IF: 3.029, CiteScore: 2.9).

The class Asterozoa, commonly known as sea stars or starfish, is the second most diverse class of Echinodermata, with around 1,900 species belonging to 344 genera and 38 families. Sea stars are widely distributed, being found in all oceans at all depths, from the intertidal to the hadal zone. They are key components of marine benthic ecosystems and display high ecological diversity worldwide. For the last two decades, considerable efforts have been made to re-evaluate their diversity, but a sharp contrast of knowledge remains among taxa and geographic regions. The present Special Issue aims to fill some important gaps in our knowledge of sea star diversity, in its broader sense.

If you are interested, have additional questions, or want to verify whether your study fits the scope of this Special Issue, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



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