

Editorial

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Dear readers of LAJAM,

I am proud to present to you our second issue of 2022, or 17(2) following our new schedule of publication. This issue contains a review, three articles, a note, and, sadly, two obituaries. We have had a larger number of submissions, but LAJAM also strives to follow its selection criteria of scope and quality, and unfortunately some contributions did not make the cut; we hope they can be reformatted and welcome their return as a new submission. This issue turned out to be centered in South America, with sperm whales as the stars, gracing our cover.

The cosmopolitan sperm whales are featured in a review based on historical accounts of abundance and spatial distribution in Peruvian waters (along with baleen whales) by Cortez-Casamayor and colleagues. Sucunza et al. bring us new information on the behavior of killer whales harassing sperm whales in the SWAO. Two other contributions deal with mortality aspects of franciscana in southeast and Southern Brazil. Ramos et al. estimated the non-recovery rate of carcasses by analyzing the beach distribution of drifters that had been released at sea, as a proxy for carcasses. Penha et al. propose a format to unify two large databases on franciscana mortality in the same area managed by two local institutions. Finally, moving from cetaceans

to sirenians, Calvimontes and Marmontel provide a detailed account on manatee hunting and hunters' relationship and perceptions, based on long-time contact with local communities in a protected area in Brazilian Amazon.

As you will notice from reading the 'Article history' in each contribution, we are having a very good turnaround time since we receive the manuscript as a submission until it is initially published online, and finally added to the closed issue. This is because of the hard work of our dedicated board of associated editors, our managing editor, our layout editor, and those reviewers who have been collaborating with us observing suggested deadlines. We have seen great work presented at the recent 19th RT in Bahia, Brazil, and take this opportunity to invite all authors to submit their work to their journal.

Good reading!
Sincerely,

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