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Themed Issue – Marine Ecology Progress Series

Prof Dr Myron Peck is the Co-ordinating Editor in Chief of *Marine Ecology Progress Series* (<https://www.int-res.com/journals/meps/meps-home/>) and he has reminded the organisers that delegates would be welcome to submit articles from the Symposium to a virtual, themed issue of the journal. As happened after the 5th International Jellyfish Blooms Symposium in Barcelona, 3-years ago (*Mar Ecol Prog Ser* 591: 1-302).

In Myron's words "MEPS not only has a strong reputation for publishing the highest-quality marine ecology articles, we have also completed a number of "renovations". We have a brand new (as of a few weeks) online submission / review system (Manuscript Manager), a new website, and our engagement on social media is ever increasing to help authors publicize their work."

Once a manuscript has been accepted for publication in MEPS, abstracts appear online in a few days and the full article appears online in a few weeks (this includes rigorous copy editing - free of charge). Publishing all articles online as soon as they are accepted eliminates delays caused by "slower articles" in the theme section.

Following the 5th International Jellyfish Blooms Symposium, the FINAL deadline for inclusion of papers in the themed issue would have to be May 2020.

Persons wishing to publish more locally-themed, or descriptive studies would be welcome to submit articles to the *African Journal of Marine Science* (<https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/tams20>), providing their studies have an African flavour or can be pitched with an African flavour. Whilst it will not be possible to publish a Special Issue of the AJMS unless there is significant interest, we can put together a suite of papers for inclusion in the journal.

More details will be communicated to you at the meeting.