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Greetings from Marine Biological Association of India

The Marine Biological Association of India is proud to announce the Dr. S. Z. Qasim Memorial Best paper Award. The Committee considered 19 papers published in JMBAI Vol. 63 (1) and 20 papers published in JMBAI Vol. 63 (2). The Committee was of unanimous opinion that the following two papers which appeared in Volume (1) & Volume (2) deserved to be selected for the award based on highest score.

**Volume 63 (1)**

Shylaja, G., V. Kripa and Ranith Raj. 2021. Assessment of non-degradable litter and its impact on the benthic community of selected mangrove ecosystems of Kerala, India, *J. Mar. Biol. Ass. India*, 63(1): 128-139.

**Volume 63 (2)**

Bhumi K. Sachaniya, Haren B. Gosai, Haresh Z. Panseriya and Bharti P. Dave. 2021. Isolation and screening of multiple polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) degrading bacteria from historically contaminated coastal sites of Gujarat, India, *J. Mar. Biol. Ass. India*, 63 (2): 80-87.

Hearty Congratulations to the awardees.

Yours sincerely

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