

## **Editor's Letter- Biodiversity Editon**

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There are four fundamental types of biodiversity: genetic (variation within species), species (the variety of species in an area), ecosystem (the diversity of habitats), and functional (the ecological roles that species play). Each is distinct yet deeply interconnected, and together they underpin all life on Earth.

In this edition, we invite you to explore each of these types and discover why they are vital to the health and prosperity of our planet.

This issue brings together a rich collection of articles, ranging from the ecological importance of maerl beds to a special interview with Tim Cockerill, insect wrangler, scientific consultant, and one of our publication's favorite professors at Falmouth University. You'll also journey to one of the most biodiverse places on the planet, the Galápagos Islands, and explore inspiring local conservation efforts, including how graveyards are being transformed into thriving havens for wildlife and insect life.

My team has worked tirelessly to create a cohesive, educational, and visually striking edition that celebrates the wonder of biodiverse life, its profound importance to humanity, and the actions we can all take to protect it.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our contributors, whose exceptional articles and visual work have made this issue so compelling. Thank you to Isabel Lane for providing the stunning front cover photograph, and to Emmalene Discombe for contributing the lovely back cover photograph. To our dedicated editorial board, thank you for generously giving your time and talent to produce this edition through editing, designing, and promoting. Special thanks to Katie Breal and Emmalene Discombe, who have stepped into their new leadership roles within the editorial board seamlessly with such confidence and skill. We are also deeply grateful to Tim Cockerill for taking time out of his schedule to speak with us so openly and for his strong support.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to you, our readers. Your continued support and high standards push us to create work that we can all be proud of.

