

Peter Burkill

Biosketch: My training is in biological oceanography although latterly before I 'retired' in 2012, I served as Director at marine institutions in Plymouth (SAHFOS) and Southampton (NOCS). In my 'retirement', I am Professor of Ocean Science at Plymouth University, Adjunct Scientist at the Indian National Institute of Oceanography Goa; I serve on Advisory Panels of several European marine institutes including the Stazione Zoologica Napoli and have served on the last two cycles (2007, 2014) of the UK Government's Panels that evaluate University research (HEFCE RAE/REF). I was elected in 2012 to be President of the Scientific Committee of Oceanic Research (SCOR). SCOR is a non-governmental organisation that sponsors and coordinates international ocean research through Working Groups and Large Scale Programmes across its membership in 42 countries. I am delighted that Italy is one of these countries! I have published ~150 peer-reviewed papers and these have been cited >5,000 times. My 'h-index' is 46 and my most recent paper is Naeem *et al* (2015) *Science* 347 1206. I have 'won' 56 personal research grants totally over £13M and spend almost 3 years at sea carrying out my research. I was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society in 1990 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology in 1998. I am a SCUBA diver (PADI Advanced) and a semi-professional natural history photographer ([www.peterburkillphotography.com](http://www.peterburkillphotography.com)).

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