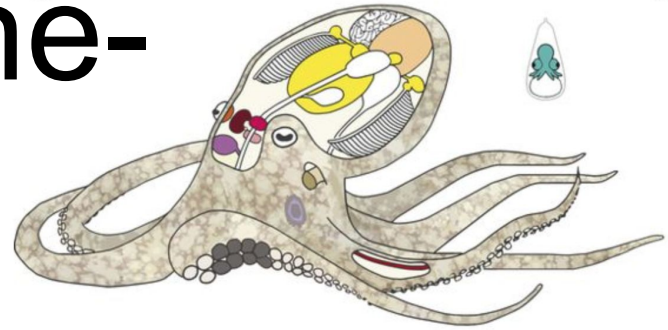


# Gene regulation by microRNA in marine-invertebrates

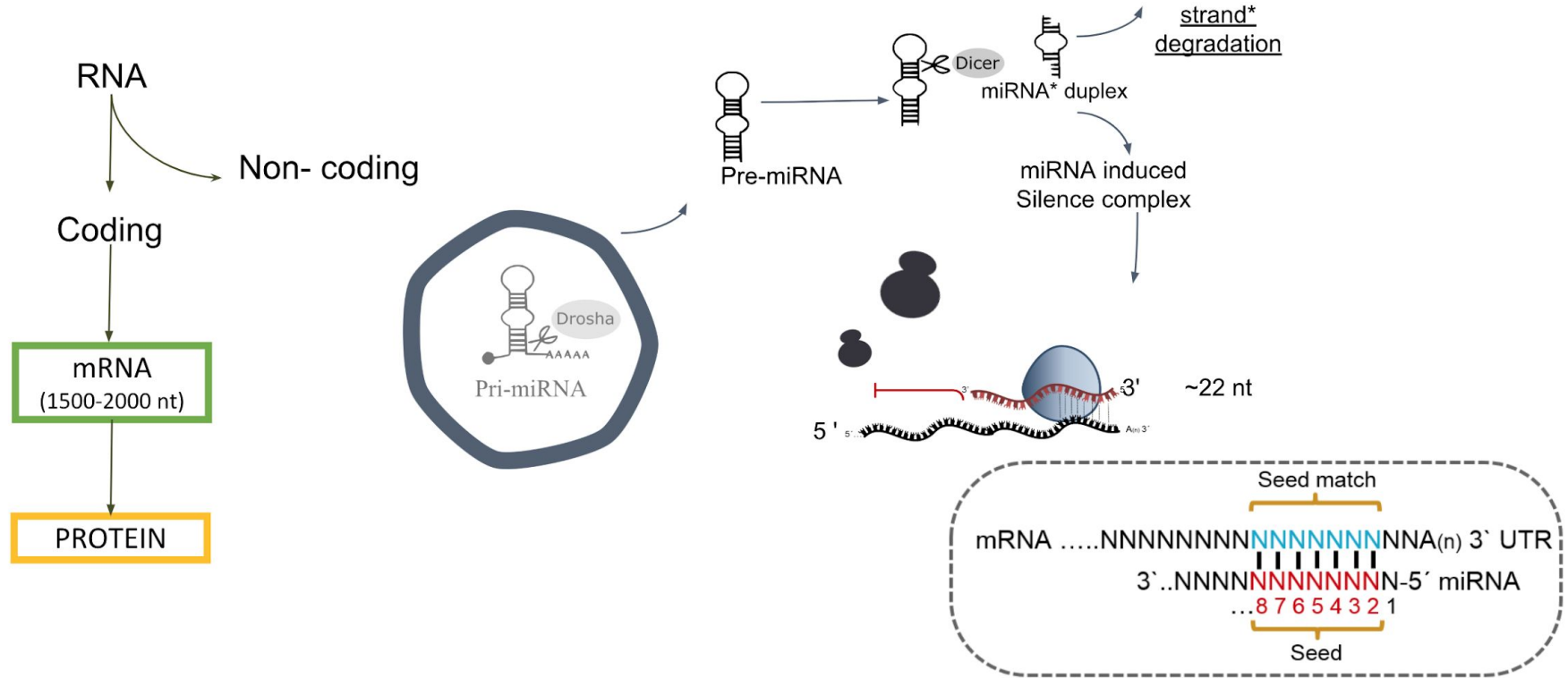


## Mollusca

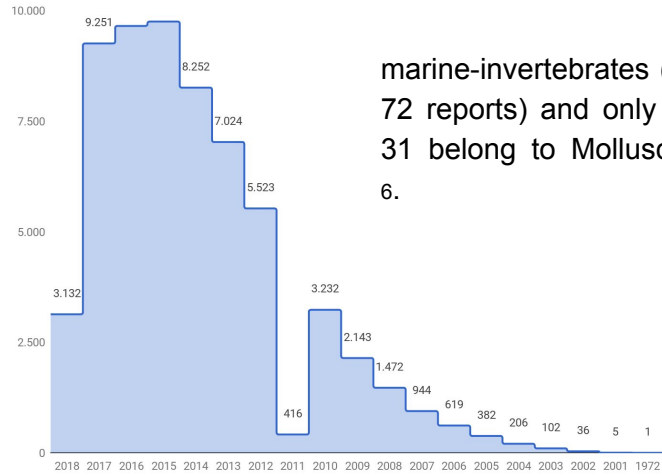
The phylum Mollusca is second in number of species only to Arthropoda and many of them are economically, ecologically, or biomedically important <sup>1</sup>.

- Aquaculture <sup>2</sup>
- Ecological (Biomarkers in coast adaptability, ocean biomineralization / acidification) <sup>3,4</sup>
- Biomedical model (Neurology) <sup>5</sup>

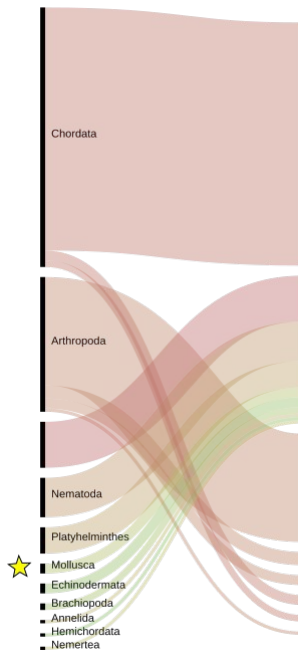
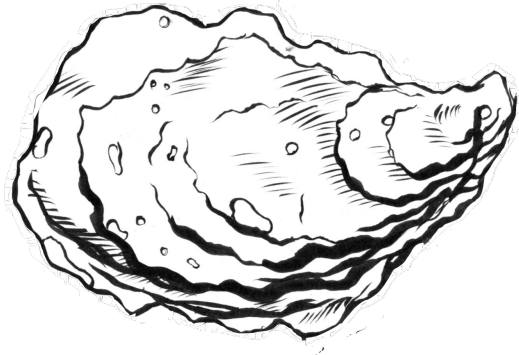
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72 reports) and only ~  
31 belong to Mollusca  
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Using *Crassostrea gigas* dataset  
free available in databases:

- Use genomic to find known and novel miRNAs
- Use RNA-seq to correlate miRNA machinery
  - Experimental condition to detect the turnover of genes modulated by miRNAs
- Bioinformatics:
  - Alignments
  - Assembly
  - Gene Expression profiling
  - Networks

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