

SCAMIT



Purpose

SCAMIT was formed in 1982 with the goal of promoting a standardized regional approach to the study of marine invertebrate taxonomy in southern California. To accomplish this, SCAMIT provides a regular monthly forum to address problems in taxonomy and organizes taxonomic workshops. SCAMIT's activities contribute to the scientific value of the many surveys of marine invertebrate communities conducted in southern California by assuring standardized taxonomy and compatibility between various taxonomic data sets.

Activities

Members usually meet on the second Monday of each month at various southern California museums and monitoring labs. Monthly meetings include taxonomic workshops and/or speakers who lecture on the systematics and related ecology within a predetermined taxonomic group. Special workshops, by eminent systematists from various institutions and museums, are an integral part of SCAMIT. Descriptive information and comparative characteristics of species examined during these meetings are summarized in voucher sheets and tables, which are distributed in the monthly membership newsletter and on the web site. In addition to the standardization portion of the meeting, SCAMIT supports projects to improve the quality of taxonomic data through the revision and development of taxonomic keys and publication of new species descriptions through a grant program. In 1994, SCAMIT developed a comprehensive listing of local marine invertebrates from the infaunal monitoring programs in the Southern California Bight. A Taxonomic Listing of Soft Bottom Macro- and Mega-Invertebrates is continually updated as knowledge of the marine invertebrate fauna expands. It is currently in its fourth edition. Since 1994 SCAMIT has been responsible for the taxonomic standardization of the Southern California Bight Regional Marine Monitoring Surveys.

Benefits

- Monthly newsletters containing descriptions, keys, and bibliographies available on-line or as a mailed hard copy
- Monthly taxonomic intercalibration workshops
- Special guest lectures on systematics and ecology
- A bound copy of the most current edition of A Taxonomic Listing of Soft Bottom Macro- and Mega-Invertebrates
- Optional listing of members' taxonomic specialties on request

How to join

Fill out the application on the reverse and mail it to SCAMIT's Treasurer or see our web site at www.SCAMIT.org for more information.

Contact

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SCAMIT Membership Form

- ☐ New Member
☐ Renewal
☐ Address Change

Name: _____
First Last

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street Apt/Suite No.

City State/Province Postal Code Country

Daytime Phone #: () _____ — _____

Email Address: _____

Taxonomic Speciality: _____

- Membership Type: ☐ Individual electronic, \$15.00 per year
☐ Individual hard-copy, \$30.00 per year
☐ Institutional/Library, \$60.00 per year

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