“higher marine fungi” published in 1979, as well as others edited by eminent marine mycologists have appeared from time to time. Those interested in specific topics introduced in this book are strongly advised to supplement reading of this book by referring to such publications.

What this book intends to do is to introduce the fascinating world of marine fungi to marine biologists and microbiologists. At the same time, it aims to encourage aspiring marine mycologists to explore the amazing diversity of marine ecosystems where one could look for fungi.

This book also provides interesting topics for future research. I hope it will also be a useful reference book for established marine mycologists.

Fungi are highly adaptable and may even have originated in the sea. Fungi have not restricted themselves to land. Nor have mycologists. It is time to wade in the pleasant oceans.

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