



## Editorial– Ocean dynamics in 2024: overview and thank you to reviewers

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We can happily report this year that the number of published papers, which declined during the COVID pandemic of 2020–2021, is now increasing again from forty-five published papers in the 2022 issue to fifty-one papers in 2023 and 62 papers in 2024. With the return of in-person meetings, ODYN started publishing again special issues (Topical

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