



JOURNEY TO THE SIXTH MASS EXTINCTION



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ABSTRACT

Approximately about 4.5 billion years ago a planet was formed in the vast universe which about more or less a billion years later was ready to support something phenomenal, something magical; life. A journey starting from a single-celled organism to reaching a species working on an alien machine called laptop trying to make sense out of what it truly means to be a part of this ecosystem, has not been smooth. Nature as much as it has supported life also showed it its place. Something that can give life can very well take it away. This journey of ups and downs or more precisely, life and death has bloodied our grounds with five major mass extinctions called as the Big Five. These mass extinctions caused a loss of more than 70% of species. Studying these Big Five we notice a periodicity in the die-offs of nature, something that helps us understand the present situation to some extent.

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