



One Ocean Hub

News from across the Hub Network

May 2020

UN World Ocean Day and World Ocean Week



Since its inception in 2008, UN World Oceans Day (8 June) has celebrated the ocean and its importance to the planet and our lives, while raising awareness about the many threats it faces.

The theme of UN World Oceans Day 2020 is “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean.” Celebrations this year will take place as a virtual event produced in partnership with Oceanic Global.

The One Ocean Hub is a proud Partner of the UN World Oceans Day and member of the 2020 Friends of World Oceans Day Group.

[Join us on the 8th June to celebrate World Ocean Day.](#)

Prof Elisa Morgera will give spotlight talk under the ‘Spotlight Solutions for the Ocean’ theme. Find out more here: <https://unworldoceansday.org/2020>

Join us throughout World Ocean Week (9-12th June) when we will be hosting a series of 12 short interactive events. Use the event hyperlinks in the table below to find out more and register for an event.

Or explore the [UN World oceans Day Portal here.](#)

One Ocean Hub World Ocean Week Programme of Events

Tuesday 9th June

12pm-1.30pm UTC	Marine-Science Policy Interface: Virtual Roundtable
2pm-4pm UTC	Lalela uLwandle: Emotional connections and participatory ocean policy
2pm-3.30pm UTC	Marine Plastics

<u>6pm-7.30pm</u> UTC	Navigating Ocean Literacy and Sustainability
Wednesday 10 th June	
<u>12pm-1pm</u> UTC	Indlela yokuphila (the path of life): Innovative connections between traditional knowledge, ocean science and ocean decision-making
<u>1pm-2.30pm</u> UTC	Wonders of the Deep
<u>3pm-5pm</u> UTC	Blue economy: Global trends, local challenges & foreign investment
<u>6pm-7.30pm</u> UTC	Studying the Sea: accessing ocean research careers
Thursday 11 th June	
<u>3pm-4pm</u> UTC	Art for the Ocean
<u>4pm-5pm</u> UTC	Customary Laws of the Sea and the Legacy of Colonisation
<u>6pm-7.30pm</u> UTC	Transdisciplinary Research to the Rescue!
Friday 12 th June	
<u>6pm-7.30pm</u> UTC	Breaking laws on the sea

Open invitation to join One Ocean Hub-UNDOALOS Nippon Fellowship Training Sessions (Updated dates and times!)

These 2 seminar sessions aim to support substantive discussions between researchers, government officers (via the UNDOALOS Nippon Fellowship programme), and other ocean governance professionals at all levels.

1. Understanding marine science at the ocean science-policy interface, 29th May 2.30pm to 4pm UCT/GMT (the call will be open from 2.20pm UCT to facilitate prompt start at 2.30pm)

This event will offer a unique opportunity to hear directly about the challenges, accomplishments and emotions of a deep-sea ecologist that has worked at the science-policy interface in South Africa. Based on a series of images that summarise turning points in the personal and professional experience of a marine scientist, the audience and discussants will exchange views on enhancing the ocean science-policy interface from economic, social and legal perspectives.

[Register for this event here](#)

2. Understanding social sciences at the ocean science-policy interface, 26th June, 2.30pm to 4pm UCT/GMT (the call will be open from 2.20pm UCT to facilitate prompt start at 2.30pm)

This event will provide an opportunity to explore the distinctive contributions of a variety of social sciences to the ocean science-policy interface. A series of images will illustrate key contributions from law, anthropology, sociology, economics and history. The audience and the discussants will then exchange views about how marine and social sciences can be better integrated as part of the UN Decade on Ocean Science.

[Register for this event here](#)

Islands and Covid-19



Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, The Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG) and Island Innovation launched a survey aiming to better understand how COVID-19 was being dealt with on islands globally. The goal was not to undertake a research project (for the time being), but to collate “raw” data from anybody who

was inclined to respond and put such data at the disposal of policy makers and wider island related stakeholders in their ongoing activities to deal with and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The response to the survey was very positive and so far responses from islands in 41 countries have been included in an online database where people can now find the data divided by islands and by specific survey question.

After its launch just over one month ago, the survey will now expand and attempt to collate data on what can be framed as “Phase 2” of dealing with COVID-19. This expansion relates to when and how to relax the lockdown and the long-term economic implications such as the impact on the tourism industry.

[Read more about this initiative here](#). For more information, please contact [Francesco Sindico](#).

Writing poetry, writing the oceans in pandemic times



Woman and child with sandalwood (Liwa), Zanzibar. Ground sandalwood is used in skin exfoliation in the beauty treatments of women in Zanzibar

As the One Ocean Hub begins to explore the potentially highly synergistic interface between the natural and social sciences in oceans research, the need for more research and understanding of the cultural and social aspects of oceans, seas and coastal areas becomes ever more apparent. We need to fully understand the psychosocial 'biome' that the ocean offers and how human communities are integrated into and remain integral to the integrity of this biome.

In her latest blog, Prof Rose Boswell (Nelson Mandela University) writes about her 'turn' to poetry, specifically oceanic poetry to obtain a deeper understanding of how human groups and individuals relate to and express their diverse and complex heritages of the sea.

The Ocean Hub is open to a diversity of methodologies and seeks to holistically understand the human journey with the ocean. Like the tides, poetry offers a circular journey.

Read the full blog here: <https://www.coronatimes.net/writing-poetry-oceans-pandemic-times/>

DEEP Fund: Deadline for Applications Extended



In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline for applications to the DEEP Fund has been **extended until 26 June 2020**

www.oneoceanhub.org/deep-fund

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