



The Sustainable Ocean Community stems from the need to address key issues and challenges related to ocean health and sustainability. We are an inclusive and inspiring platform where scholars and stakeholders from a broad range of disciplines meet to facilitate innovative transdisciplinary research and education.

Highlights of this month's newsletter are

- June 6: Save the date for the National Ocean Sciences Conference! Information for registration will follow mid-March
- New Sustainable Ocean Community website

Announcements

| **Our new community website** [\[read more\]](#)

Artist Rafael Martig has recently designed the imagery for [the new Sustainable Ocean Community website](#). *"In my photo collages I am telling 8 stories about different aspects of the ocean. These works do not only show the beauty of the landscape and its inhabitants. It also focusses on the opportunities the oceans offer us and how we humans impact it."*

| **"Whose Ocean?" incubator project publication** [\[read more\]](#)

The "Whose Ocean?" project received one of the 2022 Pathways to Sustainability's Incubator Grants to explore this question and understand its significance to academics from Utrecht University and beyond. The results of an interview with 20 experts in the diverse fields related to the ocean were [recently published](#) in the Research Ideas and Outcomes journal.

| **New Research Vessel Wim Wolff** [\[read more\]](#)

Thursday, February 15th, the RV Wim Wolff was christened in the harbor of the NIOZ on Texel. This Research Vessel replaces the RV Navicula, which served for four decades in coastal research.

| **Quality push for marine research data and software** [\[read more\]](#)

Last month, the UU-NIOZ steering team has approved a project focused on enhancing the quality of marine research data and software within the framework of open science. To participate or seek assistance in publishing, cleaning, or documenting code/data, please get in touch.

| Network building for early career ocean scholars

The Sustainable Oceans community is looking to establish an internal network of EC persons across disciplines interested in building their network. If you are motivated to expand your network and share budding ideas feel free to contact [Cale Miller](#); we hope to create a meeting place (digital or physical) to foster collaboration within the SO group.

Upcoming Events

April 16

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Open for
master
students and
community
members

Panel discussion – Negotiating and litigating ocean sustainability

This event seeks to address new developments in ocean law and governance and the challenges and opportunities this presents for ocean sustainability from a multi-disciplinary perspective. As such, the event brings together natural scientists, political scientists, lawyers and practitioners to share their insights on the different facets of ocean sustainability. The event will be open to the members of the Sustainable Ocean Community, staff members as well as students from Utrecht University.

May 8

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Open for
master
students

Master student symposium on the North Sea Agreement

[The North Sea Agreement](#) focuses on three major transitions that currently take place at the North Sea; the nature transition, the food transition and the energy transition. During this symposium, three experts will share their perspectives from ecology, fisheries and the energy sector after which we will interactively explore the various challenges and opportunities that result from the interwoven nature of these transitions. This hands-on session aims to increase our knowledge on the North Sea Agreement, foster collaboration with students from diverse disciplines and generate innovative insights.

May 23

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members

Sustainability dialogue – are the UNESCO Ocean Literacy Principles effective in raising awareness about ocean-related issues?

The [UNESCO principles of Ocean Literacy](#) describe the 7 essential principles about the ocean that all people should be aware of. They were carefully developed with the purpose that these principles form the minimal level of understanding that is necessary to comprehend and protect the (water) planet we live on. During this sustainability dialogue we would like to invite a diverse group - ranging from natural to political scientist, communicators and practitioners - to have an open discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of these principles in the Netherlands.

June 6-8

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Open for anyone



Oct 3-4 UU-NIOZ Early Career Scientists Symposium

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Open for PhD candidates and Postdocs

On the 3rd - 4th of October 2024, the fifth UU-NIOZ Early Career Scientist Symposium will take place. This symposium offers the opportunity for PhD students and postdocs to get to know your colleagues working on various disciplines of ocean sciences and to develop new ideas, perspectives, projects and papers. This year's theme is 'Open Science'.

Nov 28 Pathways to Sustainability Conference

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Open for community members

Save the date for the Pathways to Sustainability conference on 28 November 2024 in TivoliVredenburg.

Opportunities

Deadline: Community Conference Scholarship

March 20

We are happy to announce that we can support up to five early career scientists to attend the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona. Are you an ECS who has a confirmed registration for this conference, but have trouble funding your travel? Please send your motivation (max. 300 words) and/or questions to sustainableocean@uu.nl.

Vacancy Community ambassador – 0.2 fte

We are looking for a marine sciences postdoc interested in the interdisciplinary aspects of ocean sciences and stakeholder engagement that will act as an ambassador for our community to further promote and develop our research profiles both in and outside UU/NIOZ. The ambassador will focus on enhancing research opportunities and collaboration within the challenges defined by the UN Ocean Decade. Interested? Please contact us via sustainableocean@uu.nl.

Vacancy Education Coordinator Marine Sciences [\[read more\]](#)

The UU faculty of geoscience and NIOZ are going to develop an interdisciplinary study track Marine Sciences on the interface between the Bachelor's programmes Biology and Earth Sciences, and update the Master's degree programme Marine Sciences. Do you want to be involved in this, in the temporary role of Education Coordinator?

**Deadline:
March 15**

About this newsletter

The Sustainable Ocean Community is an initiative born out of the imperative to tackle critical challenges in ocean sustainability. Aligned with Utrecht University's 'Pathways to Sustainability' strategic theme and formed in collaboration with NIOZ, we strive to be an inclusive, diverse, and inspirational national platform. Our mission is to unite scholars and stakeholders across disciplines to craft and implement regional solutions for urgent global ocean and sustainability issues.

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