



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) Decade Programme

Lead Institution

The ECOP programme is conceived as an enabling polycentric framework at this stage and as such does not yet have a lead institution

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KEY PARTNERS

- American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Future Earth
- KDM (German Marine Research Consortium)
- Stockholm Resilience Centre
- Walter Munk Foundation for the Oceans

DECADE CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

CHALLENGE 2: Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity

CHALLENGE 3: Sustainably feed the global population

CHALLENGE 4: Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy

CHALLENGE 9: Skills, knowledge and technology for all

CHALLENGE 10: Change humanity's relationship with the ocean

OCEAN BASINS

North Atlantic	Indian
South Atlantic	Arctic
North Pacific	Southern
South Pacific	



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Summary

The mission of the ECOP Programme is to incorporate new ways of thinking into global ocean sustainability and stewardship challenges. The ECOP programme will achieve this by empowering ECOPs with meaningful networking and professional development opportunities with each other and with local to global institutions through the framework of the UN Ocean Decade. The vision of the ECOP Programme is to elevate and strengthen the diverse perspectives of new generations of ocean professionals through a collective voice, ensuring that knowledge is transferred between experienced and early-career ocean professionals to promote ocean sustainability for "The Ocean We Want".

Duration: 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2030

Priority Activities (first 2 years)

- Create a global network of ECOPs to foster collaborations across geographies, disciplines and sectors to address and coordinate action towards achieving the objectives of the Decade.
- Provide opportunities for ECOPs all around the world to elevate their collective voice and participate in relevant ocean sustainability dialogue, particularly under the auspices of the Decade.
- Identify, create and share professional development opportunities to advance ECOP careers while paving the way for the next generation, particularly for under-represented groups.
- Secure positions for ECOPs as members of working groups and structures coordinating activities related to the Decade.
- Secure sources of funding for ECOP related activities throughout the Decade and beyond.

"The Ocean Decade should empower the next generation of ocean professionals to ensure its long-lasting success beyond 2030."

ECOP core team

