

Item 3 Strategic perspectives from Executive Secretary

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Key IOC Influencers

Impacts of the war + politization/polarization, Covid-19

Developments in the world, UN, UNESCO

Climate (UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement → more ocean)

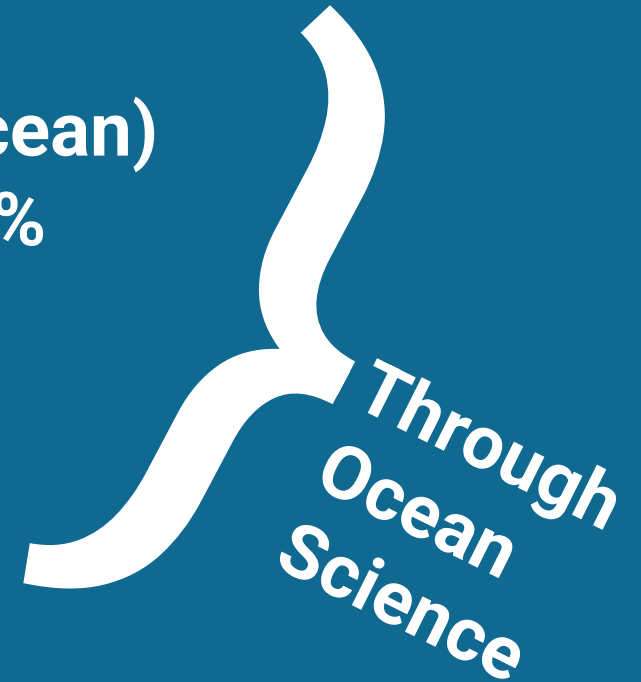
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, 30%

BBNJ – what's in it for the world and IOC?

Sustainable Ocean Planning

Needs for/of sustainable ocean economy

Ocean Decade moving forward



IOC in UNESCO

Member States' support to IOC and interest in its work

ExB 214 UNESCO and the Ocean – report in October 2023

Respect of the IOC work in UNESCO sectors growing

2 scenarios for UNESCO budget 2023-2024: Baseline vs ZNG

Cooperation with CLT (WHC + UCH), SC (MAB, IHP), ED (OL)

IOC Secretariat – new premises

Paris, Jan 2023



Oostende, Oct 2022



IOC strategic positioning

IOS Evaluation of Strategic Positioning

EC-55 request to estimate needed budget and resources

Assessment and Circular Letter 2912, October 2022

Conclusions: increase of workforce from 60 to 90,
staff outside RP requires more stability,
increase of budget from 30M\$ to 50M\$,
need stable "core voluntary contributions"

New opportunities for IOC positioning:

- notion of Sustainable Ocean Planning
- need for consolidated work on ocean aspects of climate, biodiversity (CBD+BBNJ), ocean economy
- support by UN (Lisbon UNOC), now UNOC 2025

Research - Henrik to report in more detail

StOR	New:
OA	Indigenous and Local Knowledge
Deoxygenation	Chemical Pollution – Back to Blue
HABs	
Multi-stressors	
Long time series	
GESAMP	
Blue Carbon	
SDG 14.3 + 14.a: GOSR, portals, helping UNEP	
WCRP and its Open Science Conference	
IIOE-2 <-> no secretariat staff responsible	
Carbon - growing interest in carbon solutions	
Decade Programmes	
More...	

Observations - Emma to report in more detail

GOOS Governance – how intergovernmental is it?

GOOS Work Plan

GOOS Branding and Communications

3 GOOS Decade Programmes and Decade Coordination Office

IOC relations with WMO in relation to ocean forecasting, observations, marine meteorology

WMO/IOC JCB and its review

Observations in EEZs

Data Management - Peter to report in more detail

Ocean Info Hub -> ODIS, OBIS projects

WG on Data Policy

Major increase in the interest to and work on data from various stakeholders, digital twin of the ocean, DITTO, Copernicus Mercator Centre and now Decade Collaborative Centre, C4IRO -> “Hub Ocean”, Corporate Decade Data Coordination Group, etc.

Tsunami - Bernardo to report in more detail

Tsunami programme healthy and on the rise

Tsunami-ready expansion

Decade Programme

Lessons from Tonga

Funding perspectives not bad

Assessments / Information for Policy - Julian has more info

WOA 3, a seminar in UNESCO in December

GEBCO, Governance Review

GEBCO SCUFN, political issues getting stronger

Ocean Management - Julian has more info

MSP, 3rd Conference, new stage of work with DG MARE

Developments with GEF, etc.

Brest Forum, Lisbon UNOC, UNFCCC COP27, CBD CoP15

BBNJ: IGC-5, to be likely finalized in February 2023

**HLP -> Sustainable Ocean Planning,
Decade SOP Programme in making**

Capacity Development - Peter to report in more detail

WG CD

OTGA

NORAD funding offered mainly for CD and Decade

Good progress on Ocean Literacy

Communications, web presence

Newsletters, active presence in media

New website of IOC and Decade, stability of websites, how to reliably and economically host and manage, risk of hacking

Communications / Branding

Regions

Difficulties to be in close contact

Hopes for IOCARIBE with Lorna

IOCAFRICA and African Decade Roadmap and Task Force

WESTPAC – active developments including Decade

IOCINDIO – planning and need for appropriate arrangement for secretariat, conversion into a Sub-Commission at IOC-32



Ocean Decade - Julian to report later

45 global programmes

67 in-kind or financial contributions

203 projects populating programmes

14 UN led Decade Actions

> 300 Decade Activities

Successful / transformative / continuing to pick up momentum

Demanding

Defending IOC in UNESCO

Decade and IOC - IOC and Decade

Competitive for IOC

Can Decade help to transform IOC?

Can IOC develop an end-to-end value chain type of work through the Decade?

When I go in December 2023, I hope to leave IOC

leading the world's oceanography (Decade)

with good perspectives to initiate sustainable ocean management (concept of climate-smart SOP for a healthy and sustainably used ocean)

with increased budget (UNESCO GC-42, core voluntary funding),

with a strong, healthy and motivated team in HQs and in the field,

with a stronger than me Executive Secretary & new excellent Chair

with even more important role in the UN system (UNOC 2025 to decide on a common plan of ocean action in the UN system)

working through the whole value chain (again, SOP -> Functions)