



What are Communities of Practice?

Communities of Practice are voluntary groups of endorsed Decade Actions that work on similar themes or in similar geographies. They allow Decade Actions to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas to collectively fulfil the objectives of the Ocean Decade. Communities of Practice can be either **thematic** (based around the Ocean Decade Challenges) or **geographic** (based around major ocean basins).

How can I join an existing Community of Practice?

Communities of Practice can be found on the **Ocean Decade Network** (forum.oceandecade.org). Each endorsed programme, project, and contribution selects related Communities of Practice when they are completing their Decade Action profile. Once endorsed, their team members may join those Communities of Practice. Decade Actions can join as many Communities of Practice that they feel they can contribute to. Decade *activities* are not included in this opportunity.

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Become an **endorsed Decade Action** (click "Take Action!" on the Ocean Decade Network to find out more)

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Fill in your **Decade Action page**, including related Communities of Practice

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Team members represent your Decade Action on the Ocean Decade Network

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Ask your team members to **"request to join"** one or more of your Decade Action's related Communities of Practice

What is the function of the Decade Coordination Unit and Decade Collaborative Centres & Offices (DCCs & DCOs) in a Community of Practice?

DCCs and DCOs have dedicated resources to act as facilitators and moderators (Group Admins) of Communities of Practice. As part of this role, they are asked to attend regular Group Admin meetings and give annual activity reports. In case there is no DCC or DCO to facilitate a Community of Practice, volunteer Decade Actions will act as Group Admins.

How do I propose a new Community of Practice?

If your Decade Action would like to volunteer to lead one of the Communities of Practice listed below, please contact us. If you do not see the topic or region that you are interested in, please consult the "**Understanding Groups**" **fact sheet** and fill out a form to propose a new Community of Practice.



For more info, please contact:

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Current Communities of Practice*

Thematic

Coastal Ecosystems & Community Resilience

COP Lead: Decade Collaborative Centre for Coastal Resilience (DCC-CR)

Ocean Practices

COP Lead: Ocean Best Practices (Pauline Simpson)

Deep Sea Research & Management

COP Lead: Your Ocean Consulting (Leslie Smith)

Ocean Literacy

COP Lead: Ocean Literacy With All (Yun Sun)

Ocean Data Sharing

COP Lead: Decade Coordination Office for Data Sharing

Ocean Climate Solutions & Innovation

COP Lead: Ocean Visions – UN Decade Collaborative Centre for Ocean Climate Solutions (OV – UN DCC)

Ocean Climate Nexus

COP Lead: Decade Collaborative Centre for Ocean-Climate Nexus and Coordination amongst Decade Implementing Partners in P.R. China (DCC-OCC)

Ocean Observations

COP Lead: Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Observing

Ocean Prediction

COP Lead: Decade Collaborative Centre for Ocean Prediction (DCC-OP)

Multiple Ocean Stressors

COP Lead: TBC

Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems

COP Lead: TBC

Fisheries & Sustainable Blue Food

COP Lead: GMRI (Kathy Mills)

Capacity Development

COP Lead: TBC

Indigenous & Local Knowledge

COP Lead: TBC

Sustainable Ocean Economy

COP Lead: TBC

Sustainable Ocean Planning

COP Lead: TBC

Regional

Northeast Pacific Ocean

COP Lead: Decade Collaborative Centre for the Northeast Pacific Ocean (DCC-NEPO)

Indian Ocean

COP Lead: Decade Collaborative Centre for the Indian Ocean (DCC-IOR)

Western Pacific Ocean

COP Lead: Decade Coordination Office for the Western Pacific Ocean

South Pacific Ocean

COP Lead: TBC

Southern Ocean

COP Lead: TBC

Arctic Ocean

COP Lead: TBC

Mediterranean Sea

COP Lead: Mediterranean Regional Programme (Rosalia Santoleri)

Tropical Americas & Caribbean Region

COP Lead: IOC-Caribe (Laura Innis)

Atlantic Ocean

COP Lead: TBC

Africa

COP Lead: TBC

*As of March 2023

Dark Blue are active, with leadership
Light Blue are soon to launch, with leadership
Grey are pending, awaiting orientation and leadership