



ONE OCEAN HUB

IOCARIBE COLLABORATION



The One Ocean Hub is an international programme of research for sustainable development, working to promote fair and inclusive decision-making for a healthy ocean whereby people and the planet flourish.

The One Ocean Hub

- Established 2019
- 250+ Researchers
- 40 ECRs
- International
- Transdisciplinary
- Participatory and art-based methods
- Integrating plural knowledge systems

In this presentation:

Hub Overview

Who we are

What we do

IOCARIBE collaboration

Marine Spatial Planning,
Stakeholder Engagement
Ocean Literacies

Our outputs:

Transdisciplinary Toolbox
One Ocean Learn
Ocean Literacy Papers
Art-based Methods

Current IOC roles:

UN Ocean Decade Implementing Partner

Transdisciplinary Toolbox
for Transformative Ocean
Governance

IOC Blue Thread Founding Member

Ocean Literacy
and beyond:
Ocean Literacies (plural)
Ocean Fluency

CORE TEAM



Dr Philile Mbatha Ocean Governance/Stakeholder Engagement/Blue Justice/Arts-based & Participatory Methods/Community Mapping

Professor Merle Sowman MSP/Blue Economy/Climate Change/Ocean governance/SSF/ Community Maps

Dr Nina Rivers MSP/Ocean Governance/Stakeholder Engagement/Arts-based Participatory Methods/Participatory Mapping

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Ms Meredith Fernandes Project Management/Coastal Ecology

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Ms Laura Merilainen Communications/Video Production/Comms Design

Our global reach:

- We have been working in **South Africa, Namibia, Ghana, the Caribbean, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu**
- Bridging **local communities** with **international initiatives**

Our collaborative approach:

- Emphasising **learning and co-development** among stakeholders
- Tackling **fragmented governance** of the ocean with a focus on **cultural and social perspectives**

Our key focus areas:

Empowering Coastal Communities

Amplifying local voices and providing capacity building for communities

Co-developing innovative and scalable participatory and arts-based approaches for ocean health

Breaking barriers through storytelling to influence decisions

Co-developing Marine Resource Management

Supporting Marine Spatial Planning for sustainable use

Shaping the Blue Economy

Advocating for growth that respects human rights and culture

Influencing Law and Policy

Providing capacity building for decision-makers, governments and private sector

Stakeholder engagement for transformative ocean governance

CODE OF PRACTICE: HUB PRINCIPLES

- Integration – inter- and transdisciplinary approaches and methods of knowing about the ocean
- Inclusiveness – researchers, actors, sectors, stakeholders, partners
- Environmental sustainability
- Trust and nourishing between Hub researchers and partners
- Transformation and co-production of research
- Fairness

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- International scale - FAO, OHCHR, UNESCO
- Regional level - Western Indian Ocean, Benguela region, South Pacific, West Africa, Caribbean
- National level - governments, private sector, decision-makers, NGOs
- Local level - local authorities, Indigenous Peoples and local communities

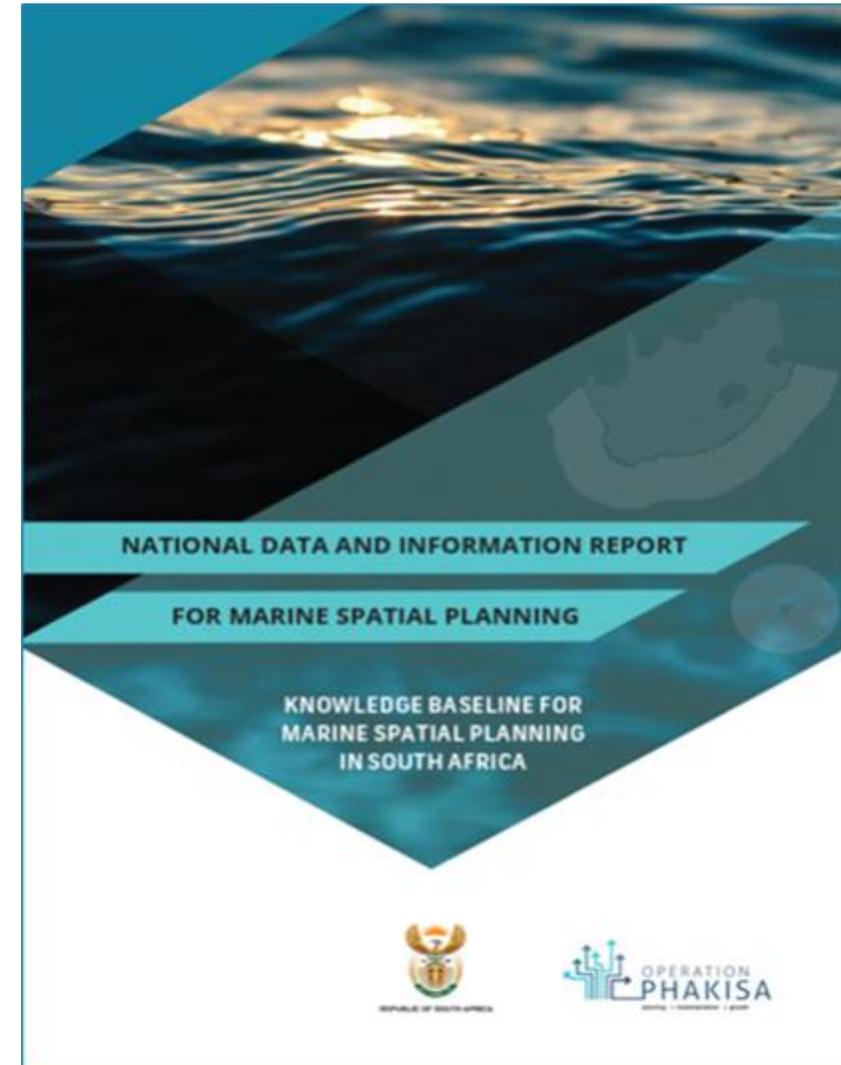




Exploring community-based Marine Spatial Planning

MSP - lessons from South Africa

- Impetus for MSP through SAs Ocean Economy
 - Simultaneous increase in pressure to expand MPAs
 - conservation planning
 - Enabling legislation passed (MSPA) in 2017
 - Approach-science based, data focused, technocratic approach vs collaborative approach with communities/stakeholders
 - Development of key OE sector plans under way - fisheries, tourism, oil and gas etc
 - Focus on understanding the sector needs, priorities and constraints.
 - OE and MSP - 2 parallel process and efforts now to bring them together
- Efforts to be more inclusive - but limitations



MSP in Algoa Bay, South Africa

- Contextualising MSP for South Africa
- Social-ecological systems based approach



Source: Nina Rivers



- Collaborative and meaningful stakeholder engagement
- Arts-based participatory approaches
- Participatory community mapping
- Critiques of government-led MSP and Blue Economy

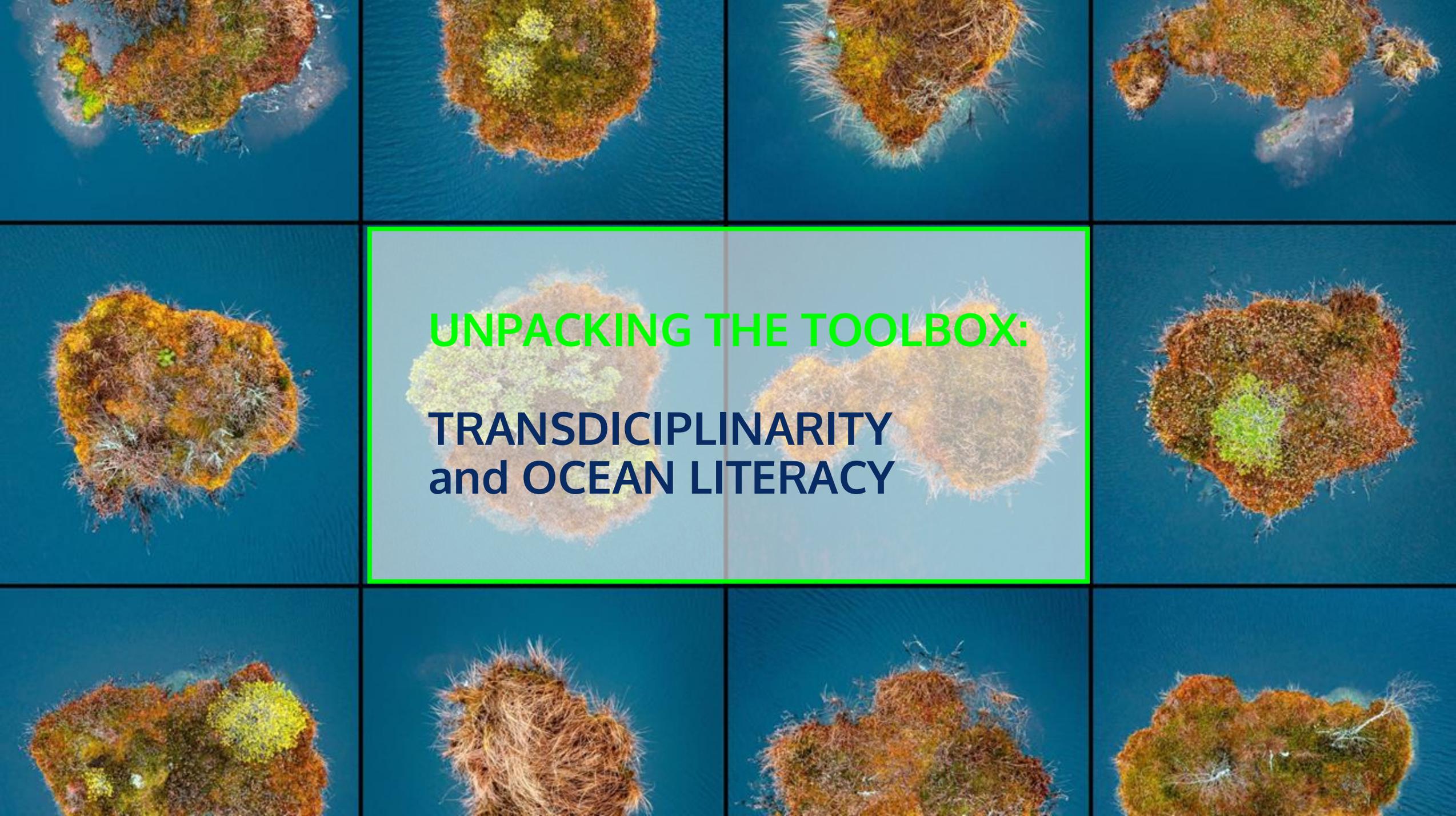
Ocean Connections exhibition in Algoa Bay, March 2022. Image credit: Mia Strand.

MSP in Western Indian Ocean region

- MSP Roadmap for Madagascar
- Land-Sea Planning Guidelines for Kenya's coast
- MSP Roadmap and Technical Guidelines for Northern Mozambique Channel countries



Source: Blue Nature Alliance



**UNPACKING THE TOOLBOX:
TRANSDICIPLINARITY
and OCEAN LITERACY**

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Art and the Stewardship of the Ocean



The e-course on **Art and the Stewardship of the Ocean** offers a unique exploration of art's transformative potential in ocean governance. Bringing together artists, researchers, Indigenous communities, ocean advocates, and policymakers, the course examines how artistic creation can bridge divides and inspire innovative solutions to the triple-planetary crisis.

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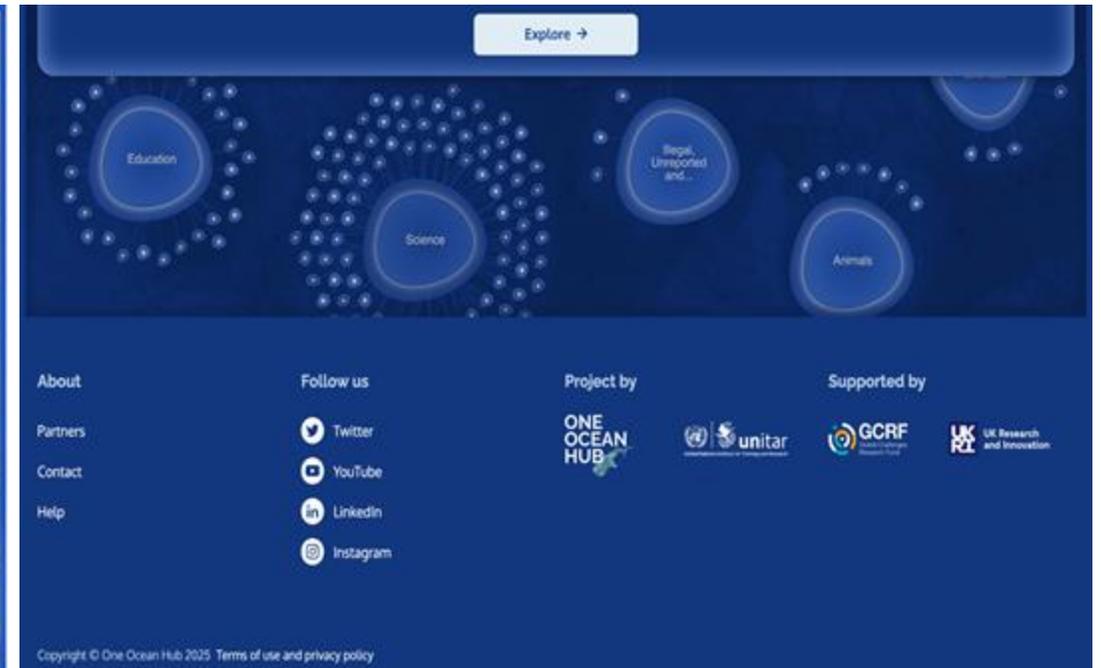
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It is time to rethink the way that we govern our oceans.
Ocean knowledge is key but it needs to be generated more inclusively and shared more widely. This knowledge portal is about improving the way that ocean knowledge is created and shared. We encourage you to join and to reach more of the voices that really matter.

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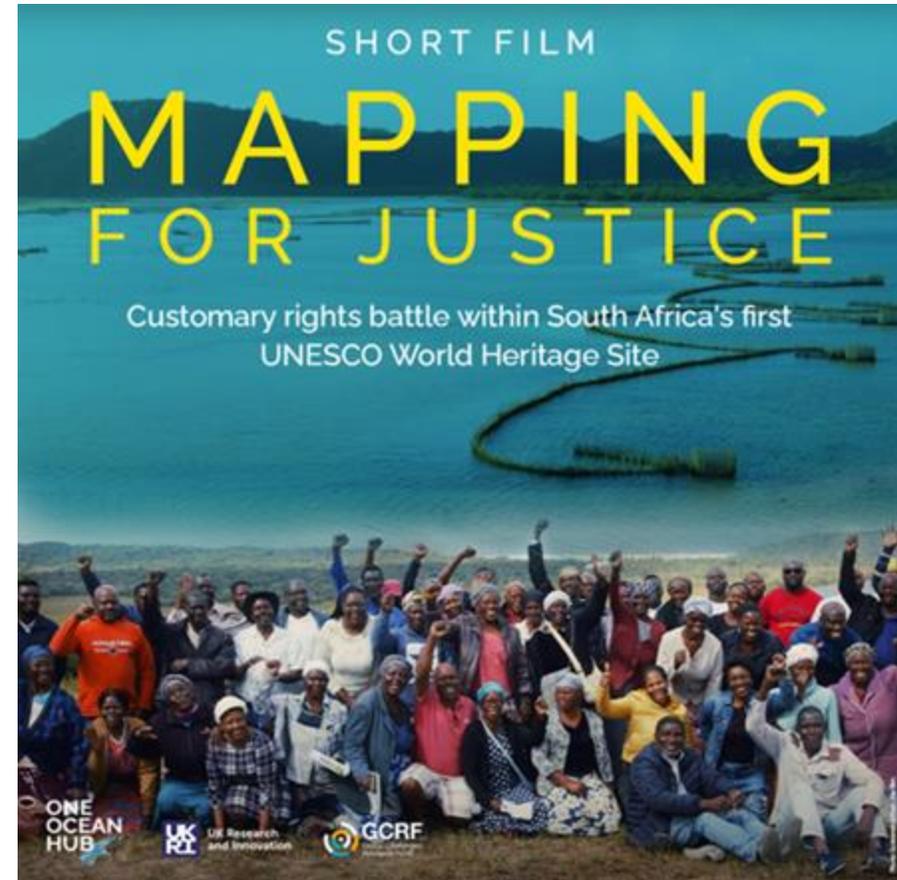
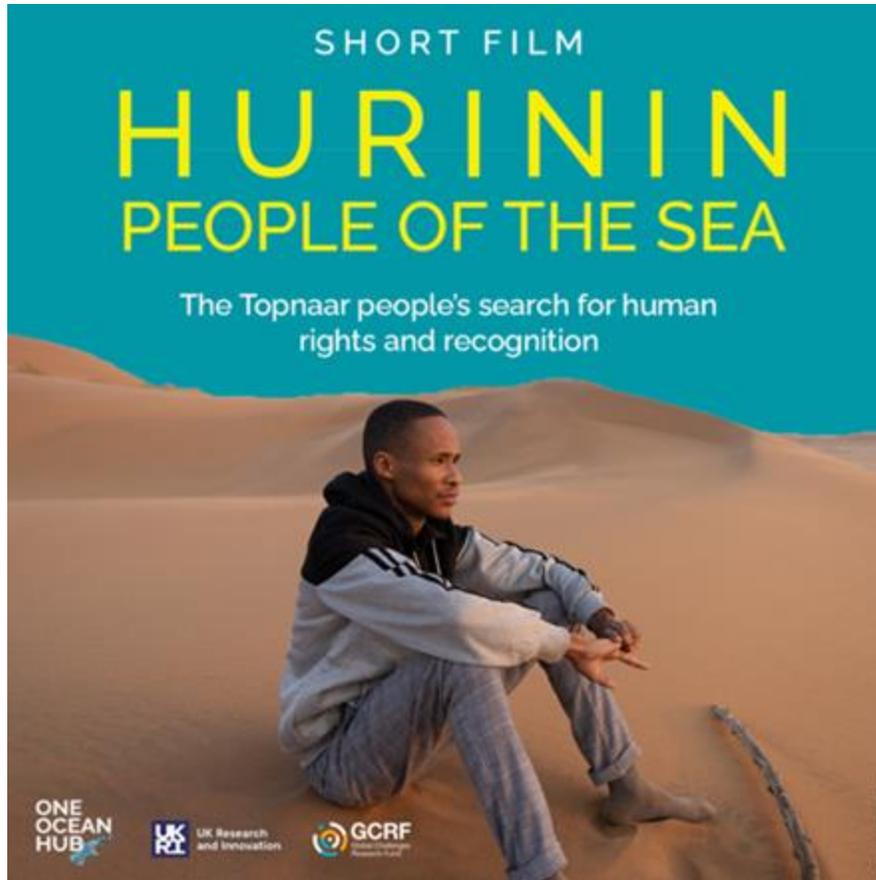
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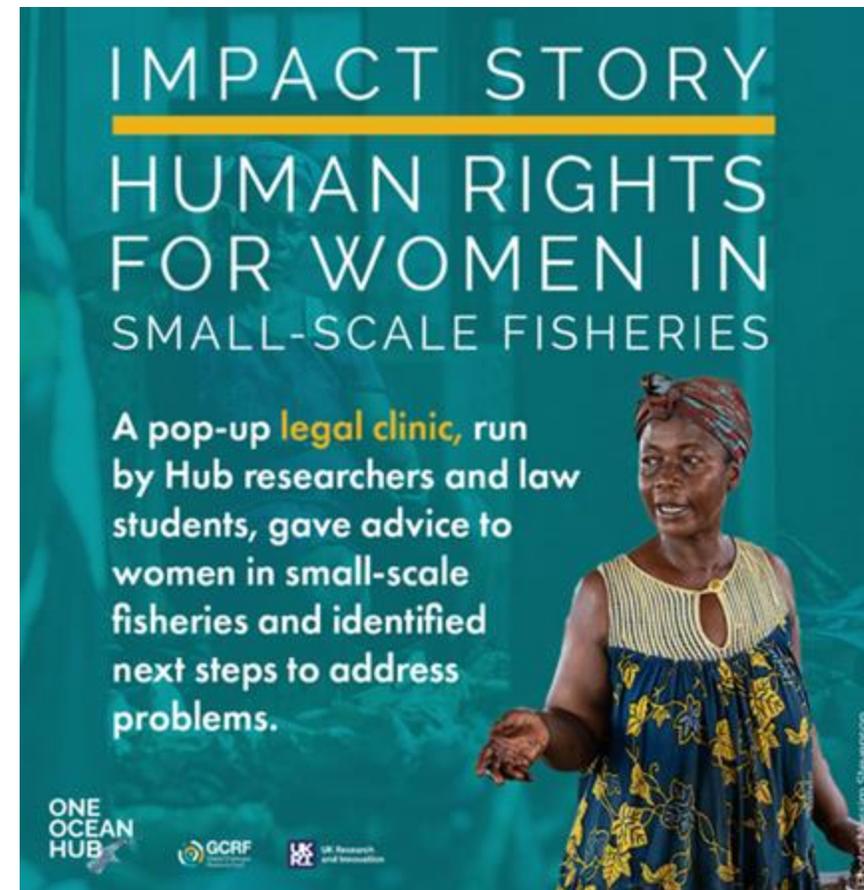
IMPACT STORY
EMPATHEATRE

Impact story on internationally praised 'Empatheatre' methodology that supports public dialogue and participatory policy practices.

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Photo: Jacques Piquenot

The poster features a woman in a purple dress performing on a stage in front of an audience. The background is dark with some audience members visible. The text is white and yellow on a black background.



IMPACT STORY
HUMAN RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES

A pop-up **legal clinic**, run by Hub researchers and law students, gave advice to women in small-scale fisheries and identified next steps to address problems.

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Photo: Adam Stevenson

The poster features a woman in a blue and yellow patterned dress speaking. The background is a teal color with a faint image of a woman. The text is white and yellow on a teal background.

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