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**Launch of the WORLD OCEAN REVIEW 4**  
**Marine Resources – Sustainable Use of Our Oceans – Making Ideas Work.**  
*Germany, 10th November 2015*

The fourth World Ocean Review (WOR 4) was presented to the public under the title “Sustainable Use of Our Oceans – Making Ideas Work.” This edition of the World Ocean Review focuses on sustainability and explores how that concept can guide the management of our marine environment. It explains the key ecosystem services supplied by our seas and identifies the main threats to them while offering an overview of current marine policy at regional and transnational level and shows how conservation and sustainable use of our oceans can be reconciled in future.

Topics are grouped into four principal chapters:

**Concepts for a better world:** Prudent and sustainable use of nature’s resources has yet to become a reality. Past approaches have failed because the concept of

“sustainability” is so ill-defined. Moreover, sustainability can only be accomplished if the complex linkages within the natural world are valued more accurately. For the future it is therefore vital to improve our understanding of the diverse services of ecosystems and to put a comprehensive conception of sustainability into practice.



**How the sea serves us:** Many of the ecosystem services provided by the sea are threatened today by overexploitation, environmental pollution and greenhouse gases. Yet in many cases, how severely individual habitats are degraded and ecosystem services are impaired is just not known. Researchers are therefore attempting to assess the exact condition of marine ecosystems. Such analysis is important in order to plan concrete protection measures and to define critical limits and target values.



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**Politics and the oceans:** The oceans can only be protected if all stakeholder groups pull together. Good governance of the oceans therefore calls for participation from the local people directly affected and from the economic and policy spheres. National and international agreements are in place, enshrining comprehensive marine protection in law. However, the rules laid down need to be respected in practice.



**Hope for the oceans:** The extent of the pollution and destruction of marine habitats is daunting. However, there are already numerous examples showing how marine conservation and the sustainable use of marine resources can be achieved – not only through international agreements but also through measures adopted at the local level. It is also encouraging that the United Nations has declared marine conservation to be one of the major development goals for the future.

The publication was officially launched in Berlin, in the presence of D. Robert Habeck, Minister of the Environment of Schleswig-Holstein; Nikolaus Gelpke, project initiator and publisher of mareverlag magazine, and current President of the IOI Governing Board, welcomed the numerous guests. The evening was presented by Karsten Schwanke, television presenter and meteorologist. As part of the launch of the topical publication several



Interviewees answered questions on the subject: Prof Dr Klaus Töpfer, former executive director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam; Prof Dr Konrad Ott, professor for Philosophy and Ethics of the Environment at Kiel University; Gesine Meißner, MEP and chair of the intergroup “Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas”; Prof Dr Antje Boetius, marine biologist at Alfred Wegener Institute in the Helmholtz Association (AWI) and MARUM, Centre for Marine Environmental Sciences at Bremen University; Prof Dr Martin Visbeck, spokesperson of the Kiel Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean” and an oceanographer at the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel.



From left: Prof. Dr. Ott, Nikolaus Gelpke, Gesine Meißner, Prof. Dr. Töpfer, Prof. Dr. Boetius, Prof. Dr. Visbeck, Dr. Habeck, Karsten Schwanke (@ Jan Windszus / maribus)

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## The 11th IOI Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic & Caspian Seas; Malta, 8th November – 10th December 2015



The 5-week IOI International Ocean Institute Regional Ocean Governance Course was offered for the 11th successive year, at the start of November. Although the Course is offered under the aegis of the IOI, the University of Malta contributes heavily to the same Course, both through its academic staff and also through its financial, administrative support.

Over the previous 10 years, the IOI Course has trained a total of 163 mid-career participants hailing from 35 countries bordering 4 different regional seas (Mediterranean, Black, Black and Caspian Seas) as well as from a number of observer countries, including China. This year's students total 18, coming from Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Iran, Turkmenistan, Russia, Albania, Georgia, Turkey and China.

More information on the University of Malta website:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/newspoint/news/features/2015/11/the11thioiregionaloceanGovernancecoursekicksoff>

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**3rd IOI Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Western Pacific**  
 Organised by IOI-China with the support of the  
 State Oceanic Administration of China (SOA) PR China  
 26th October to the 21st November 2015; Tianjin PR China

IOI China organised the four-week Training Course on Ocean Governance for Western Pacific Region in Tianjin, the third in this series of programmes for the western Pacific Ocean. The training programme was attended by 25 participants from five countries located in the Western Pacific Region: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The course was ably directed by Prof Mao Bin, (Senior Research Fellow and Former Secretary-General, China Ocean Mineral Resources R&D Association SOA) and Prof Qin Li (Director, IOI-China) and the lectures structured within a framework of four modules: the Global Ocean Governance Framework; Managing Our Relationship with the Ocean; Conflict Management and Consensus Building; and Ocean Governance for the Western Pacific Region. Each lecture provided participants with an understanding of the key principles and best practices required for effective ocean governance while the training programme as a whole ensured that all the participants from different backgrounds in research and application, managerial and other governmental posts, covering different disciplines and administrative areas, were given knowledge of the issues of the Western Pacific; the programme encouraged the exchange of experiences and knowledge between the expert faculty and the class.

The inaugural lectures on ocean governance were given by Dr Awni Behnam, Honorary President of the IOI and a strong faculty complement provided topical lectures. Expert faculty members, amongst which were long-standing friends and alumni of the IOI, were Prof. Lin Shaohua (Former Director-General, National Marine Data and Information Service, SOA and former IOI Governing Board member) and Dr Cherdasak Virapat (Director-General, Network of Aquaculture Centres for Asia-Pacific and former IOI Executive Director). Other prominent experts

hailed from the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Science; China Ocean University in Qingdao; from the Department of International Cooperation (SOA); the Marine Economic Division, National Marine Data and Information Service/SOA; the SOA Key Laboratory of Coastal Environmental and Ecological Research; the National Marine Data and Information Service/SOA and from the CHINA-PEMSEA Sustainable Coastal Management Cooperation Centre of SOA.

*Left: Class of 2015, in the front Row, (L) Prof Qin Li (Director IOI China) and centre, Prof Mao Bin, Course Director.*

**IOI-China Regional Center for the West Pacific Region  
 Training Course on Ocean Governance**

26 October - 14 November 2015 Tianjin, China



Below from L-R: Dr Awni Behnam, Dr Cherdasak Virapat and Prof Mao Bin and Dr Pan Nan, course participant from the Fishery Research Institute of Fujiang, PR China



## Call for Applications Training Programme on Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management – Canada; 18th May – 15th July, 2016 Application Deadline 1st January 2016:

Applications are being accepted for the next course scheduled for 18th May to 15th July 2016 (subject to final confirmation). The programme is aimed primarily at developing country professionals aged 25-45 with at least one degree, relevant experience, strong English language skills, and a desire to step outside their own field of work and explore interdisciplinary issues around coastal and ocean management. The Course Announcement and application form for IOI-Canada's 2016 training programme on Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management can be downloaded from the Training section of the website [www.dal.ca/ioihfx](http://www.dal.ca/ioihfx). Queries and expressions of interest may be addressed to: Madeleine Coffen-Smout, Programme Officer, e-mail: [ioi@dal.ca](mailto:ioi@dal.ca)

## Ocean Yearbook Call for Papers Volume 31 and Ocean Yearbook Student Prize 2016 <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/melaw/journals-publications/ocean-yearbook.html>

[Ocean Yearbook: Call for papers submission deadline for of research papers: March 31, 2016](#)

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[Ocean Yearbook Student Prize 2016: Deadline for submission of research papers: May 15, 2016](#)

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