

## Oceans and Coasts Newsletter

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Dear readers,

The highlights of this third issue include insight information on hot topical issues discussed at the Ocean Conference in New York, June 2017 that will be guiding for our future cooperation work. We report on progress in national strategies and planning, as well as results and impacts achieved in cooperation with our partners – be it globally, regionally or bilaterally – regarding integrated approaches and instruments, and cross-sectional topics, including climate change. It is great to read that fisheries and aquaculture projects are on the rise.

A big thank you to all contributors who made this update on GIZ's activities in the realm of oceans and coasts possible. Stay tuned and get inspired with our list on upcoming events, publications and other information.

Enjoy reading and share this newsletter in your circles!

Your Task Team Oceans & Coasts

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### Events

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#### Contributions to the UN Ocean Conference, New York

New York, June 5-9, 2017

**The Ocean Conference - SDG 14, New York**

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#### Vacancies

Wetlands International Africa seeks to recruit a [Communications Manager](#). She/he will be responsible for implementing the regional communications strategy for Africa in harmony with the Global Communications Strategy of Wetlands International. S/he will lead the communication officers in different offices.

#### Upcoming Events

##### External Events

- [October 02-04, 2017](#)  
8th International conference on Fisheries & Aquaculture, Toronto, Canada  
Theme: New Era in Fisheries & Aquaculture
- [October 5-6, 2017](#)  
Our Ocean Conference 2017, Malta  
Theme: Our Ocean, an ocean for life
- [October 23-24, 2017](#)  
9th World Congress on Aquaculture & Fisheries, Dubai, UAE  
Theme: Recent Trends in Aquaculture and Fisheries

#### Science

Diz D, Morgera E, and Wilson M (2017) [Sharing the Benefits of](#)



The Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), notably the Federal Minister Dr. B. Hendricks, Secretary of State G. Adler and Head of Department Dr. H. Wendenburg led the German Delegation. Patrick Schwab and Mecki Kronen from GIZ supported topics on biodiversity and fisheries on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

A [summary of the conference](#) (plenary with 8 segments, 7 partnership dialogues on SDG 14 sub-goals, high ranking events on the Ocean Day and the side event in the German Pavilion) was presented at GIZ Eschborn, June 29th 2017.

For more information please contact: [Mecki Kronen](#), 4D20

New York, Suva (Fiji), June, 2017

### **Pacific Island Countries tell Success Stories at UN and Suva Ocean Conferences**



The [UN Ocean Conference](#) in NYC, co-hosted by the Governments of Fiji & Sweden, resulted in more than [1300 commitments](#) to action. That the second highest number of commitments comes from the South Pacific, highlights not only the importance of the ocean to Pacific Island Countries, but also their strong commitment. These countries raised their voice also at the [Pacific Voices for a Global Ocean Challenge](#) Conference in Suva, Fiji, an external regional side event to the UN Ocean Conference. At this Suva Ocean Conference countries told inspiring success stories of Integrated Ocean Governance. The [MACBIO project](#) was invited to highlight these efforts (view [Presentation](#)), including five [National Marine Ecosystem Service Valuation studies](#).

[Read more](#)

For more information please contact: [Jan Henning Steffen](#), MACBIO Project Director, [Philipp Gassner](#), MACBIO Project Advisor

New York, June 5-9, 2017

### **Viet Nam at the Ocean Conference in New York**



Mr. Nguyen Binh Minh from the Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI) and Dr. Stefan Grönwold from the Integrated Coastal Management Programme (ICMP) presented coastal management approaches in Viet Nam at the Ocean Conference in New York.

The Mekong Delta in southern Viet Nam is one of the most vulnerable regions affected by climate change. Rising sea levels, coastal erosion and extreme

[Sustainable Fisheries](#): From Global to Local Legal Approaches to Marine Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation. Science Policy Working Paper.

Singh GG et al. (2017) [A rapid assessment of co-benefits and trade-offs among Sustainable Development Goals](#). Marine Policy.

Singleton RL, et al. (2017) [Conservation and the right to fish](#): International conservation NGOs and the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries. Marine Policy.

#### **Announcement**

PANORAMA Webinar, August 22nd, 2017

Join us for our next webinar "Do Data or Desire Drive MSP?" on August 22, 2017 from 1:00-2:30 PM GMT/UTC. [Register now!](#)

weather events threaten the future of the Mekong Delta and its ability to provide the essential ecosystem services that the communities of the Delta depend on. ICMP in collaboration with VASI and other organizations have developed a proposal on the Integrated Coastal Management Cycle. It will support the Vietnamese government in the implementation of the new law on Seas and Islands, Natural Resources and Environment (2015).

For more information, please have a look at the movie [here](#) or contact [Stefan Grönewold](#)

New York, June 5-9, 2017

### Blue Solutions at the UN Ocean Conference



What are solutions to marine resource conflicts, overfishing and marine litter? How can we tackle these issues through capacity development at different levels, and what are success stories? These and further questions were discussed in several sessions organized by Blue Solutions with various partners at the first high-level UN Conference on the

implementation of SDG 14. This milestone event took place in early June at UN Headquarters in New York with nearly 4,000 participants from governments, the UN system, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, research institutions, local communities, and the private sector. [Read more on the Blue Solutions website.](#)

For more information contact: [Ilona Porsché](#), Head of Project, Blue Solutions

### G20 summit

Hamburg, July 2017

#### G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter adopted



The G20 Summit in July 2017 adopted an Action Plan on Marine Litter as annex to the Leaders' Declaration. The action plan calls for reducing marine litter through, amongst others, promoting the socio-economic benefits of marine litter prevention, improving waste management and resource efficiency as well as supporting

awareness raising, education and research. It seeks to involve various stakeholders and to create a new 'Global Network of the Committed' (GNC) as a platform linked to the UN Environment Global Partnership on Marine Litter. GIZ's sector project "Concepts for sustainable waste management and circular economy" participated for BMZ in the elaboration of the action plan. BMUB was leading the negotiations.

For further information please visit: [G20 website](#), [GIZ intranet](#) or contact: [Ellen Günsilius](#), [Pascal Renaud](#)

### Future Events

Stockholm, August 29th, 2017

#### Side-event at the World Water Week 2017

Side-event at the [World Water Week](#) 2017, Stockholm, Sweden

Theme: How to collaborate between the waste, water and plastics sectors to create a system that keeps plastics in the economy, and out of urban riverine and canal systems as well as the ocean? Co-hosted by GIZ, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, the International Solid Waste Association, BMZ and KfW.

Contact: [Pascal Renaud](#), [Anna Entholzer](#),

Manila, October 23-28, 2017

### **COP 12 to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals in Manila**



For the first time, a Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP12) will be held in Asia. This year's venue will be in Manila, Philippines from 23rd to 28th October 2017.

In cooperation with our partner Conservation International and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Sulu-Sulawesi Project will host a side event on "Establishing a network of safe havens for the green turtle, *Chelonia mydas*, in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape". The focus will be on the process of establishment of marine turtle protection area networks in the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia.

For further information please contact: [Franca Sprong-Wijnreder](#)

Frankfurt, November 21-22, 2017

### **Promotion of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture becomes a key topic at the KfW Development Finance Forum (DFF) in Frankfurt**



This year's Development Finance Forum (DFF), the flagship event of KfW Development Bank, is dedicated to the future of the world's oceans and will search for concrete and practicable solutions for the future of the oceans.

The two-day event is primarily

devoted to the following three issues

1. Marine reserves: What is the fastest and most effective way to counter the depletion of fish stocks and prevent loss of species?
2. Marine litter: What needs to be done to halt marine pollution and marine debris?
3. Marine economy: How can we use the oceans' resources sustainably?

Around 150 international experts will take part in the Development Finance Forum 2017.

The [KfW's DFF website](#) still covers the 2016 event, but will be updated accordingly soon

For further information please contact: [Piero Violante](#), External Consultant, KfW:

[Kai Wiegler](#), External Sector Economist "Fisheries & Aquaculture", KfW

Bueno Aires, December 2017

### **WTO negotiations on fisheries subsidies**

In December 2017 during the 11th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Buenos Aires, progress is expected towards ending harmful fisheries subsidies. Seven proposals have been submitted by different coalitions to the concerned WTO Working Group. The topic is of particular relevance to LDCs and SIDS, who also submitted an own draft proposal.

This process aligns to SDG Goal 14.6 "By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing the appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation."

Please use one of the following links for further information: [WTO](#), [Cuts-geneva](#) and [ITCSD](#) for further information or contact: [Anneli Ehlers](#)

## Capacity development

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### Workshops and Seminars

Vilm, July 16-21, 2017

#### Seminar “Biodiversity for Human Wellbeing” at the German International Academy for Nature Conservation



From the 16th – 21st of July participants from GIZ, consulting companies, civil society and research attended the seminar Biodiversity for Human Wellbeing at the German International Academy for Nature Conservation. The seminar, held on the isle of Vilm, which has been a protected area for centuries, presented

relevant concepts, tools and trends in biodiversity conservation in development cooperation. Amongst others, current issues and developments in the conservation of seascapes including the integration of aquaculture and fishery practices into conservation approaches were addressed. Experiences of participants from different countries, lessons learned from conservation practices in the Baltic Sea, including a field trip on spatial planning Nationalpark Jasmund and its Bodden, complemented the training. For more information click [here](#) or contact [Peter Borchert](#)

July 27, 2017

#### PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet webinar series



The global project Blue Solutions and the sector project “Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture” hosted a webinar on the “Certification of small-scale fisheries in developing countries: Opportunities and Challenges” on July 27, 2017. Dr. Audun Lem from the FAO delivered the keynote and successful approaches to improve

sustainability of small-scale fisheries from the Maldives, Colombia and Mexico were featured in the webinar, which attracted over 110 attendees from 34 countries. Please visit the [recording](#)

For more information please contact: [Volker Koch](#) (Advisor)

India

#### Workshop on practices of documenting coastal and marine biodiversity in Gujarat, India



In collaboration with the [Gujarat Ecological Education and Research](#) (GEER) Foundation, the [CMPA Project](#) organised a workshop on “Methods and practices of documenting coastal and marine biodiversity in Gujarat through the People’s Biodiversity Registers

(PBR)”.

The workshop was to present a systematic overview of the objectives and the [current legal framework of the PBR](#) and discuss its implementation. Ample use was made of the 16 participants’ practical experiences with PBR, which provided guidance for the most effective way to accomplish the fairly complex



task of obtaining scientifically vetted occurrence records of species and – where applicable – capturing traditional knowledge on the use of such species.

For more information please contact: [Abhinav Mehta](#), [Dr. Neeraj Kherra](#)

## Recently released

July 1st, 2017

### Field guide release: “Introduction to the Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Maharashtra”



The field guide, which was commissioned by the CMPA Project, provides essential information about the various coastal ecosystems occurring in Maharashtra. Taxonomy and salient ecological facts are given for some 170 species covering a wide range of taxa. Its many illustrations will facilitate identification of these species in the field. The

guide comes in a handy pocket format and is available both in English and Marathi. It is hoped that the field guide will help deepen the understanding and appreciation of the biodiversity along the shores of Maharashtra’s coast. For further information please contact: [Supriya Jhunjhunwala](#) (Advisor and Coordinator in Maharashtra)

### Marine Spatial Planning in a nutshell



Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is spreading across the globe as a new way of achieving sustainable development of the world’s seas and oceans. But what does MSP actually mean? How does it work?

“[Marine Spatial Planning – in a nutshell](#)” is a five-minute film that explains MSP simply and dynamically. It is suitable for everyone: from local communities to planners and policy-makers. It has been jointly produced by the global [Blue Solutions](#) Initiative and the [MARISMA](#) project in the Benguela Current region.

For further information please contact: [Gunnar Finke](#), [Jan Kleine Büning](#)

### OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2017-2026

#### [OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2017-2026](#)

The latest edition of the "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook" was published on 7 July 2017 (150 pages). It presents forecasts over a ten-year Outlook period to 2026 on agricultural markets (e.g. with growth in China weakening), future trends in crop and livestock production, capture fisheries and aquaculture, as well as projections of agricultural (including fish) trade, demand, and supply. A special focus in this issue is on Southeast Asia, where this report identifies scope to improve agricultural and aquaculture productivity sustainably. Real prices for fish and agricultural products are expected to remain flat or decline for most commodities.

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## Project Update

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### South America

Brazil

#### German REDD Early Movers (REM) Programme starts in the Brazilian State of Acre and includes aquaculture development as a strategy to reduce deforestation



After significantly reducing deforestation from 2012-2015, the challenge in the Brazilian Amazon is, to consolidate and further continue the downward

trend in deforestation and to provide positive incentives for this process. This becomes increasingly difficult, as the remaining deforestation is more dispersed among a myriad of mid- to small-scale producers, which are more difficult to monitor and to reach with supportive measures. Extensive small-scale aquaculture on already deforested areas is increasingly showing its potential in terms of food security, local income generation and livelihood: the returns gained in this dynamically growing sector are higher and less destructive than with cattle farming. The REDD Early Movers (REM) Programme plans to increase its support for extensive and sustainable aquaculture production methods for the next program phase in Acre.

Click [here](#) for a link to the program factsheet

For further information please contact: [Dr. Christiane Ehringhaus](#), Coordinator, REDD Early Movers (REM) Programme, KfW. [Kai Wiegler](#), Sector Economist "Fisheries & Aquaculture" (external), KfW

Dominica

#### Stimulating youth involvement in MPA management- Dominica



A key objective of the CATS Program is to integrate knowledge across institutions, stakeholders, and offer new avenues for collaborative management of MPAs. CATS have partnered with the Fisheries Division and the local management authority of the Soufriere

Scottshead marine reserve to promote awareness and stewardship, with youth involvement as the catalyst for enhanced change. The event, dubbed "SSMR Day 2017", brought over 500 students and 81 teachers from 33 primary schools to partake in activities that increase understanding of interactions between terrestrial and marine ecosystems. This year's theme, "Protecting the land and sea begins with me" highlights the need to strengthen, mobilize and empower local communities within the MPA.

For more information please contact: [Camille David](#), PhD, CATS Marine Expert

### Africa

## Namibia

### Namibia's new National Development Plan highlights MSP

Namibia is implementing MSP to achieve sustainable development of its ocean.

The government has now identified MSP as a key vehicle to achieve its national development goals in relation to its blue economy. The new [National Development Plan](#) highlights the need to institutionalize MSP. This is an important step towards ensuring the sustainability of the MSP process and to enhance political ownership and commitment.

Namibia is supported in its MSP processes by GIZ through the [MARISMA](#) project in the Benguela Current region.

For further information please contact: [Gunnar Finke](#)

### Global Program Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture started in December 2016



A new project on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture (hereinafter named as the project) started in December 2016 within the Program "One World - No Hunger" of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Aims of the project are an increase of fish and income,

introduction of more sustainable production and the reduced fish from IUU.

The project will be implemented in 4 countries. Uganda, Mauretania, Madagascar and Malawi. Implementing activities in Uganda and Mauretania focus on sustainable fisheries management, while Madagascar and Malawi focus on sustainable aquaculture. The "country packages" Uganda and Madagascar are formally approved by the Ministry in July 2017 and start the implementation of first project activities in autumn.

For further information please contact: [Friederike Sorg](#)

## Somalia

### Partnering with local government for clean beaches-Kismayo Lower Juba Somalia



The GIZ Fish for Nutrition Project, whose mandate is to promote access to quality fishery products in Kismayo District of Lower Juba, Somalia, is partnering with lines ministries to implement measures that ensure sustainable clean shore lines in Kismayo. Due to a lack of systems for

garbage management, most household and commercial waste ends up in the ocean. It greatly impacts the composition of the ocean and marine life. By supporting community led beach cleaning activities combined with waste recycling activities, the project is partnering with the Ministries of health, fisheries and communication as well as the private sector to create awareness and encouraging community responsibility in keeping their beaches clean.

For further information please contact: [Brigitte Reichelt](#) (Programm Manager)

## Mauritania

### Climate Change: benefit or loss?



Mauritania is thought of as a hotspot regardless of climate change. It is located southwest of the Sahara and the balance between three climate systems provides the region with a high

vulnerability. Half of the coast is protected areas and one is declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. In addition, fisheries play an extremely



important economic role. Projects are underway to optimize its value chain. A retrospective study clarifies the recent progress of the coastline and natural habitats over the last decades. This ecological approach of the Climate Change is discussed in terms of ecological equivalence to assist the national strategy and the parks management.

For further information please contact: [Anne Littaye](#), GIZ/CIM

## Asia

### Vietnam

#### **Integrated Coastal Management Programme (ICMP) Vietnam: A successful joint GIZ & DFAT project evaluation**

This was new for all of us. DFAT and GIZ planned and implemented a joint project evaluation in Vietnam. From shared TOR, reviewing the different country strategies and focal areas to jointly conducting meetings and field trips, ICMP was rated as 'very successful' due to the highest scoring of OECD DAC criteria. Recommendations were made to further increase the impact and promote gender. The follow-on project, the Mekong Delta Climate Resilience Programme (MCP), is underway and will continue supporting the Mekong Delta.

PEV report on DMS, link [here](#)

For further information please contact: [Mecki Kronen](#), 4D20

### India, July 24, 2017

#### **The Chorao People's Biodiversity Register: Resource Maps for village units using PRA techniques**



Under the umbrella of the CMPA Project, a meeting at the State Biodiversity Board in Goa, India, was held to present following first results:

The Chorao Biodiversity Management Committee had been able to develop resource maps for village units using Participatory Rural Appraisal techniques. These

were matched against Google maps to ensure proper scaling. The maps served as a basis for collecting field data on the existing fauna and flora in the area as well as to suggest Biodiversity Heritage Sites establishments.

For further information please contact: [Aaron Lobo](#) (Advisor and Coordinator for Goa)

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