

Session I: Side Event at UN Ocean Conference

When: June 10, 2025 8:30 - 9:45 WEST

Where: Location ELMI room 2B08

No registration: first-come-first.

Livestream: The event is livestreamed. Register [here](#).

Finding financial funding mechanisms for restoration of marine habitats

The need to restore lost habitats is recognised in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework but there are clear gaps between the will to implement restoration objectives and available funding. Sea grass is one of the most productive ecosystems in the world, playing vitally important roles in the marine food web and as carbon sink. The rapid decline of this habitat globally have generated restoration initiatives. Despite both technical and ecological challenges, funding restoration in coastal areas, often without clear property rights, is specially demanding. In this event representatives from industry, local governments, NGOs and academia gives examples on how restoration of sea grass have been funded and discuss ways to further increase incentives for funding restoration.

Amongst the presenters and panelists are:

- Nathalie Lazaric, Groupe de Recherche en Droit, Economie, Gestion, Université Côte D'Azur
- Nathalie Hilmi, Centre Scientifique de Monaco
- Michael Palmgren, Marine Education Center, Malmö, Sweden
- Volvo for Life Fund
- Denise Nicolau, IUCN ESARO
- Lena Gipperth, Centre for Sea and Society, University of Gothenburg

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- The Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment
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Draft agenda (75 min)

Agenda item	Contributor
Welcome	Moderator (5 min)
Restoring eel grass meadows in the city of Malmö	Mikael Palmgren, Director, Marine Education Center, Malmö
How to find funds to restore marine forest by changing eating habits.	Nathalie Lazaric, Dr. Nathalie Lazaric, Research Director at CNRS, GREDEG (Research Group in Law, Economics and Management), Université Côte d’Azur
Restoration of blue carbon ecosystems: from valuation to innovations at the financial markets markets (carbon credits and biodiversity credits).	Nathalie Hilmi, Dr. Nathalie Hilmi, Head of Environmental Economics, Centre Scientifique de Monaco (CSM)
Presentation of example 4	WIO
Panel discussion and comments	Volvo Life Fund Denise Nicolau - Regional Coastal and Ocean Ecosystem Manager, or Barkha Mossae -Regional Regenerative Blue Economy Manager, IUCN ESARO
Concluding remarks	Moderator

Session II: Side Event UNOC 3

When: June 10, 2025 10:00 – 11:15 WEST

Where: Location ELMI room 2B08
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From the surface to the seabed - can BBNJ and the ISA coexist?

SIDE EVENT: Areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) cover almost half of our planet's surface. For the first time in history, the newly finalised BBNJ treaty offers a legal framework to manage these areas. While the path to ratification is slowly advancing, a new target for exploitation in international waters is emerging: seabed mining. While the vast majority of life on the deep sea floor remains undescribed, a precautionary approach is now pitted against a growing interest to exploit the metals found on the ocean floor.

In this side event, we aim to raise a discussion: Can a legal framework for activities in ABNJ be effective while setting an arbitrary boundary between the seabed and the waters above? Is it possible to safeguard BBNJ while starting a new invasive and risky industry in the same areas declared as "protected"? And what is required from the member states of the ISA to ensure the guiding principles of a science-based approach are not thrown overboard?

By bringing together experts from both policy and marine science backgrounds, we want to bridge the gap between legal and research perspectives on international waters and the seafloor. It's time to talk about the ocean in its entirety - from the surface to the seabed.

Panelists

Maila Guilhon: Research Institute for Sustainability – Helmholtz Centre Potsdam

Lisa Levin: Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Jihyun Lee: The Ocean Project

Simon Holmström: Seas at Risk

Niels Krabbe: University of Gothenburg

Moderators

Lydia Rysavy, University of Gothenburg

Alexander Ahl, University of Gothenburg

Session III: Side Event 0292 – 10 June 2025 at UNOC 3

The scrubber case – time for glocal solution



When: June 10, 2025 11:30 – 12.45

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Organizers: Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment. Government of Denmark, Government of Sweden, Oskar

Open seminar

Today, more than 25 percent of the bunker volume used by global shipping is heavy fuel oil, only allowed to use in combination with a scrubber resulting in discharge of large volumes of polluted and acidic wash water to the sea. Scientific consensus that scrubbers are posing an unacceptable risk for marine ecosystems, calls for regulation.

IMO is striving for harmonized global regulations, a slow process causing conflicting perspectives versus coastal nations responsible to act for protection of the marine environment within their jurisdiction. In this seminar we explore experiences and discuss barriers, the importance of partnerships and solutions with ministers from the governments of Denmark, France and Sweden, high-level executives from IMO and Oskar, shipowners and academia.

Amongst the presenters and panelists are:

Moderator: Eva-Lotta Sundblad, Swedish institute for the Marine Environment Sweden

Kajsa Tönnesson, Director at Swedish institute for the Marine Environment Sweden

H.E. Romina Pourmokhtari, Minister for Climate and the Environment, Sweden

H.E. Magnus Heunicke, Minister for Environment, Denmark

Tone Madsen, Head of Ocean and Marine Nature and Environment, Ministry of Environment, Denmark

Ida-Maja Hassellöv, Professor at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General, IMO

Niels Krabbe, Senior lecturer, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Dominic Pattinsson, Executive Secretary, Oskar

Helene Samuelsson, VP Group Communication, Wallenius Lines