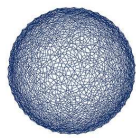


IN BRIEF



COP15 COPENHAGEN
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2009

"The World Ocean Network commits to action on climate change."

To learn more about WON participation to COP 15 – Copenhagen 2009, please visit the blog: oceanmondial.worldoceannetwork.org/cop15.

You may download there the related [Newsletter](#).

A 2010 calendar of WON activities is available online on the [World Ocean Network website](#) and as a [pdf file](#).

Don't hesitate to consult it, update your agendas and contact us if you have events to add: info@worldoceannetwork.org



On the 8th of June, **World Oceans Day** will be celebrated internationally according to the general 2010 theme "Oceans of Life." It has been defined in accordance with the International Year of Biodiversity by the World Ocean Network and The Ocean Project.

Please visit www.worldoceannetwork.org to register your event, share celebration ideas, and access the World Oceans Day tools.

WON MEMBERS TAKE ACTION

... In Latin America: First Regional Workshop

The first regional workshop of World Ocean Network Latin American Antenna was held in the frame of ColacMarCuba2009, a double-congress for both the 13th Latin American Congress on Marine Sciences (ColacMar) and the 8th Cuban Congress on Marine Sciences (MarCuba'2009). The workshop took place on the 26th to 27th October, 2009 in Havana City, Cuba.



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Various organisations were represented, from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

The objectives of the regional workshop were to develop and consolidate World Ocean Network regional coordination, to identify the Network's priority projects in Latin America, to enhance the use of the Ocean Info Pack (OIP), and to establish a common work plan in the region.

It has been a period of intense exchange of information, search for consensus and reflections on initiatives to strengthen World Ocean Network's action sphere.

... in Europe: Mr Goodfish campaign



www.mrgoodfish.com

The Mr Goodfish campaign, initiated by the World Ocean Network, aims to sensitize the general public about the sustainable consumption of seafood. It has been initiated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the European Union of Aquarium Curators (EUAC), and is coordinated by Nausicaá - National Sea Centre (France).

At short term, the objective is to develop, through the fish industry professionals, the appropriate communications and educational means to empower the public to make informed and sound choices when they buy seafood products, so as to reduce human pressure on non-sustainable fisheries.

At mid term, the objective is to validate these tools within the pilot phase at three sites: the Acquario di Genova (Italy), Aquarium Finisterrae (Spain) and Nausicaá, National Sea Centre (France).

World Ocean Network's campaign for sustainable consumption of seafood has been officially launched at Aquarium Finisterrae on the 23rd of November 2009, at Acquario di Genova on the 11th of March 2010 and finally at Nausicaá-National Sea Centre on the 18th of March. All the best to Mr Goodfish!

For more information on the campaign, visit the official website: www.mrgoodfish.com



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YOUNG GENERATIONS COMMIT TO THE OCEAN

Youth Parliament in Reunion Island, Indian Ocean



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The first Youth Parliament for French overseas territories was held in Reunion Island, from 12th to 16th May 2009.

24 young people between age 18 and 25 were selected to reflect together on the theme: "Ocean, climate change and related human activities", in accordance with 2009 World Oceans Day theme "One Ocean, One climate, One future."

The young people were expected to focus on five sub-themes: coastal development, fishing resources, biodiversity, climate change and tourism and leisure activities. For each they elaborated a three folder document: observation, proposals and

commitments. The Parliament was centred on pedagogic activities, field trips and specialists' interventions. Its results were presented on various occasions and in particular in the frame of World Oceans Day 2009.

Ocean Info Pack

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The **Ocean Info Pack website** has been restructured: oceaninfopack.worldoceanannetwork.org

You are heartily invited to visit the new platform and to implement it by sharing your information, suggestions of activities and communication techniques on Ocean related issues.



Second East Asian Seas Youth Forum

The second East Asian Seas Youth Forum "Youth, Oceans and Climate Change" took place in November 2009 (23rd-26th) in the frame of the East Asian Seas Congress, in Manila, Philippines. It gathered 61 participants from 12 countries: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Their objective were: promote climate change and ocean and coastal management awareness among the youth, strengthen the involvement of the youth in addressing climate change, and build a network of youth in the EAS region for coastal and ocean management. The young people have been reflecting by means of lectures and discussions, outdoor activities, workshops and interactions with experts and policymakers. As an output they developed project plans that they commit to implement in the next three years (2010-2012): "We hope to inform, inspire, and involve other youths."

WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

5th Global Oceans Conference (3-7 May, 2010)

The 5th Global Oceans Conference "Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, Improving Governance; Oceans, Climate, Biodiversity: from Copenhagen 2009 to Nagoya 2010" is organized by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands on May 3-7, 2010 at UNESCO, Paris, FRANCE.

The World Ocean Network is proposing three sessions at the *Policy, Science and Technical Symposium* (May 3-4), in accordance with the Conference three folder theme:

- ENSURING SURVIVAL: Stormy weather on our planet – new citizen actions after COP15;
- PRESERVING LIFE: Oceans of life – oceans of benefits to humankind.
- IMPROVING GOVERNANCE: Citizenship of the Ocean – mobilising the public towards stewardship of the World Ocean, a heritage of mankind.

→ For more information on the Conference and the Global Forum, visit www.globaloceans.org or download the [leaflet](#).



4th International Meeting of World Ocean Network (9-12 May, 2010)



The 4th International Meeting of World Ocean Network "Acting together for the future of the Blue Planet", in link with International Year of Biodiversity 2010, will be held on 9-12 May, 2010 at Nausicaá, Boulogne sur Mer, FRANCE. It will propose the first *World Ocean Academy* on the 9th May, 2010.

The meeting will develop an action plan to mobilize the general public worldwide towards sustainable use of the oceans. Its objectives are:

- To share and enrich education and mobilisation campaigns that have been successfully implemented in different countries, and especially the campaigns of the World Ocean Network members and partners;
- To define new joint actions to inform, educate and mobilise the general public, in link to ocean related hot topics;
- To strengthen cooperation and communication among members and partners of the World Ocean Network.

→ For more information on the 4th International Meeting of WON and to register please visit the official website: www.4thinternationalmeetingwon.com or write to meeting@worldoceanannetwork.org.