

Item 2.2: IOC Report

33rd Meeting of Joint IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee

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Update of IOC

Member States:

- 148 Member States (as of 11 February 2016)
- Most recent member of the IOC: Nauru
- SIDS membership in IOC: 35

Update of IOC

- IOC Medium-Term Strategy 2014-2021
 - Healthy ocean ecosystems
 - Effective early warning systems for tsunamis and others
 - Increased resiliency to climate change and variability
 - Enhanced knowledge of emerging ocean science issues
- Contribution to international framework/agreements
 - Sustainable Development Goals (*e.g.* goal 14 on oceans)
 - SIDS Accelerated Modalities Of Action (SAMOA) Pathway
 - Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
 - Paris Agreement/UNFCCC

World Oceans Day 2016

- Date: 8 June 2016 afternoon
- Venue: UNESCO headquarters
- Programme:
 - Memorial lecture
 - Round Table
 - High Level policy panel
- WOD website:
<http://unesco.org/new/en/oceans-day>
- UNESCO published a Wide Angle article:
 - "Shin Tani: Understanding the oceans is much more than an academic exercise"
 - Available online at:
<https://en.unesco.org/news/shin-tani-understanding-oceans-much-more-academic-exercise>

World Oceans Day 2016

Welcome to the World Oceans Day Portal of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO!

The IOC is delighted to welcome you back to celebrate the 2016 edition of the United Nations World Oceans Day, held each year on 8 June. People all over the globe are celebrating in multiple events – big and small – to mobilize society and protect the ocean, its biodiversity and its resources.

This is your portal to tune into all that is happening worldwide around World Oceans Day. This 8 June, decision-makers, scientists, businesses, civil society advocates and youth are all connected in a big chain of events promoting a more sustainable, respectful relationship between humankind and our planet's crown jewel: the ocean.

The IOC has created this portal as a guide to this special celebration: a history of World Oceans Day, the programme of activities organized at UNESCO Headquarters and around the world, a press kit, event-planning resources and much more!

Now tell us: how will you celebrate World Oceans Day? Share your stories, pictures, videos – anything goes to show your enthusiasm! Tag your Facebook and Twitter posts #WorldOceansDay and get in on the worldwide festivities.

Good surfing!

Message from Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of World Oceans Day

Shin Tani: Understanding the oceans is much more than an academic exercise

2016 is the year when the world starts to implement the promises made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. UNESCO's message on World Oceans Day is clear – the ocean is essential to moving forward. A healthy ocean is a healthy planet, and a healthy planet is absolutely vital for the well-being of generations to come.

Full message: English | Français | Español | Pycckий | العربية | 中文

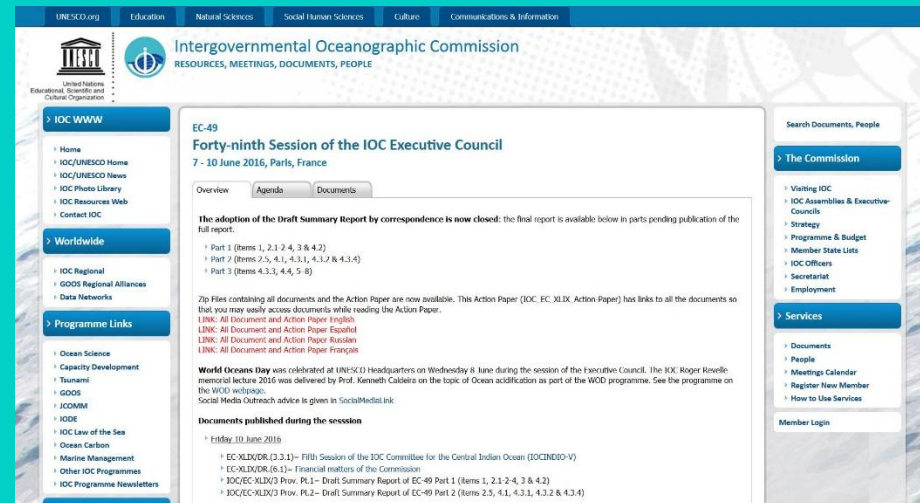
Previous editions: 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012

The 49th IOC Executive Council (EC49)

- Date: 7 - 10 June 2016
- Venue: UNESCO headquarters (Paris, France)
- **Agenda Item 4.4**
 - IOC Role in Support of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Project, State of Progress in the Associated Review

- Please visit our website.

<http://www.ioc-unesco.org/EC-49>



Other relevant update

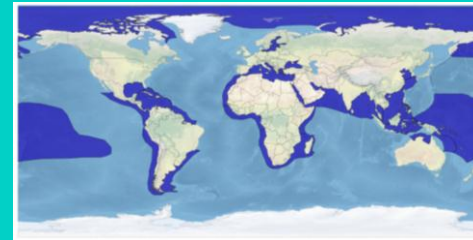
- **IOC Regional Committee for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO)**
 - 5th session of IOCINDIO, Chennai, India, 25–27 April 2016
 - The Regional Committee had not met since 2005
 - Adopted priority tasks and activities
 - 6th session to be held in Kuwait in 2017
- **The Second International Indian Ocean Expedition:IIOE-2**
 - IIOE-2 Implementation Strategy released on 4 December 2015
 - Formal launch of the IIOE-2 in Goa, India on 4 December 2015
 - IIOE-2 Joint Project Office (JPO) :Perth (Australia) & Hyderabad (India).
 - Further information: IIOE-2 website (<http://www.iioe-2.incois.gov.in/>)

Other relevant update

- IOC Contribution to Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
 - establish an intersessional working group to examine the possible contribution of the IOC to BBNJ
 - potential areas of IOC's contribution: marine scientific research, capacity development and transfer of marine technology, and data and information management
- Capacity Development
 - New capacity development website : <http://www.ioc-cd.org>
 - “**IOC Capacity Development Fund**” has been launched as a resource mobilization mechanism
 - The maximum budget of each proposal is set to \$100,000
 - Proposals are invited from the regional sub-commissions and committee and global programmes.

Other relevant update

- **Marine Spatial Planning Conference 2017**
(15-17 March 2017, Paris, UNESCO)
Organized by IOC and EC/DG Mare
 - Focus on data requirement to support MSP
- **Global Network of GEF Large Marine Ecosystems : LME:Learn**



- **IOC MS discussions on 'international decade (2020-2030) on ocean science for sustainable development of the ocean (next IOC Assembly)**
- **UN Conference on SDG 14 implementation (5-9 June 2017, NY, USA)**
- **IOC Assembly preparation (19-30 June 2017)**

Thank you!

Merci beaucoup!

¡Muchas Gracias!

