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News Release

VESSEL-CHECK: AN AQUATIC BIOSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL – GLOFOULING WEBINAR

**WOC Announces Webinar on Portal Providing Indicative Risk Assessment for Vessels:
10 June**

21 May 2020

The World Ocean Council (WOC) – the lead GloFouling Project Partner for engaging the global ocean business and investment community – invites interested parties to the GloFouling Webinar: “Vessel-Check: An Aquatic Biosecurity Risk Assessment Tool”, 10 June at 10:00 am (BST).

The webinars are part of the [GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project](#) which is working to better understand and tackle the multi-sectoral challenge of biofouling and its impacts on marine biodiversity and the Sustainable Blue Economy.

The presentation will describe the vessel risk assessment portal “Vessel-Check” which provides a comprehensive, transparent, consistent and science-based method to aid the maritime industry and governments in identifying actions that can as low as reasonably practicable mitigate the risk of vessels transferring invasive aquatic species across the world’s oceans.

The Vessel-Check portal aids in the early detection of vessel mediated biofouling and allows for more effective risk management options. The portal is also designed for vessel owners/operators to provide information to biosecurity management agencies. Vessel-Check has been developed by the government of Western Australia, in collaboration with DHI.

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

The webinar is open to all participants free of charge.

For more information, visit <https://www.glofouling.imo.org/webinars>.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

19 May, Online Webinar

International Union of Marine Insurers (IUMI) – WOC Briefing on the New U.N. Ocean Treaty: Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) (Speaker)

20 May, Online Webinar

Fishing For Data: Ocean Observations and Data Collection from Fishing Vessels (Speaker)

18 June, [17:00 CEST](#), Online Webinar

TRANSITION FORUM 2020: Time to Scale Up – Plenary IV Mobility (Speaker)

World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

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