



## News Release

# GLOFOULING PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR: MANAGING MARINE BIOINVASIONS IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS MARINE RESERVE

## World Ocean Council Invites Participation in Webinar “Developing Risk Assessments and Protocols for Prevention, Early Detection and Management of Marine Invasive Species in Galapagos Marine Reserve”

17 February 2021

The World Ocean Council (WOC) – the lead GloFouling Project Partner for engaging the wider ocean business and investment community – invites interested parties to the 15th webinar “Managing Marine Bioinvasion in the Galapagos Islands Marine Reserve”.

The Galapagos Islands are under threat from possible invasive aquatic species, given the connectivity that exists with the Eastern Tropical Pacific, the increase in tourism and associated marine traffic and the effect of extreme climatic events such as the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF), in collaboration with the Ecuadorian government and other partners, are developing risk assessments along with protocols for the prevention, early detection and management of marine invasive species in the Galapagos Marine Reserve.

Dr. Inti Keith of Charles Darwin Foundation from the Galapagos Islands, who leads the Marine Invasive Species Program and the Subtidal Ecological Monitoring Program, as well as being the science group coordinator for the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (ETPMC) initiative, will participate in the webinar.

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 February 2021

**Time:** 7:30am (PST), 10:30am (ECT), 3:30pm (GMT), 6:30pm (AST), 9:00pm (IST)

**For more information and to register, click [‘Managing Marine Bioinvasions in the Galapagos Islands Marine Reserve’](#)**

**The World Ocean Council (WOC) is the lead partner for engaging the ocean business and investment community in the 5-year GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project.** The WOC is working with industry and investment stakeholders to ensure that the collaboration and efforts of the GloFouling Partnerships Project will continue beyond the life of the project.

## UPCOMING WOC EVENT

**Global Blue Finance Summit (BlueFIN '21) – Dates to be determined**

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### Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

2-4 February, Online event

**Maritime India Summit** (Speaker)

3-8 February, Online event

**Middle East Transport & Logistics Expo Conference** (Speaker)

15 March, Online event

**Seafood and Fisheries Emerging Technologies (SAFET) webinar: “ Fishing vessels as platforms of opportunity”** (Keynote Speaker)

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

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