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GLOFOULING PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR: THE SPREAD OF MARINE DISEASES AND PATHOGENS AND THE LINK TO INVASIVE SPECIES

World Ocean Council Invites Participation in Webinar “The spread of marine diseases and pathogens and the link to invasive species”

13 April 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 18th webinar “**The spread of marine diseases and pathogens and the link to invasive species**”.

A number of factors are contributing to the increased spread of marine diseases with greater impacts. With greater movements of ships and goods worldwide and increases in aquaculture - one contributor is the potential spread of invasive species via biofouling. This seminar will outline some of the key routes, the potential risks to consider and mitigation to reduce impact.

The seminar will be presented by Sarah Culloty, Head of College, Science, Engineering and Food Science, University College Cork. Prof. Sarah Culloty has worked on shellfish pathology and diseases for over 25 years. Her work focuses on disease dynamics, epidemiology and understanding the drivers of disease development particularly in bivalve molluscs. In particular, she has worked on factors that facilitate disease transmission such as transmission routes and the potential ways that disease can be incidentally transmitted and then maintained in introduced areas.

Date: Friday, 16 April 2021

Time: 8:00am (CDT), 10:00am (ADT), 2:00pm (BST/WEST), 3:00pm (CEST), 9:00pm (AWST)

For more information and to register, [click](#)

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

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

30-31 March, Online event

Leveraging Partnerships for the Sustainable Development of Ocean Energy in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (Session Chair)

1 April, Online event

Greenlight Climate Festival: “Climate in International Affairs” (Panelist)

13-16 April, Online event

Island Finance Forum ‘21 (Partner)

15-16 April, Online event

Artificial Intelligence LA - Earth Summit: “Using Technology to Monitor and Protect Oceans and Coastal Communities” (panelist)

28-30 April, Online event

International Conference on Ocean Energy (ICOE): “The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: What is it and what does it mean for Marine Energy?” (Plenary Session Moderator)

18-19 May, Online event

Summ4Oceans - Blue Economy: an opportunity for sustainability and economical growth (Partner, Keynote Speaker)

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

The WOC is the international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology and investment.

WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US, UK and France.

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