



Report from the first meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Food from the Ocean

Date: 03/09/2020 10:00-12:00 CEST

Meeting chair: Jens Ambsdorf (Lighthouse Foundation, Germany)

Meeting facilitator: Ángel Muñoz Piniella (EMB, EU4Ocean Platform facilitator)

Participants: see annex 1

Meeting agenda: see annex 2

Main outcomes:

This first meeting of the Working Group served as a starting point for the WG members to find common ground, and start exploring ways of collaboration for a pan-European Ocean Literacy campaign.

The Working Group members generally agreed to explore an action/ communication on:

- Opportunities for sustainable transformation in the way the ocean is part of our food system(s).

The Working Group members agreed to gather together examples or stories (“putting faces to the story” i.e. human dimension) of truly **transformative** ways (in the holistic sense, e.g. including social, economic, cultural, and animal welfare components, considering the entire value chain from planning to consumer) of gathering food from the ocean, achieving true (or closer to) sustainability (i.e. holistic sustainability).

The Working Group members agreed to have an inventory with the following (draft) format:

Name/ project title	Type of food extractio n	Place/ country	Challeng e	(Transfo rmativ e) approac h	Status: achieve ments, obstacle s	Contact info	Links, videos, etc. for further informati on

These examples/ stories would come from different countries, cultural contexts, etc., but the narrative could be adapted to other contexts. The aim is to show pathways for real transformation towards sustainability, as defined by the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Working Group members also agreed to explore ways of gathering “opinions/ reactions” from the public on these examples/ stories (e.g. “I wouldn’t eat that”). This could help as a way to communicate possible pitfalls of new and unknown ocean food products.



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Background and summary of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Food from the Ocean first meeting

To operationalize the [EU4Ocean Platform](#), and bring its active group of organisations, initiatives and people closer together, three thematic Working Groups were established in September 2020. The themes of these Working Groups (WG) are Climate and Ocean, Food from the Ocean, and Healthy and Clean Ocean.

The first online meeting of the WG on Food from the Ocean, chaired and moderated by Jens Ambsdorf (WG chair), took place on 3 September 2020.

WG members received 2 questions in advance to target the discussions during the meeting:

- 1. What resources can you bring to a EU4Ocean pan-European campaign on Food from the Ocean?**
- 2. What theme within the Food from the Ocean topic you would like to focus on for a EU4Ocean pan-European campaign to be developed in the coming months?**

After a brief introduction by the WG Chair and EU4Ocean facilitators, the WG members briefly introduced themselves and the organisations/ initiatives they represent by stating what resources they could bring to a potential EU4Ocean pan-European Ocean Literacy campaign (first question). Thereafter, the WG members openly discussed the priorities and best outcomes of this WG and the activities that it could support. At the end of the meeting, the next steps of the WG and EU4Ocean Platform were presented.



Annex 1

EU4Ocean Platform members registered for the first meeting of the Working Group on Food from the Ocean

WG member	First Name	Last Name
Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Center for Polar and Marine Research	Gesche	Krausee
CETMAR	María	Pérez Rodríguez
CETMAR	ELENA	COÑAGO SÁNCHEZ
CSIC	Ana	Gómez
CSIC	Julio	Ferrer Camus
DGPM	Patrícia	Conceição
Ecologic Institute	Doris	Knoblauch
Ecologic Institute	Chiara	Mazzetti
European Marine Board	Sheila	Heymans
European Marine Board	Paula	Kellett
European Marine Board	Ángel	Muñiz Piniella
eellogic	Serge	Gomes da Silva
EurOcean	Cristina	Costa
FARNET Support Unit	Janne	Posti
Fondazione Acquario di Genova ONLUS	Antonio	Di Natale
Havhøst	Joachim	Hjerl
HCMR	Panayota	Koulouri
ICM-CSIC	Joan B.	Company
Institute of Marine Research - Spanish National Research Council (IIM-CSIC)	Gabriela	Ojeda-Romano
Lighthouse Foundation	Jens	Ambstdorf
Mr.Goodfish - NAUSICAA	Estelle	SOULET
Nausicaa, Centre National de la mer	Florence	Huron
Seascope Belgium	Andree-Anne	Marsan
Seascope Belgium	Francis	Strobbe
Seascope Belgium	Nathalie	Van Isacker
Sinerxia Plus Consultora	Nicolás Iván	Vaqueiro Gradín
Sinerxia Plus Consultora	Elena	Vázquez Portela
Sinerxia Plus Consultora	Héctor	Teijido Viña
Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn Napoli	Domenico	D'Alelio
The Seaweed Alliance	Fiona	Trappe

Annex 2

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Draft Agenda

09:50 – 10:00	<i>Log in by participants</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Welcome by WG Chair and EU4Ocean facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping rules (5 min) - <i>Ángel Muñiz Piniella</i> • Welcome words (5 min) – <i>Jens Ambsdorf, WG chair</i> • EU4Ocean communication (2 min) - <i>Chiara Mazzetti</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Today's discussions + Q&A – <i>Jens Ambsdorf, WG chair</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tour de table</i> : what resources can you bring to a EU4Ocean pan-European campaign on Food from the Ocean? (1 min Pax)
11:00 – 11:45	Discussion on theme within the Food from the Ocean topic for a EU4Ocean pan-European campaign – <i>moderated by Jens Ambsdorf, WG chair</i>
11:45 – 12:00	<p>Final remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-25 Sept. EU4Ocean workshop • Second WG meeting • EU4Ocean match-making, campaigns and activities
12:00	Close