

Webinar series

Monitoring, Control and Surveillance on the High Seas

Monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) is critical for the success of marine conservation and management, but effective MCS is especially challenging on the distant waters in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ). Member States at the United Nations (UN) are currently negotiating a new treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of high seas biodiversity and there is a growing interest in how MCS tools and policies can be applied to this vast global commons.

This two-part webinar series will discuss the opportunities presented by the ongoing negotiations and will provide insights into regional challenges and best practices in the Southeast Pacific.

1: Strengthening MCS through a High Seas Treaty

Tuesday 17 November 2020 – 16:00-17:30 CET

Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738794024>

The high seas treaty is expected to provide for the establishment of marine protected areas (MPAs) beyond national jurisdiction, but there are significant challenges for ensuring that such areas are truly protected through effective monitoring, control and surveillance. This webinar will explore how the ongoing negotiations can strengthen MCS and highlights how MCS can contribute to the implementation of the new instrument. In particular, speakers will illustrate how new technologies and data sharing can improve MCS and strengthen States capacity, share concrete proposals for the future international instrument, and provide insight into the current options being considered for MPA designation and implementation.

Chair

Glen Wright -Researcher, IDDRI

Speakers

- **Tony Long** - CEO, Global Fishing Watch
- **Klaudija Cremers** – Researcher, IDDRI
- **Sophie Mirgoux** - Belgian Special Envoy for the Ocean

English-speaking webinar, with simultaneous translation in Spanish on Zoom



2: Strengthening MCS in the Southeast Pacific

Thursday 19 November 2020 – 16:00-17:30 CET

Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87127462455>

The Southeast Pacific is a highly biodiverse region facing a range of threats. States in the region have often shown a keen interest in regional cooperation and coordination, which could contribute to effective MCS on the high seas. This webinar will provide insights into the state of play of MCS in the region, highlighting the legal, institutional and technological challenges and needs, and sharing some success stories.

Chair

Sebastián Treyer - Executive Director, IDDRI

Speakers

- **Sandra Bessudo** -Director, Fondation Malpelo [TBC]
- **Luis Alfaro Garfias** - Director General, Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Sanctions, Ministry of Production, Peru
- **Waldemar Coutts** - Ambassador of Chile to Norway and Iceland
- **Jeannette Sánchez** - Director, Division of the Natural Resources, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Klaudija Cremers** - Researcher, IDDRI

Spanish-speaking webinar, with simultaneous translation in English on Zoom

About STRONG High Seas

The STRONG High Seas project is a five-year project that aims to strengthen regional ocean governance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Working with the Secretariat of the Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS; Permanent Commission for the South Pacific) and the Secretariat of the West and Central Africa Regional Seas Programme (Abidjan Convention), the project will develop and propose targeted measures to support the coordinated development of integrated and ecosystem-based management approaches for ocean governance in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

The STRONG High Seas project has the following overarching objectives:

1. Facilitate the development of improved management approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction in the Southeast Pacific and Southeast Atlantic regions;
2. Identify best practices and provide support to regional institutions and national authorities for implementing existing regional instruments;
3. Develop options for regional governance in a future international instrument under UNCLOS and transfer regional lessons learned to the global level to promote ocean governance.

For more information about the STRONG High Seas project, please [visit the website](#) or contact: stronghighseas@iass-potsdam.de

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