



## Marine Social Science Network Newsletter December 2020

### Welcome to December's MarSocSci Newsletter!

And so, we find ourselves at the end of another year of MarSocSci! What a year it has been! As ever, #TeamMarSocSci have been incredibly busy over the last few weeks and months and this month's newsletter should point you in the direction of new publication, a call for papers from the MARE conference planned as a virtual event for June/ July 2021, links to the MarSocSci Australia online seminar series, as well as information about the January #MarSocSciBookClub!

2020 has been a very different and challenging year for all of us in a number of ways, and we hope that that you have found the MarSocSci community to be full of support and collaboration.

As we look to the forthcoming festive season, I am very much looking forward to catching up on December's #MarSocSciBookClub read (as I've not quite finished it in time for this month's chat). If anyone is looking for some inspiration for ocean themed reads over the holiday, I wholeheartedly recommend checking out our list of previous #MarSocSci reads. My favourites are 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Wynn and 'A Fish Caught in Time' by Samantha Weinberg - although, to be honest, I've enjoyed them all!

Finally, on behalf of all at #TeamMarSocSci HQ, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and engagement with the Marine Social Science Network, and to wish you and all of your loved ones a calm, happy and

## Emma (Chair of MarSocSci)



The MarSocSci Comms team thought that since many of us will be self-isolating, working from home, or having a more toned down holiday this year, we'd share some recommendations to help get you through! Check them out below.

**Jack**

I've found it nearly impossible to distract myself from the news (both horrible and hopeful) that is engulfing our social media feeds this holiday season. I've found solace in some mindless (but marine!) distractions including the Monterey Bay Aquarium's calming [live cams](#). They are constantly running a variety of cams from Sea otters to Kelp Forests. I've also found myself scrolling through the [OCEARCH shark tracking app](#) which allows you to track sharks across the Atlantic—each shark has a name and stats and the app has provided some much needed distraction. Finally, if you need a soundtrack for this season I highly suggest Dolly Parton's new christmas album, A Holly Dolly Christmas. It's not marine related but nothing beats Dolly.

**Emily**

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North Devon Biosphere and WWF. 6 beautiful episodes, 6 heartwarming stories linking land, sea and people, 30 minutes of gorgeous cinematography. Grab a hot chocolate and travel through North Devon on a Journey to the Sea.

### Holly

If you're feeling creative, you could try out some ocean-themed origami. You could fold a paper [fish](#), [whale](#) or [manta ray](#). There are tonnes of other marine life origami tutorials out there too - show us your creations on Twitter! @marsocsci

### Laura

I like to go a walk along the shore and look in all the rock pools. Being outdoors in the fresh air is a good way to shake off the cooped-up feeling and get some peace away from the stresses life has brought. Looking in the rock pools, I get to see some sea creatures in the confines of their little world as I explore within the restrictions of mine, and I never know what I'm going to see in each one.

### Chloe

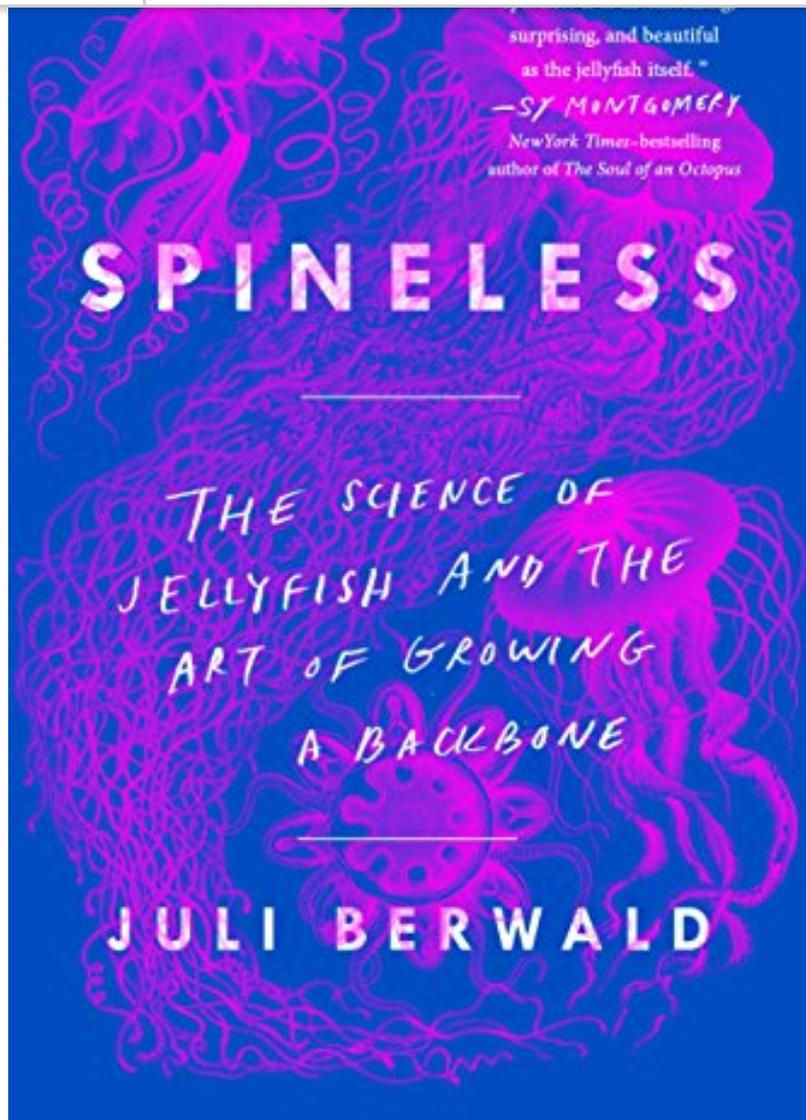
I love following the [Cornish Seal Sanctuary](#) on social media. Get to know the long-term residents, follow the pupdates as the babies recover in hospital and then watch video footage showing them being released back into the sea. Festivities at the sanctuary are always fun too - think mackerel Christmas pudding!

## Update from the MarSocSci Book Club!

Who's reading along with the #MarSocSciBookClub? Let us know how you're finding the books on Twitter (tag @marsocsci) and/or join us at the end of each month for a chat on Zoom.

Our January read is 'Spineless' by Juli Berwald

**Join us for our first #MarSocSciBookClub of 2021 on Zoom on January 28th 2021 at 5pm GMT.**



To join the monthly chat, [email info@marsocsci.net](mailto:info@marsocsci.net) beforehand to be sent the joining details and access code.

If you're not able to make this due to your timezone, please drop us an email at [info@marsocsci.net](mailto:info@marsocsci.net) to let us know where you are and we'll try to move the time for next month to accommodate more people.

## **MarSocSci Opportunities Jobs, Research, Tenders.....and more..**

### **Jobs**

Pew Charitable Trusts - Senior Officer, Human Dimensions, Conservation Science - More information [here](#)

Blue Ventures - Communications Coordinator - Deadline 3rd January 2021 - More information [here](#)

Orkney Islands Council - Graduate Marine Planner - Deadline 20th Dec 2020 - More

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**Post Docs, Research Positions and Funding**

London School of Economics - Dept. of Geography and Environment - LSE Fellow in Environment - Deadline 23rd Dec 2020 - More information [here](#)

The University of Edinburgh - Post-Doctoral Research Assistant on Rising from the Depths project - Deadline Jan 6th 2021 - More information [here](#)

Masters in Research Scholarship Programme - SmartBay Ireland with Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology - More information [here](#)

## MarSocSci Blog

### Change begets change: Using Theory of Change for improved post-2020 conservation

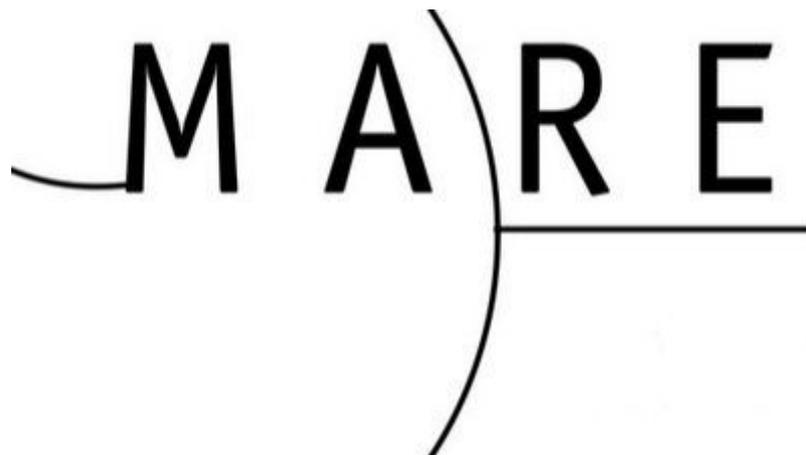
**Wayne Stanley Rice**, Interdisciplinary Environmental Scientists

Continued [global biodiversity loss](#) highlights the need to sustainably meet the needs of people to conserve biodiversity. This is the objective of the recently proposed [Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#). However, contextually inappropriate conservation interventions commonly prevent achieving this balance, and require more holistic, systematic and adaptive conservation planning and management. *Theory of Change* offers a useful tool.

This blog post is based upon research recently published in Conservation Science and Practice: Rice W. S., Sowman M. R., & Bavinck M. (2020). Using Theory of Change to improve post-2020 conservation: A proposed framework and recommendations for use. Conservation Science and Practice: e301.

DOI: [10.1111/csp2.301](https://doi.org/10.1111/csp2.301)

[Read the full blog post here](#)



**28th June - 2nd July 2021 - Online**

'Blue economy' and 'blue growth' have nowadays become popular concepts in marine policy. Notions on blue growth especially ask attention for new uses of the oceans, such as renewable energy (wind at sea), deep sea mining and deep-sea fishing but also aim at highlighting ecosystem services that have societal value (coastal protection, CO2 storage and biodiversity). The concept aims to reconcile two seemingly opposing uses of the oceans: exploitation and conservation, in the same way as was intended with the use of 'sustainable development'. The concept also seems to promise that there still is a new, not yet reached frontier for economic expansion. With the theme "Limits to Blue Growth?", MARE would like to contribute to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Key to this contribution is the fundamental social sciences question "Blue for who?", so who are the people of the blue economy? Who are winning and who are losing from the new developments? Who are making the decisions? Whose knowledge counts? And related to this, is a set of questions like for what, when, where and why? And with what relation to, and impact on sustainable development?

Call for papers and more information on session themes can be found [here](#)

**Upcoming events and conferences****2021**

**Mindful Conservation Conference.** January 4th-9th 2021. Registration and [more information here](#)

**Natural Resources Wales - Save the date - Marine and Coastal Webinar - 13th and 14th January 2021.** For more information, or if you wish to contribute to this event please contact: [marine.as@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:marine.as@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk).

**Coastal Futures/ REACH.** Save the Date – January 19th-21st 2021. Theme: Ocean Recovery. Programme and [more information here](#)

**Estuaries and Coastal Seas in the Anthropocene.** September 2021. Abstract submission deadline - April 2021. More [information here](#)

**ECSA 58 - EMECS 13: Estuaries and coastal seas in the Anthropocene – Structure, functions, services and management - 6-10 September 2021, Hull, UK - More information [here](#)**

**Our Coastal Futures 2020 - Future Earth Coast Open Science Conference - POSTPONED.** 17-21 October 2021. More information [here](#)

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Working Group - 28-30 October 2021, Florida, USA - More information [here](#)

**2020 Regional Studies Association Annual Conference - Transformations: Relational spaces beyond urban and rural**, Ljubljana, Slovenia - **POSTPONED to 2022** - More information [here](#)

### **Update from the Adaptive Capacity Thematic Group for MarSocSci**

Since August, the Adaptive Capacity group has been working hard! We are beginning a bibliography of adaptive capacity literature that will be made available to everyone. On December 14th, we had our first meeting to get to know the community and are looking forward to working together in 2021.

We have a working set of questions that we hope to discuss within the group. These questions pertain to: what “adaptation” is in different contexts, the intersections of individual and large scale adaptive response, isolating or responding cumulatively to threats, how the scale at which we define adaptive capacity matters, and identifying a shared goal to center our study of adaptive capacity. We welcome your ideas as well and hope to eventually build consensus or develop further questions around these initial thoughts. We hope you find interest in these subjects and want to join our group!

If you want to contact us about the group, you can email us on [AdaptiveCapacity.MarSocSci@gmail.com](mailto:AdaptiveCapacity.MarSocSci@gmail.com)



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Your blog post will feature on the MarSocSci website, be included in our newsletter and be promoted on our Twitter feed. Content written for the MarSocSci blog should be original and not published elsewhere.

We're looking forward to reading and sharing them!

## **MarSocSci in press - recent and interesting publications from across the community!**

Adapting Research Methodologies in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Resources for researchers. 2nd Edition, December (2020). Nippon Foundation Ocean Nexus. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Andrews, E. J., Pittman, J. and Armitage, D. R. (2020). Fish and Fisheries. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Biffi, D. et al. (2020). Mislabelling and high mercury content hampers the efforts of market-based seafood initiatives in Peru. Scientific Reports. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Hermoso, M. I. et al. (2020). Exploring diversity and engagement of divers in citizen science: Insights for marine management and conservation. Marine Policy. Retrieved from [Link](#)

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Perspectives from communities confronting change. *Global Environmental Change*. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Marschke, M. et al. (2020). COVID-19, instability and migrant fish workers in Asia. *Maritime Studies*. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Partelow, S. et al. (2020). Environmental governance theories: a review and application to coastal systems. *Ecology and Society*. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Reimer, J.M., Devillers, R., & Claudet, J. (2020). Benefits and gaps in area-based management tools for the ocean Sustainable Development Goal. *Nature Sustainability*. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Thomas-Walters, L. et al. (2020). Challenges in the impact evaluation of behaviour change interventions: The case of sea turtle meat and eggs in São Tomé. *People and Nature*. Retrieved from [Link](#)

Quimby, B. et al. (2020). Identifying, defining and exploring angling as urban subsistence: Pier fishing in Santa Barbara, California. *Marine Policy*, 104197. [Link](#)



We're recording #TeamMarSocSci webinars and seminars and sharing them via our YouTube channel.

If you missed the most recent MarSocSci Australia Online Seminar Series sessions, make sure you check them out right [here](#). You can hear Lyn Goldsworthy speak about conservation linked to The Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources from the September #MarSocSciAus session. Or if you want to know more about sportfishing and livelihoods in Papua New Guinea, you can watch the #MarSocSciAus session from Dr. Amy Diedrich.

You can also catch up on all of our MarSocSci Webinars and Seminar Series sessions that you might have missed from 2020 [here](#). Share with friends and colleagues and tag #TeamMarSocSci!

Useful websites and other links

**In Common Podcast Series** - The series explores the connections between humans, their environment and each other through stories told by scholars and

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Coastal Partnership Network Consultation Survey - [Access here](#)

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