



Marine Social Science Network Newsletter November 2020

Welcome to November's MarSocSci Newsletter!

Welcome to the penultimate MarSocSci Newsletter of 2020! What a year it has been!

This month's newsletter has SO much to tell you - new publications; job, research and PhD opportunities; a chance to respond to Ascension Island's MPA Management Plan consultation; a call for participants in a study about ocean connectedness; online training session on book writing and publishing; and of course, all you need to know about our forthcoming MarSocSci webinar and November's MarSocSci BookClub!

As always, if there is anything you would like us to include in the next newsletter or if you have any suggestions as to how we can further support the MarSocSci community, contact us on comms@marsocsci.net or through @MarSocSci on Twitter and Instagram.

Remember to tag us and use the #MarSocSci and #TeamMarSocSci hashtags!



50th Anniversary of the ECSA

To mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association, the ECSA will, in 2021, publish an edited volume provisionally titled: Challenges in Estuarine & Coastal Science.

The book will provide an opportunity for well-established researchers and practitioners to review the current state of one aspect of the field of estuarine and coastal sciences and reflect on future challenges and priorities. Abstracts for chapter contributions are invited.

Each contribution should address a subject of widespread general significance in estuarine, coastal or shelf science and/or related policy issues. Perspectives from particular biogeographic regions are welcome provided the focus is on matters of international significance.

Abstracts of a maximum of 350 words should be submitted via email to Prof John Humphreys at jhc@jhc.co by 18th December 2020. Find out more here.

Webinar on Book Writing and Publishing Palgrave MacMillan

Have you thought about writing a book but feel baffled by the publishing process?

Join Palgrave's Editorial Director for Social Sciences, Tamsine O'Riordan and Head of Science and Society, Rachael Ballard for a live webinar on Tuesday 1st December where they will walk you through the 5 steps to publishing.

The two sessions are free to attend and will include lively Q&As at the end. If you'd like to sign up please register by following this [link](#).



MarSocSci's Webinar Series

Dom Williamson, Caroline Hattam, Louisa Evans

3 December 2020

The GCRF project Coral Communities co-developed and piloted a sensory visual mixed-method that combined gift exchange, image and object elicitation, walking interviews and model coastscape creation together with elements of participatory video with coastal communities in Mauritius, and on Fundo Island, Zanzibar. This process took place in order to co-produce an understanding of the impacts of coral reef decline and to provide the communities with an opportunity to voice their concerns for their future in their own words. Outputs were shared with other communities both in person and through social media. The method proved effective in quickly gaining insights into the challenges faced by these communities and overcoming language barriers. It offered participants the opportunity to reflect and learn from their experiences and created a platform for them to express their concerns. The challenge now is to turn these insights into effective actions that can support these communities to build resilience to their changing environment.

In December we will share the work with you and ask you to bring an object from the sea that means something to you (don't forget!). The objects will help enable an exchange between us and generate discussion around the method.

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3b7lhtx>

We will be recording all of our webinars and making them available on the MarSocSci [YouTube Channel](#).

If you would like to put forward a topic for a future webinar, send us an email at info@marsocsci.net

Call for Reviewers for the Sustainable Management of Marine Resources Proposals

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) are seeking interest from those of you who would like to be involved in reviewing proposals to be submitted to the UK Research and Innovation, Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources Programme.

Through this programme, UK Research & Innovation will fund up to six £1.5m interdisciplinary research projects that bring social and economic researchers together with marine scientists to address key strategic policy challenges. Unfortunately there is no payment for reviewers; however, we hope this will provide an opportunity to gain an insight into the development of this interdisciplinary community and the current status of

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If you would be interested in putting your name forward as a potential reviewer, please email smmr@nerc.ukri.org using SMMR Review in the subject line and stating your name, institution and area of expertise in the contents of the email. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

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

Jobs

University of Rhode Island, **Director, Rhode Island Sea Grant Program**. [More info here](#)

The Pew Charitable Trusts. **Officer, Ending Illegal Fishing, International Fisheries**. [More info here.](#)

Salmon Watersheds Lab, **Research Position to Study Perceptions of Environmental Risk Pathways to Salmon Waterways**, Application Deadline - 1 December 2020. [More info here](#)

Marine Conservation Society, **Public Affairs Advisor (Wales)** [More info here](#)

PhDs

University of Exeter (NERC GW4+ DTP): **Assessing the ecological value of, and threats to marine protected areas in the Isles of Scilly**. Application Deadline - 8 January 2021. [More info here](#)

Aberdeen University (QUADRAT DTP): **Understanding social values on low carbon sub-surface technologies in Scotland and Northern Ireland**. Application Deadline - 18 January 2021. [More info here](#)

Post Docs, Research Positions and Funding

Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW): **Postdoctoral Researcher - Climate Change and Governance in Indonesia and the Caribbean**. Application deadline - 4 December 2020. [More info here](#)

Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment: **Postdoctoral Fellowship - Social and Cultural Aspects of Fisheries**. Application deadline - 30 November 2020. [More info here](#)

Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment / WWF: **Postdoctoral Fellowship - Small Scale Fisheries**. Application deadline - 30 November 2020. [More info here](#)

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This research is part of an undergraduate dissertation at Cardiff University that aims to understand how people's connections to the coast can help inform policy and promote engagement in citizen science / volunteer projects.

The questionnaire investigates how connected you are to the coastal environment and your understanding of current marine protection. It takes approximately 10 – 15 minutes to complete, so if you are 18 years or over and a UK resident, I would love to hear from you!

Here is the link to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/PBYF5t7nZpN9gghS8>

For any further information about the study, please contact ElgieE@cardiff.ac.uk

Blogs from #TeamMarSocSci

Five organizational features that enable successful interdisciplinary marine research

Jessica Blythe and Chris Cvitanovic

The unique challenges presented by the Anthropocene to marine socio-ecological systems necessitate new approaches of knowledge production that are capable of integrating scientific disciplines to develop solutions that are desirable, equitable, and viable. Despite increasing rhetorical support for interdisciplinary marine research, however, significant challenges associated with doing interdisciplinary research persist, and undermine progress towards tackling and navigating the complex challenges faced by marine social-ecological systems. While a growing body of literature has sought to identify strategies for overcoming the documented barriers to building capacity for interdisciplinary research at the individual level, there is very little empirically derived guidance for how to build institutional capacity and structures that support interdisciplinary research, particularly for research organizations focused on developing solutions to marine sustainability challenges. To address this gap, in our [new open access study published in *Frontiers in Marine Science*](#), we undertake an in-depth evaluation of the Centre for Marine Socioecology (from herein CMS) in Tasmania, Australia, which brings together disciplinary expertise in physics, law, economics, biology, sociology and governance to solve the grand challenges facing the world's coastal and marine environments. We elucidated the key perspectives of CMS members across all disciplines and career stages (PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, mid-level and senior academics, and the leadership team) and in doing so identified five key organizational features that enable successful interdisciplinary marine research.

For more information, [check out the full blog here.](#)

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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.

November's chat will be happening at 5pm GMT on Wednesday November 25th!

Here's what we have lined up for the next few months...

MARSOCSCI BOOK CLUB
NEW PICKS!

OCTOBER
THE SOUND OF WAVES
YUKIO MISHIMA

NOVEMBER
A FISH CAUGHT IN TIME
SAMANTHA WEINBERG

DECEMBER
THE SHIPPING NEWS
ANNIE PROULX

JANUARY
SPINELESS: THE SCIENCE OF JELLYFISH AND THE ART OF GROWING A BACKBONE
JULI BERWALD

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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 to let us know where you are and we'll try to move the time for next month to accommodate more people.



Join the movement! Applying Behavioral Science to Environmental Solutions

Conservation just took a transformative step in protecting the planet. Members of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) just passed motion 78, Promoting Conservation Through Behavior-Centered Solutions. Led by Rare and 27 other organizations, the motion calls on conservationists to address environmental challenges as behavioral challenges and to employ Behavior-Centered Design within initiatives.

Want to learn how you can apply behavioral insights to improve your environmental programs? Rare's Center for Behavior and the Environment is hosting a virtual training on December 2 & 3 to give you and your organization the tools to embed Behavior-Centered Design (BCD) in your work. Our experts will share behavioral science principles and spend meaningful time with participants practicing and applying the insights to a real-world conservation problem. With these tools, you can be part of the growing movement to use BCD to drive sustainable change.

Remember, for every one person registered from your organization, a second person can attend for half off!

[Register here](#)

Upcoming events and conferences

"Blue Criminology: Rethinking crime at sea" - November 25th 2020 [Register here](#)

Webinar: 'Cleaning your beach and enjoying it too'. Thursday, 3rd December 2020, 7pm (UK). Join via [Zoom](#)

Behavior-Centered Design for the Environment Virtual Training. Rare. December 2nd-3rd 2020. Register by November 25th 2020. [More info here](#)

Human Health and the Ocean in a Changing World - 2-4 December 2020, Monaco -

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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.

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](#)

CONSMARK 2021 - organised by SCB Conservation Marketing and Engagement 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](#)

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. In early December, we hope to begin a journal club where we can discuss adaptive capacity with guest speakers and begin to network. 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 are interested in the Adaptive Capacity Thematic Group, please fill out this short survey:

<https://forms.gle/DWZ3tVnn1mvHs1HG6>

We promise we will not use this information for anything other than to keep you informed

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If you want to contact us about the group, you can email us on AdaptiveCapacity.MarSocSci@gmail.com



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- Community Action

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We're looking for guest bloggers for the brand new MarSocSci blog.

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Interested? Please send 600-800 words plus a 100-word biography to info@marsocsci.net. Include 2 or 3 in-text photos plus an author photo to accompany the biography – and don't forget to provide photo credits.

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!

Ansong, J.O., McElduff, L., Ritchie, H. (2020) Institutional Integration in transboundary

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Bennett, N., Ban, N., Schuhbauer, A., Splichalova, D.-V., Eadie, M., Vandeborne, K., McIsaac, J., Angel, E., Charleson, J., Harper, S., Sutcliffe, T., Gavenus, E., Sumaila, R. & Satterfield T. (2020) Fishing for a future: Understanding access issues and wellbeing among independent fish harvesters in British Columbia, Canada. *Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, University of British Columbia*. [Link](#)

Calderwood J., Pedreschi D., Reid D.G. (2020) Technical and tactical measures to reduce unwanted catches in mixed fisheries: Do the opinions of Irish fishers align with management advice? *Marine Policy*. [Link](#)

Oceans (2020) *Environment and Society*. Volume 11: Issue 1 [Link](#)

Fudge M., Ogier E., Alexander K.A. (2020) Emerging functions of the wellbeing concept in regional development scholarship: A review. *Environmental Science & Policy*. [Link](#)

Richardson M., Dobson J., Abson D.J., Lumber R., Hunt A., Young R. & Moorhouse B. (2020) Applying the pathways to nature connectedness at a societal scale: a leverage points perspective. *Ecosystems and People*. [Link](#)

Turner, P. et al. (2020). Memorializing the Middle Passage on the Atlantic seabed in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. *Marine Policy*. [Link](#)

Witbooi, E., Ali, K.D., Santosa, M.A. et al. (2020) Organized crime in the fisheries sector threatens a sustainable ocean economy. *Nature*. [Link](#)



Public Consultation launched for Ascension Island's MPA Management Plan

An opportunity to review the report and [management plan](#) documents, and provide comments on the Ascension Island MPA Management Plan as part of the public consultation.

Comments due by December 18th 2020. For more information, click [here](#).

Useful websites and other links

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Emerging digital tools for marine and freshwater conservation. As we progress through the digital revolution and enter the age of big data, this opens up new opportunities for water-based research. New research led by an international team discusses the pros and cons of digital tech. Join the discussion [here](#).



The Fathom Podcast is a podcast for fisherman and the fishing industry. Join the team in their latest episode as they discuss financial resilience in fishing communities. You can catch the latest and past episodes on the Cornish Fish Producers Organisation website [here](#).



Ocean literacy key to progress for a sustainable ocean is the headline from the second Ocean Sustainability Bergen Conference. In November, the second OSB conference took place as a hybrid conference with live broadcasts and contributions of scientists around the globe. Read more about what was discussed [here](#).

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Save Nature Please. Human behaviour - including how we interact with nature - is complex, influenced by many different social, economic and cultural factors unique to individuals, communities and nations. To make the fundamentals of behavioural science as accessible as possible for organisations, teams and individuals seeking to drive positive change, WWF has produced a new practical framework, *Save Nature Please*, designed to support more effective interventions - from global communications and campaigns to citizen and community engagement. Find out more [here](#).



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

Catch up on anything you've missed [here](#) and share with friends and colleagues!

Get in touch!

If you have a publication, event or job advert that you would like to promote, or an idea for a blog post, drop us an email at comms@marsocsci.net!

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