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# ABOUT THE OCEAN & CLIMATE PLATFORM

## INTRODUCTION

As both a carbon sink and a heat reservoir, the ocean plays a key role in regulating the climate and provides adaptation and mitigation solutions. However, climate change has a major impact on the ocean, its ecosystems, maritime activities and coastal populations. Despite its essential role, the ocean has long been absent from the climate negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

In light of this observation, an international and coordinated mobilisation of the scientific community and civil society has emerged around ocean and climate issues in the run-up to COP21. The Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) was created on the occasion of World Ocean Day, 8 June 2014, with the support of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), with the aim of including the ocean into the Paris Agreement.

## OBJECTIVES



**Mobilisation**  
*Network animation*



**Science**  
*Knowledge dissemination*



**Advocacy**  
*International and national mobilisation*

## AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF OCEAN EXPERTS

The Ocean & Climate Platform's mission is to promote reflection and exchange between the scientific community, civil society and political decision-makers. Bringing together more than 100 organisations worldwide - research institutes, NGOs, foundations, centres of scientific culture, companies and local authorities - it promotes scientific knowledge and solutions based on the ocean in the fight against climate change. As a leading organisation in the ocean-climate community, it has observer status in the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Biodiversity (CBD) and participates in the governmental review of the IPCC reports.

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

## MOBILISING AND COORDINATING THE NETWORK

### IN 2024, THE NETWORK KEPT GROWING!

In 2024, the Ocean & Climate Platform (POC) welcomed nine new organizations into its network: Coral Guardian, Fondation Jacques Rougerie, Mirova, Fauna & Flora International, Island Conservation, Peruvian Society for Environmental Law, Région Sud - PACA, Sea Orbiter, and the International University of the Sea (UIM).



### THE OCP CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Ocean & Climate Platform celebrated its 10th anniversary on July 4, 2024, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, in partnership with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO). A highlight of the year, this anniversary marked a symbolic milestone in the life of the Platform and its network. Over one hundred participants—including representatives from 80 member organizations, donors, and partners—gathered for a day of celebration, reflection, and dialogue. Through moments of exchange, testimonials, and forward-looking discussions, the event traced ten years of collective commitment to the ocean, while outlining the network's strategic direction toward 2030. A moment of shared pride and inspiration, the day also strengthened connections among members. The celebration concluded with a friendly reception, during which a 10-year retrospective video of the OCP and two short films showcasing member voices and visions for the network were unveiled.



# THE RENDEZ-VOUS OCÉAN & CLIMAT AND THE ORGANISATION OF THEMATIC MEETINGS

Throughout 2024, the Platform strengthened its role as a network facilitator by creating spaces for exchange, strategic thinking, and knowledge-sharing. Using a variety of engaging formats, it fostered active involvement of members in the association's activities and encouraged the sharing of expertise on ocean-climate-biodiversity issues.

As part of this dynamic, the POC dedicated its 2024 Ocean & Climate Gathering to a key marine biodiversity issue: coral reefs. On September 25th, at the Académie du Climat, around sixty participants convened around the question: "What future for coral reefs?" Moderated by Anaïs Deprez (OCP), the roundtable featured Caroline Donge (France Nature Environnement), Julie Tourolle (Ifremer), Florina Jacob (Coral Guardian), Pascale Joannot (IFRECOR), and Victor Brun (OCP). The discussions led to the joint publication of the article "[Protecting Coral Reefs: A Critical Challenge for the Future](#)" available (in french) on the OCP [blog Le Monde](#).



Several thematic meetings were held during the year to involve members in the Platform's key strategic initiatives:

- On September 10, an information session on marine geoengineering (mCDR) helped clarify the stakes of this emerging technology and initiate a common position.
- On September 19, the "POCCOM" meeting, gathering communicators from member organisations, helped prepare the publication "Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Face of Climate Change."
- On October 10, a session held in English ahead of COP16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity allowed for sharing key issues and enhancing coordination on upcoming actions.

**To strengthen network cohesion**, the OCP also organised informal gatherings: a member breakfast on March 6th at the Maison de l'Océan in Paris, with over 40 participants, and a networking event on April 10th in Barcelona, held alongside the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science Conference, in partnership with The Ocean Foundation.

# MAIN COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES

In 2024, the Platform implemented an ambitious communication strategy, combining clarity, accessibility, and collective engagement. The year's efforts focused on three main pillars: evolving dissemination formats, highlighting international milestones, and increasing its presence on social media.

## **A redesigned newsletter, closer to the network**

In April, the OCP launched a new monthly newsletter format, highlighting news from both the secretariat and its members. Published in French (7,898 subscribers) and English (5,066 subscribers), the 10 editions helped strengthen ties within the network and expanded reach through LinkedIn (over 21,000 followers). In parallel, about ten thematic newsletters spotlighted the Platform's presence at major international events (Monaco Ocean Week, COP16, COP29...) and tracked preparations for the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC).

## **Editorial content serving knowledge and advocacy**

The OCP continued its efforts to make ocean-climate-biodiversity issues accessible through its website and blog *Le Monde*. It published 3 blog posts, 16 website articles, and a policy op-ed co-signed by 50 organisations. These publications covered major topics such as coral reef protection, the impacts of climate change on fisheries, and ocean-climate-biodiversity issues in international negotiations (COP16 and COP29).

## **A strong and engaged digital presence**

In 2024, the Platform intensified its activity on social media, particularly on LinkedIn, with over 210 posts (439,743 impressions), making it its main communication channel. While beginning a transition to Bluesky, the Platform has maintained its presence on Twitter/X (12,320 followers) and continues to explore new formats on Instagram (3,150 followers), especially through educational visuals and videos.

# SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

## **ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENCE DIVISIONS, DRIVEN BY THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

### **Roadmap**

Following the recruitment of a scientific coordinator in April 2024, a roadmap for the Science Division (2024–2025) was developed by the OCP team. It outlines the strategic directions and resources implemented for the year.

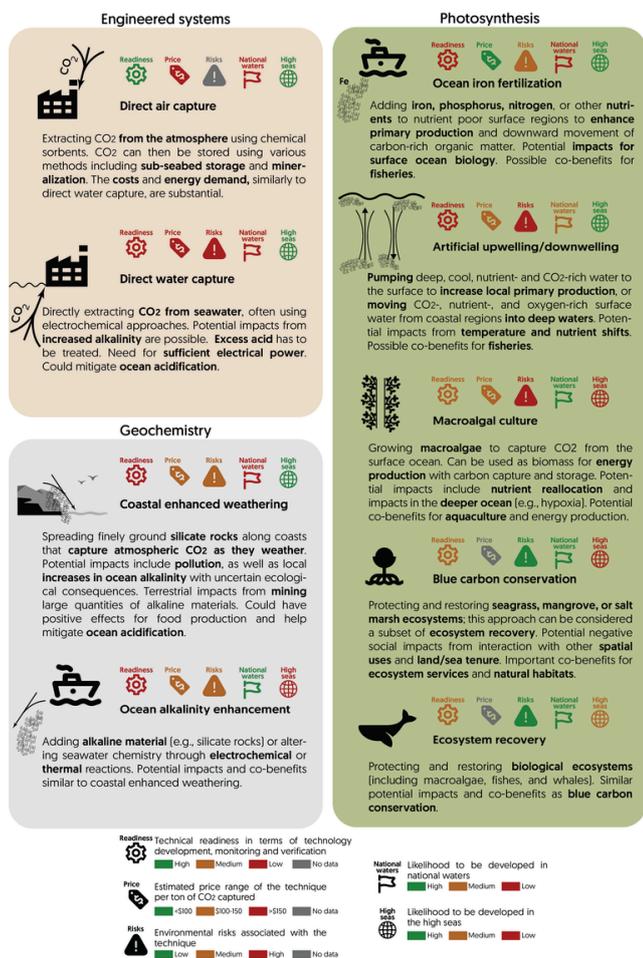
### **Scientific Committee meetings**

In 2024, two meetings were held with the Scientific Committee: the March meeting, focused on

planning scientific activities and launching a workshop series on marine geoengineering; and the September meeting, centered on presenting the visioning exercise conducted between 2024 and 2025 in preparation for UNOC 3.

### Engaging the Scientific Committee and network on marine Carbon Dioxide Removal

Following a consultation conducted among members in 2023, the OCP Secretariat identified marine geoengineering as a priority issue. In response, it was decided to mobilise both the Scientific Committee and network members around this topic.



Accordingly, two workshops were organised on this theme. The first, held on June 25, 2024, with the Scientific Committee and invited experts, laid the scientific groundwork for the debate by addressing the ecological and social risks associated with these techniques, as well as ethical and governance questions. A second workshop, held on September 10, 2024, broadened the discussion to include OCP members, building on the points raised by experts in the first session. In parallel, a literature review was developed to deepen understanding of this crucial topic. A detailed summary—based on the literature review and key messages from the workshops, presenting the various techniques, governance frameworks, and ongoing debates—was sent to participants.

### Visioning project

As part of the mandate entrusted to OCP to mobilise civil society in preparation for UNOC 3, the OCP Science Division launched a visioning project for 2024–2025 in collaboration with CNRS and Friends of Ocean Action, and with support from Dona Bertarelli Philanthropy. The project aims to develop a collective civil society vision of a desirable future for the ocean, with the goal of inspiring transformative change.



As part of this, a broad consultation with civil society was conducted from October to December 2024 to identify innovative ideas or projects that, if scaled up, could lead to transformative changes. An article detailing this campaign, titled *An Ocean of Possibility: A Call to Imagine the Ocean's Future*, along with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section, was published on the OCP website. The identified projects then served as a starting point to build elaborated visions of a sustainable future.

In addition, a series of interviews with key stakeholders from the OCP network helped enrich the visioning process.

### **Scientific monitoring and promoting the Scientific Committee**

At the same time, the OCP Science Division produced two scientific briefs:

- One reflecting on extending SDG framework by 2050, in support of the visioning effort for UNOC 3;
- Another on redefining the sustainability of fisheries, based on an article co-authored by three members of the Scientific Committee.

Biweekly scientific updates ensured ongoing monitoring, including a section dedicated to new scientific publications.

Finally, the expertise of the Scientific Committee was promoted through regular contributions to OCP's monthly newsletters (recent articles, scientific events, publications, etc.).

## **THEMATIC CYCLE: "FISHING AND AQUACULTURE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE"**

As part of its 2024–2025 knowledge dissemination roadmap, the OCP has launched a thematic cycle focusing on the challenges faced by the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the context of climate change.

### **Publication of the Synthesis**

On 15 October, 2024, the OCP published the synthesis report titled "Fishing and Aquaculture in a Changing Climate: Challenges and Perspectives." Targeted at policymakers, this publication—co-authored with scientists and experts of science communication—presents the main findings of major scientific reports (IPCC, IPBES, FAO, WOA2) and highlights the impacts of climate change on these sectors, while also proposing adaptation solutions. Two key infographics illustrate the vulnerabilities of ecosystems and societies, as well as measures to strengthen their resilience to climate change.

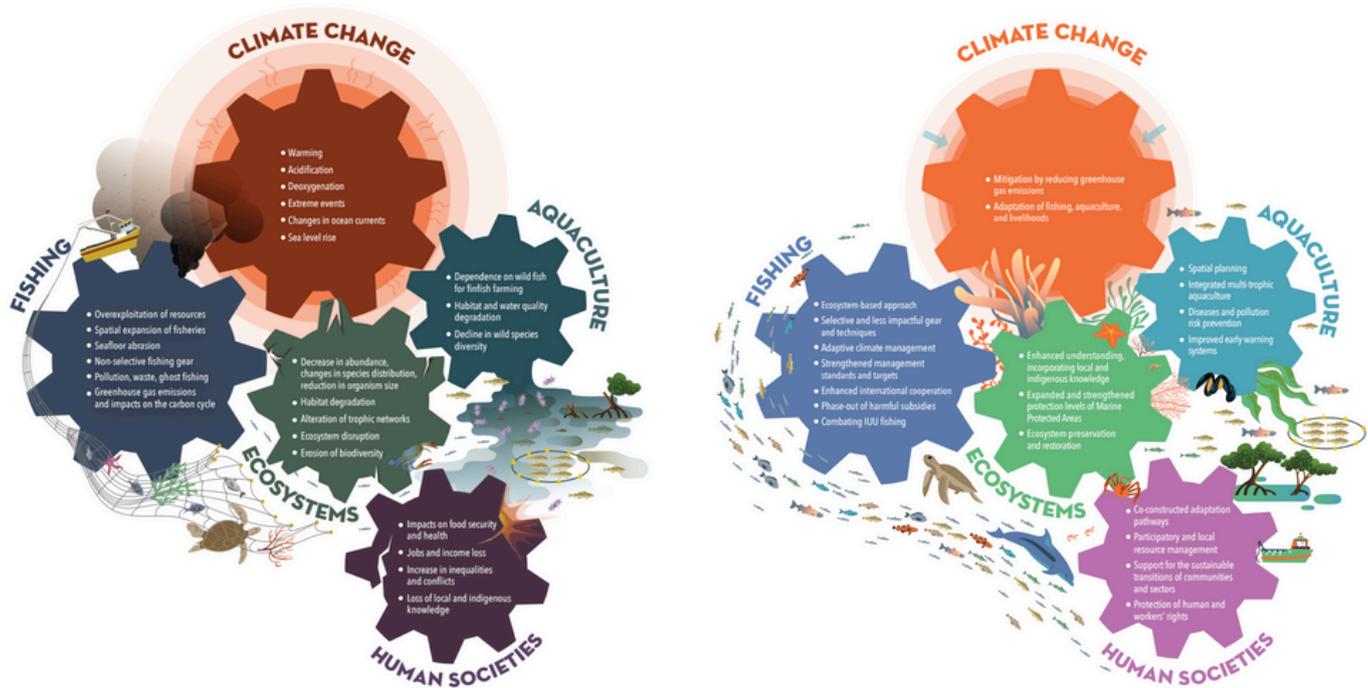
### **Animation of the Thematic Cycle**

The publication was coordinated by the Secretariat with support from the Knowledge Dissemination working group, composed of 13 scientific and science communication experts. This group guided the strategic direction and reviewed the documents over four meetings and numerous email exchanges. A thematic working group, including 17 representatives from OCP

member organisations, was also established and contributed to the production and dissemination of the publication through meetings and a shared collaborative folder.

Fishing and aquaculture practices greatly destabilise ecosystems, undermining these activities and the populations that rely on them. Climate change further exacerbates these impacts, making the fishing and aquaculture sectors even more vulnerable.

Collectively defining a sustainable and desirable future for fishing and aquaculture is essential to mitigate climate change and strengthen the resilience of ecosystems and human societies.



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### Partnerships and Outreach

A partnership with TILT (an awareness-raising programme led by the Agence française de développement) supported the creation of a compelling video titled “2100: An Ocean Without Fish?” enriched by the OCP contributions. This video—structured as a dialogue between influencer Manon Brill and Didier Gascuel, a member of the OCP’s Scientific Committee—has already surpassed 26,000 views on YouTube as of 22 January, 2025.

### Events and Presentations

The synthesis was presented at several key events, including:

- A workshop on fisheries and blue food organised by the Portuguese Committee for the Decade of Ocean Science on December 4, 2024.
- A webinar for middle and high school teachers on 28 November, 2024, in partnership with the Agence française de développement.

# INITIATIVES AIMED AT THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

As part of its mission to raise awareness, the OCP has stepped up its actions with the general public and academics to address the vital issues between the ocean, climate and biodiversity.

## Actions aimed at schoolchildren and students

In 2024, the POC gave a number of courses and presentations designed to raise awareness of ocean and climate issues among the younger generation:

- Sciences Po Paris (30 April 2024): Master's course 'Ocean and Climate'.
- Lycée Champollion in Grenoble (23 May 2024): Introduction to the ocean-climate-biodiversity system.
- Sciences Po Lille, (26 November 2024): Master 2 seminar, 'Biodiversity issues', with a focus on marine food systems and biodiversity.
- Primary school of Champagnier (13 December 2024): Introduction to the ocean-climate-biodiversity system as part of the Children's Parliament.
- PSL University (19 December 2024): Licence course (L3) 'The Ocean in all its dimensions'.

## Other events and partnerships

The OCP also played a key role in public events to reach diverse audiences:

- As a partner in the 'La mer en débat' webinar series organised by the Commission Nationale du Débat Public (CNDP), the OCP enabled network members to share their expertise on maritime planning.
- On 30 September 2024, at the 'Ocean and sustainable blue economy' webinar organised by the *Centre Français des Fonds et Fondations*, the OCP raised awareness among philanthropists of the crucial issues involved in protecting the ocean.

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

### COORDINATION OF THE FRANCE OCEAN COMMITTEE (CFO)

#### Political Context

In 2024, the Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) continued to coordinate the France Ocean Committee (CFO), in collaboration with the Ministry for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, the Sea and Fisheries (MTEBFMP), its Water and Biodiversity Directorate (DEB), and the General Secretariat for the Sea (SGMER). Established in 2018, the CFO aims to strengthen dialogue between the State, its public agencies, and marine environmental protection organisations. Despite a political context marked by government changes, the OCP maintained a

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Regular meetings of the Steering Committee (COFIL), composed of coordinating actors, representatives of public agencies, and NGOs, helped to establish a roadmap based on strategic priorities, with a particular focus on stakeholder engagement, inclusive decision-making, and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. In 2024, no Interministerial Committee for the Sea (CIMER) was held to examine the CFO's proposals, nor was a full plenary session of the CFO convened, due to governmental instability.

Nevertheless, the CFO Secretariat worked to strengthen the promotion of CFO recommendations, reinforce connections with public administrations, and improve the monitoring of these recommendations.

## Working groups of the Committee

### **Working Group on Abandoned, Lost, or Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG)**

The working group on abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) finalised a report containing 24 proposals resulting from 15 hearing sessions. It brought together the DEB, SGMER, OCP, LPO, Maritime Cooperation (representing the CNC and CNPMM), Expédition MED, SOS Mal de Seine, WWF, and T2A Expédition.

### **Working Group on Training for Decision-Makers**

A dedicated working group focused on raising awareness among local decision-makers—particularly members of the prefectural corps—about marine environmental issues gathered DEB, SGMER, OCP, OFB, the French Committee of IUCN, France Nature Environnement, and Litt'Océan. After establishing a roadmap, the group conducted several hearings in 2024 and will continue its work in 2025, targeting departmental and regional prefects, as well as the National Institute of Public Service (INSP).

### **Working Group on the National Strategy for the Sea and Coastline (SNML)**

The OCP actively contributed to the development of the National Strategy for the Sea and Coastline 2 (SNML2) by participating in the National Council for the Sea and Coastline (CNML), where it promoted the conclusions of the CFO's 2023 work on the strategy. It played a key role in developing monitoring and implementation indicators for the SNML2, which was a major focus of the CNML in 2024.

## Information meetings of the Committee



To ensure that the CFO remains a key forum for access to information, the DEB, SGMER, and OCP organised several ad hoc meetings in 2024:

- January: Presentation meeting on the national strategy to combat IUU (Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated) fishing.
- April: Science-policy dialogue held in Marseille to discuss innovative tools for marine biodiversity protection, on the occasion of the Tara schooner's stopover.
- May: Information meeting on the Year of the Ocean.
- July: Information meeting on the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference.

## OCP ADVOCACY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN FRANCE

### Campaign on the protection levels of marine protected areas

In preparation for the United Nations Ocean Conference, scheduled to take place in Nice in 2025, the OCP continued its campaign to strengthen the protection levels of French marine protected areas. It mobilised civil society stakeholders—both within its network and beyond—around the goal of securing France's commitment to achieving 10% strict protection of its maritime areas, in line with the European Commission's recommendation. Primarily aimed at French decision-makers, the campaign was based on institutional advocacy carried out at all levels, supported by a targeted communication strategy.

### Public Debate “The Sea in Debate”

In 2024, the Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) was fully engaged in the national public debate “La Mer en débat”, organized under the auspices of the French National Commission for Public Debate (CNDP) as part of the maritime planning process. Through this involvement, the OCP reaffirmed its role as a scientific mediator, a voice for civil society, and an advocate for integrating ocean-climate-biodiversity issues into French public policy.

As an official partner of the CNDP and the National Museum of Natural History, the OCP co-hosted a webinar series entitled “*Tuesdays of La Mer en débat*”, focusing on key themes such as the good environmental status of the sea, ocean-climate interactions, offshore wind energy development, maritime governance, wind farm grid connections, marine biodiversity, and the future of the fishing sector.



Drawing on its expertise, the OCP actively contributed to enriching the debate and raising awareness of ocean-climate-biodiversity challenges among both the general public and policymakers. It notably published a position paper advocating for integrated coastal and marine management, in support of the good ecological status of marine environments and carbon neutrality. At the close of the debate, it also produced an analytical article summarising the main insights drawn from the government's decision.

## Comitology

### National Coastal Risk Management Committee (CNTC)

In 2024, the Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) continued its advocacy work on sea level rise adaptation through its participation in the National Coastal Risk Management Committee (CNTC) and its associations' college. This year, the CNTC was tasked with issuing recommendations on the funding mechanisms for coastal erosion adaptation. In addition to oral contributions during the sessions, the OCP took part in the Committee's work on funding options outlined in the IGEDD/IGA report, for which the inspectors had previously heard the OCP. It also expressed support for the proposed "municipalities list decree." Moreover, the OCP submitted its proposals on financing coastal adaptation to sea level rise to the relevant State departments and the CNTC Chair, Ms. Sophie Panonacle, ahead of the finalization of the official recommendations.

### National IFRECOR Committee

Recently appointed as a member of the National Committee of the French Coral Reef Initiative (IFRECOR), the Ocean & Climate Platform began actively contributing to this body's work in 2024. It participated in several key meetings during the year, including the IFRECOR Award Ceremony on April 9 and the annual national committee meeting held from November 19 to 21. These initial engagements allowed the OCP to familiarize itself with the Committee's working dynamics and to prepare its future contributions to coral reef and associated ecosystem conservation policies.

## Support to national initiatives

### French Committee of IUCN

The OCP actively contributed to the work of the “Sea and Coast” working group of the French Committee of IUCN, as well as to its expert group on marine protected areas. In this capacity, it represented its network and shared updates from the France Ocean Committee. The OCP notably took part in the working group’s meetings—chaired successively by Frédérick Herpers and then Céline Liret—held on January 23, April 22, July 10, October 10, and November 7, 2024.

### Convention of Companies for the Ocean and Climate (CEC Ocean)

The Ocean & Climate Platform was invited by RespectOcean, the Fondation de la Mer, the French Maritime Cluster, and the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture (DGAMPA) to join the Support Committee of the CEC Ocean, in view of its launch during the Year of the Sea and the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in 2025. As part of this initiative, the OCP participated in the stakeholder and issue mapping workshop at the start of the process and actively contributed to the work of the Support Committee. It also mobilized its network to encourage the involvement of business leaders in the initiative.

## INTERNATIONAL ANCHORING WITH THE CLIMATE CONVENTION

The OCP has played a key role in mobilising non-state actors to promote ocean-based solutions and to support its institutionalisation within UNFCCC processes. Once again this year, the OCP served as a driving force to bring the voice of the ocean to UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

## Civil society mobilisation

### The Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

The OCP, as the focal point for the "Ocean and Coastal Zones" group of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, focused on operationalising the Ocean Breakthroughs. Two strategic workshops have been organised, respectively in June (Costa Rica) and September (New York) to mobilise the partners of the Breakthroughs.

These collective efforts resulted in a series of advancements:

- Tracking progress – Strategic discussions were conducted with the Ocean Breakthroughs partners to lay the foundation for a tracking tool (e.g., methodology, format), designed to assess the progress made by non-state actors towards achieving the implementation of ocean-based climate solutions.
- Equity – The OCP collaborated with the Blue Justice group to ensure that the solutions developed under the Ocean Breakthroughs are equitable. Notably, it contributed to the integration of the Ocean Equity Index as an indicator.
- Communication – A collaboration was initiated with Communications Inc. to strengthen the narrative and develop a communication strategy for the Ocean Breakthroughs.

As part of its mandate, the OCP also organised the Ocean Action Day at UNFCCC COP29. The event, centered on the Ocean Breakthroughs campaign, marked the launching of the Coastal Tourism Breakthrough and showcased progress across other Breakthrough sectors.



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Finally, the OCP contributed to strategic discussions on enhancing the Marrakech Partnership – as its mandate was being renewed. Accordingly, it provided inputs to improve non-party stakeholders mobilisation and their collaboration with Parties.

### **The Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda**

Since 2023, the OCP leads the “Ocean and Coastal Zones” Taskforce of the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda. Once again this year, the OCP was responsible for coordinating the Ocean chapter in the annual implementation report, showcasing the progress made over the year.

### **Collaboration with key actors of the ocean community**

The OCP has strengthened its international partnerships, notably through the development of joint messages, deliverables, and the organisation of joint events. For example, it drafted and contributed to the dissemination of key messages ahead of and during COP29

Among the deliverables, the OCP contributed to a guidance tool for policy makers, developed by Ocean Conservancy and the Global Offshore Wind Alliance, to integrate responsible offshore wind into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). To ensure dissemination of these recommendations, it worked closely with coalitions of States, including the “Friends of Ocean and Climate” group to ensure the full consideration of the ocean in the climate negotiations.

Moreover, the OCP renewed its commitment to the Ocean Pavilion at COP29 – a basecamp for the ocean community in the blue zone. It also partnered again with the Virtual Ocean Pavilion, which contributes significantly to increase the visibility of the ocean and its role in the climate system beyond the negotiation rooms.

## Support to institutional processes

A year prior to the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, the OCP collaborated with the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) on two policy briefs – “Integrating the ocean into the climate regime: Progress report” and “Future Prospects” – to assess the progress for the ocean-climate nexus since the adoption of the Paris Agreement and discuss ways forward to further mainstream the ocean under the different UNFCCC processes.

### The Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue

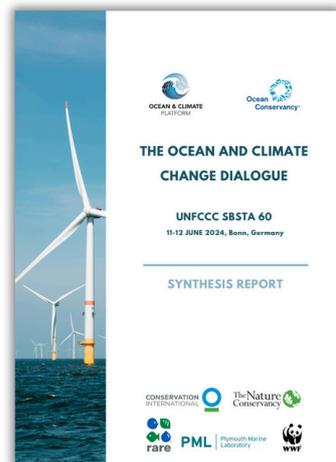
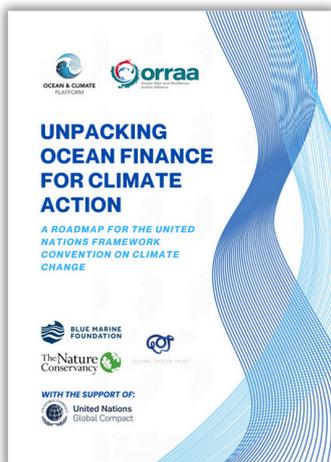
The OCP actively participated in the Ocean and Climate Dialogue (11-12 June, Bonn, Germany) – only space dedicated to the ocean within the Climate Convention. After submitting its views, the OCP contributed to the breakout group discussions as a rapporteur and made several interventions in plenary. In its role as focal point for the Marrakech Partnership, the OCP was invited to share an update on the Ocean breakthroughs, highlighting specifically the Ocean Renewable Energy Breakthrough. Lastly, with the support of Ocean Conservancy and five international partners, the OCP prepared a Synthesis Report of the Dialogue – published three months ahead of the official summary report, to inform countries in their preparations for COP29.



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### The new climate finance goal

In preparation for COP29 negotiations, focused on climate finance, the OCP published the policy brief Unpacking Ocean Finance for Climate Action with the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance and four other international partners. The brief provided an overview of ocean-related climate finance within UNFCCC processes and offered recommendations to elevate the profile of the ocean in the negotiations. Notably, it was presented in an official UNFCCC COP29 side-event.



## The ocean at UNFCCC COP29

While the ocean was not at the top of COP29 priorities list, the OCP remained actively engaged throughout the conference to ensure the visibility of the ocean in the negotiations. The OCP, for instance, co-organised six events, and participated in the meetings of the Friends of the Blue COP to develop a long term strategic vision for the ocean-climate nexus within the UNFCCC.

At the end of COP29, the OCP published a [synthesis article](#), presenting a mixed picture. Indeed, while the financial agreement represents a step forward, tripling the previous target, uncertainties remain regarding how the ocean might benefit from these new climate funds.

## THE BIODIVERSITY CONVENTION (CBD)

This year, the OCP strengthened its positioning at the CBD to ensure the ocean-climate-biodiversity issues are fully integrated, including in the conclusions of CBD COP16.

### Ocean-climate-biodiversity synergies

In 2024, the submission timelines for NDCs and their biodiversity counterparts (i.e., NBSAPs) aligned for the first time. Seizing this strategic window, the OCP published the policy brief **“Blue Thread: Aligning National Climate and Biodiversity Strategies”** in collaboration with the Blue Marine Foundation and twelve international partners. The brief positions the ocean as an integrated solution to tackle the interconnected crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. Presented to the Ocean Panel, it was featured in several side-events at COP16 – including some organised by Brazil, UNFCCC COP30 host. This message was conveyed within the Climate-Nature Coordination Platform – which operationalises the [COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature, and People](#). As the only active member of the ocean community, the OCP ensures that the ocean is fully integrated into efforts to build synergies between climate and nature.



## The Ocean community mobilised at CBD COP16

Throughout the year, OCP coordinated and mobilised the CBD informal working group on the ocean – a role it has held since 2022. In particular, the OCP facilitated the development of common positions and key messages for the ocean community to present at COP16.

In the run-up to COP16, the OCP participated in the CBD intersessions (SBSTTA-26, 13-18 May, Nairobi, Kenya). On this occasion, the OCP hosted the side event titled “Global Biodiversity Framework Delivery: A Blueprint for a Nature Positive Future for our Ocean”, focusing on both challenges and opportunities to advance the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity under the Global Biodiversity Framework. At the end of intersessions, the OCP developed, in partnership with the Lyell Centre, The Nature Conservancy, and WWF, a discussion document on this topic, providing reflections and strategic insights on the road to COP16.

This mobilisation reached its peak during CBD COP16, where the ocean community presented a united front, notably through the “Nature is Also Blue” campaign. The OCP was a key partner, contributing to several videos shared on social media to provide insights into ongoing negotiations and reflecting on potential outcomes. Therefore, as noted by the CBD Secretariat during Ocean Day, COP 16 became “the bluest CBD COP”.

In charge of coordinating the Ocean and Climate session of this day, the OCP hosted “The Great Ocean-Climate Talk Show: Power the Ocean Breakthroughs”, which marked the launch of the Ocean Breakthroughs campaign within the CBD, highlighting their potential in supporting the achievement of the Global Biodiversity Framework in addition to the Paris Agreement. Overall, the OCP co-organised six events on the ocean-climate-biodiversity interlinkages.



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As highlighted in [the OCP's synthesis](#), published after the conference: despite several sticking points on critical issues such as funding, major decisions were adopted in favor of the sustainable management and conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity.

## The third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3)

In June 2025, France and Costa Rica will co-host the third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice. Recognised as an unifying network, the OCP was mandated as early as 2023 to mobilise civil society in preparation for the conference, along with the Varda Group.

This mandate grants the OCP an institutional role with the government departments, notably through its participation in inter ministerial meetings that prepare the conference. It also gives it a role in sharing information with civil society. For instance, the OCP and The Varda Group organised [an online information meeting in July 2024](#), with the participation of the co-hosts of UNOC3. More than 200 participants from around the world attended the webinar.

The year 2024 also offered several opportunities to present and disseminate the [results of the consultation "A Call To All the Voices of the Ocean" \(2023\)](#), for instance during [an event organised at the European Parliament](#), or a meeting of [the Economic, Social and Environmental Council \(CESE\)](#).

In response to this consultation which highlighted civil society's interest in anticipating the post-2030 Agenda, the OCP, in partnership with Friends of Ocean Action and the CNRS, and with the support of Dona Bertarelli Philanthropy, launched a visioning exercise entitled "[An Ocean of Possibilities: A Call to Imagine the Future of Ocean Sustainability](#)" to develop a vision for a desirable future for the ocean. A questionnaire was widely circulated to identify "seeds" (i.e. existing initiatives with the potential to shape a more sustainable future for the ocean). Nearly 80 contributions were received from 67 organisations around the world and will serve as the foundation for an in-person workshop to be held in February 2025.

In parallel, the OCP remained particularly active in the initiative [Let's Be Nice To the Ocean](#), launched in 2023 by the Varda Group with support from the OCP and six other organisations, to raise ambition at UNOC3 through innovative protection approaches.

## Participation in other international events

Throughout the year 2024, the OCP participated in numerous international events and conferences to convey its key messages in the fora related to the ocean, climate and biodiversity – sharing its work on synergies beyond the Climate and Biodiversity Conventions.

**5th Ocean Innovation Africa Summit, February 2024:** The OCP, for instance, took part in the event "Collaboration, Communications, and Behavioural Change", focused on bridging the gap between ecosystem and cultural divisions to build the sustainable blue economy.

**Monaco Ocean Week, March 2024:** The OCP participated in several events, such as the “Mobilising businesses & innovation towards coastal resilience”, and “Implementing the Coral Breakthrough”. It also joined the roundtable discussion “Let’s Be Nice to the Ocean”, discussing civil society initiatives and outreach opportunities in the run-up to UNOC3.

**“Toward a European Ocean Pact” Conference, April 2024:** While the mandate of Members of the European Parliament was nearing its end, the OCP was invited to discuss ocean-related stakes for the next mandate. It presented its insights on governance and the reinforcement of European ocean diplomacy – with a focus on the climate and biodiversity COPs.

**UN Decade of Ocean Science Conference, April 2024:** Three years after the launch of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, the 2024 UN Ocean Decade Conference took place in Barcelona. The OCP participated in several events, including one dedicated to ‘Coastal Futures: Charting Priorities for Resilience’.

**Ocean Retreat “Bring It All Together”, April 2024:** Sixty leaders from ocean-related fields were tasked by the Ambassador for the ocean, Peter Thomson, to “bring it all together” – connecting ocean-related efforts across fora and thus ensuring their coherence. The OCP was asked to coordinate the ocean-climate threads.

**Our Ocean Conference, April 2024:** The OCP supported the organisation and took part in the plenary session dedicated to the ocean-climate nexus, alongside distinguished panellists such as John Kerry, the US President's Special Envoy for Climate Change.

**Immersed in Change Conference, June 2024:** The OCP participated in the “Immersed in Change” Conference organised by the Government of Costa Rica in the lead-up to UNOC3. The OCP organised two official side-events dedicated respectively to the Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience Coalition and to the Let’s Be Nice to the Ocean initiative.

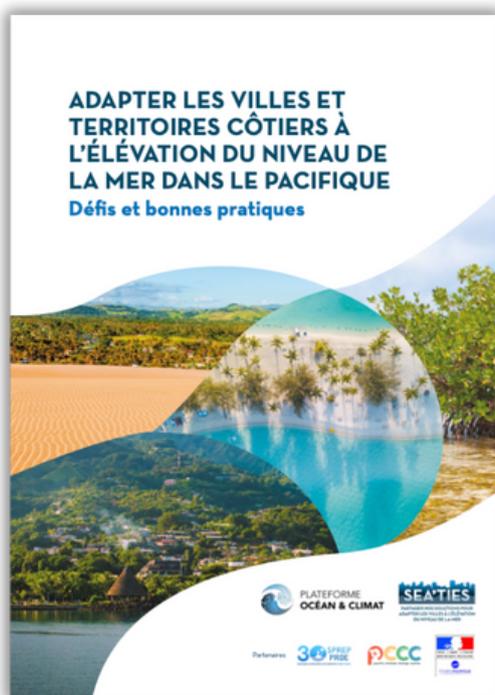
**UN General Assembly, September 2024:** The OCP took part in the 79th edition of the UN General Assembly in New York, which featured the first ever High-Level Summit on Sea Level Rise. The OCP intervened in plenary to present the recommendations of the Sea’ties project on adaptation of coastal cities.



# COASTAL ADAPTATION: SEA'TIES INITIATIVE AND THE OCEAN RISE & COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION

## SEA'TIES WORKSHOPS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLICATIONS

### Regional Workshops and Reports: Pacific and Caribbean



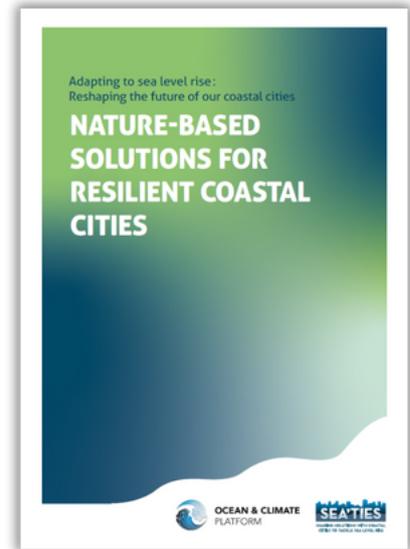
From 2021 to 2024, Sea'ties conducted 6 regional workshops that informed 6 reports analysing both the challenges and leading practices for coastal city adaptation worldwide. In 2024, the initiative published the regional report "Adapting Coastal Cities and Regions to Sea Level Rise in the Pacific: Challenges and Leading Practices", produced with support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Pacific Climate Change Center, and the Pacific Fund of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. The publication draws on the Sea'ties workshop held in 2023 in Nadi, Fiji, which brought together 55 stakeholders from 16 island countries and territories in the region.

Concluding this global tour of coastal adaptation, the 6th and final Sea'ties regional workshop was held from October 23 to 25, 2024, in Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe, focusing on coastal cities and regions of the Caribbean. This event was organised by the Ocean & Climate Platform, with support from the French Office for Biodiversity, the Fondation de France, and Coastal Quest, and with backing from the Government of Monaco. Around 50 regional stakeholders participated. A final regional report based on these discussions was published in 2025 and is available [\[here\]](#).



## Thematic Workshop and Report: Nature-Based Solutions for Resilient Coastal Cities

In parallel, Sea'ties also initiated analyses of key thematics of adaptation. In April, a thematic workshop was dedicated to nature-based solutions for the adaptation of coastal cities and regions. Bringing together around twenty global experts, it informed the publication of a policy brief titled "Nature-Based Solutions for Resilient Coastal Cities."



## Other Publications and Media Engagements

The Adaptation Division contributed to several other publications, including the Ocean Decade Manual for Non-Governmental Organizations coordinated by the UN Decade of Ocean Science, and the policy brief "Accelerating Coastal Adaptation with Regional Seas", led by the Conservatoire du Littoral, which explores the role of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) in integrating coastal adaptation into the international agenda. Several media engagements helped spotlight both regional and thematic coastal adaptation issues, including an interview with Lisa Devignol for the French Ministry of the Sea and Fisheries during the Monaco Ocean Week, as well as an interview with Sarah Palazot on RFI's 8 Billion Neighbors, titled "Coastal Cities of the Continent Facing Erosion."

## COORDINATION OF THE PREPARATION PHASE OF THE OCEAN RISE & COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION

At the launch of the Sea'ties Policy Recommendations during the One Planet Polar Summit in November 2023, French President Emmanuel Macron entrusted the Mayor of Nice, Christian Estrosi, with the mandate to chair the Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Coalition, with the Ocean & Climate Platform tasked with coordinating its development. This Coalition will be officially launched on June 7, 2025, during the Summit on Coastal Cities and Regions, to be held as part of UNOC3, co-hosted by the governments of France and Costa Rica. The Ocean & Climate Platform draws on its work through the Sea'ties project to support this coordination.

## Mobilizing local Officials: The Sea'ties Declaration as a Foundation for the Coalition

The Sea'ties Declaration, launched by the Ocean & Climate Platform at the One Ocean Summit in 2022, calls for stronger international support to help cities adapt to sea level rise. Signed by over 70 mayors and governors to date, the Declaration saw renewed momentum in 2024—first in June with Mayor Luigi Brugnaro of Venice, and again during the Nice Climate Summit in September, where 17 mayors signed on.



## Mobilizing Organizations to Define a Charter and Action Plan

The Ocean & Climate Platform convened a wide range of organisations to shape the strategic mission and roadmap of the Coalition. Key partners include the GCCM, ICLEI, IOC-UNESCO, AIVP, FMDV which have respectively led working groups to define the Coalition's governance, priorities, and missions in advocacy, knowledge, and financing.

## International Advocacy for Coastal Cities and Regions Adaptation

The Ocean & Climate Platform has engaged in major international climate and ocean events to promote the Sea'ties Policy Recommendations and rally decision-makers around the upcoming Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Coalition.

## Participation in United Nations Conferences

At major UN conferences, the OCP has organised diverse side events on coastal adaptation to present the Coalition, most notably during the UN Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona, UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, or even the UN CBD COP16 in Cali, Colombia. At the latter, during the 8th Summit of Subnational Governments and Cities organised by ICLEI, **the Coastal500 network from Rare officially expressed support for the Coalition.**

Most importantly, during the **79th UN General Assembly in New York** which dedicated the first-ever high-level plenary session on the “Existential Threats from Sea Level Rise”, the **Global Center for Climate Mobility (GCCM) officially announced its support for the Coalition during a parallel session**, while Loreley Picourt presented the Sea'ties Policy Recommendations. A press release was issued on the occasion: “From New York to Nice: Mayors of Coastal Cities and the International Community Mobilise to Address Sea Level Rise.”



## Additional Engagements and Partnerships

Several interventions have been dedicated to the **engagement of the private sector and the blue economy** in coastal resilience. The Sea'ties project most notably participated in events such as Change Now, in a session of the Ocean Working Group of Entreprises pour l'Environnement (Businesses for Environment), or event, in the Sustainable Ocean Summit, part of Tomorrow Blue Economy in Barcelona. During the **Monaco Ocean Week 2024**, Sea'ties co-organised the event "**Mobilising Businesses and Innovation for Coastal Resilience**" with partners including Entreprises pour l'Environnement, the UNGC Ocean Stewardship Coalition, and the Stimson Center.

Other major international events also featured coastal adaptation on the agenda, including Immersed in Change in Costa Rica, where the OCP co-hosted the side event "The Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Coalition: Adapting Coastal Cities and Regions to Coastal Risks" in collaboration with the City of Nice, One Planet Summit, and the French government.

## The OCEAN Exhibition

The OCP continued to circulate the Océan exhibition, first launched in 2022 during the French Presidency of the European Union. In 2024, it focused on making the exhibition's content widely accessible through the distribution of its KIT format. This approach enabled the exhibition to raise awareness of ocean issues among diverse audiences by being hosted in a variety of locations, including: the City of Belleville-en-Beaujolais, the Institut Français of Morocco, the Champs Philippe Middle School in La Garenne-Colombes, Universcience in Paris, Sophie Barat School Group in Châtenay-Malabry, Bassenon Middle School in Condrieu, Pierre de Coubertin General and Technological High School in Calais, La Trinité School Group in Neuilly-sur-Seine, Ostréapolis in Le Tour-du-Parc, and the Hubert Curien Science Center in Sainte-Savine.



# 3

## PARTNERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

### The French Development Agency

The POC has continued its agreement with Agence Française de Développement for phase 2 of the 'Structuring the multi-stakeholder network of the Ocean & Climate Platform' project, the main aim of which is to encourage the general public and political decision-makers to take greater account of ocean and climate issues. **Phase 2 of this 3-year project (2022-2025), totalling €712,000, will receive €250,000 from AFD.** The POC will thus pursue its field of action around its 3 main objectives:

- **Mobilisation:** structuring the network to increase the diversity of stakeholders represented and better mobilise ocean-climate civil society.
- **Science:** disseminating knowledge and scientific mediation to improve understanding of ocean and climate issues by the general public and decision-makers.
- **Advocacy:** developing and disseminating recommendations to ensure that ocean and climate issues are taken into account effectively and sustainably in national and international policies.

### The French Office for Biodiversity

In November 2023, a multiannual agreement of objectives for the action programme entitled 'Promoting ecosystem services for a healthy ocean and a protected climate' was signed with the OFB, with **funding of €180,000 for the period 2024-2026.** The specific objectives for 2024-2026 are based on three key areas:

1. Establish a **state of scientific and technical knowledge**, and disseminate it to political decision-makers and the general public.
2. Proposing **solutions**, promoting initiatives and translating them into advocacy.
3. Mobilising stakeholders to support and implement **advocacy** in the context of the national and international agenda.

### The Ministry of Ecological Transition

In 2023, the POC renewed its Pluriannual Agreement of Objectives (or *CPO* in French) with the Ministry of Ecological Transition (MTE), with funding of €250,000 over the period 2023-2025 for the project entitled: 'Coordination of actions to 1) mobilise ocean-climate stakeholders and scientific mediation, 2) lead the France Ocean Committee and 3) lobby the Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) for the integration of the ocean in solutions to climate change and biodiversity protection'.

In 2024, the OCP obtained additional funding of €25,000 from the DAEI to support the POC's international mobilisation activities, particularly as part of the MP-GCA Ocean. In total, the MTE thus funded the POC to the tune of €115,000 in 2024.

## The *Fondation de France*

In 2023, the OCP has signed a multi-year agreement with the *Fondation de France* for the structural reinforcement of the Ocean & Climate Platform to the tune of 210,000 euros over three years (2023-2025).

## The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

In 2022, the OCP signed a three-year agreement (2022-2024) for a total of €75,000 to provide institutional support from the FPA2 for the POC's activities (€25,000 in 2024).

## The ORCA Fund

In June 2024, the POC signed an agreement under the Ocean Resilience and Climate Alliance Fund and its ocean-climate diplomacy component, operated by Oceans5, for \$400,000 over two years (2024-2026) to implement the Ocean Breakthroughs campaign.

As part of the international mobilisation of the POC and its advocacy activities in favour of the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus, this project has benefited from additional funding from Ocean Kind to the tune of €32,500 in 2024.

## Grants for the SEA'TIES project

In 2024, a POC has received five grants to finance the activities carried out as part of the Sea'ties project:

- The *Fondation de France* (Agreement 1) is funding the project for an amount of €150,000 over three years, from June 2021 to June 2024;
- The *Fondation de France* (Agreement 2) is funding for an amount of €75,000 over two years, from July 2024 to December 2025.
- The Government of Monaco is funding the project for an amount of €25,000 for 2024.
- The Veolia Foundation (Agreement 1) is funding the project for an amount of €30,000, from October 2023 to December 2024.
- The Veolia Foundation (Agreement 1) is funding the Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Coalition Prefiguration project for an amount of €30,000, from March 2024 to December 2024.

# 4

## GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION

Since June 27, 2017, the Ocean & Climate Platform has had a legal structure, in the form of an association under the French law of 1901. Romain Troublé, Executive Director of the Tara Océan Foundation, has been President of the Platform since November 2017, and has been re-elected to this position in 2023 (ratification at the General Assembly Meeting on 20 June, 2023).

### The Board of Administrators

The Board comprises a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 20 members, elected by the General Meeting from among the members or co-opted individuals or corporate bodies. It initiates the association's policy and general guidelines, as well as the broad lines of its communication and public relations activities. The Board meets quarterly and is supported by the Executive Committee (see 4.2).

In 2024, the OCP Board had 19 members (see appendix 2).

### The Executive Board

Members of the Executive Board are elected by the Board of Directors for a three-year term and may be re-elected immediately. The Association's Executive Committee comprises the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Association's Vice-Chairmen. Its role is to prepare the meetings of the Board of Directors and to liaise directly and regularly with the secretariat.

In 2024, the OCP Board is composed as follows:

- Romain Troublé, President
- Antidia Citores, Vice-President (Europe, Shipping)
- Françoise Gaill, Vice-President (Science)
- Laurent Martens, Vice-President
- Céline Liret, Secretary and Treasurer
- Patricia Ricard, Vice-President (Mediterranean, Aquaculture)

# The Secretariat

The Secretariat represents the OCP's permanent team and is its operational body. Drawing on its diversity and skills, it is involved on a daily basis in the various missions of advocacy, dissemination of knowledge and mobilisation - as well as the OCP's projects (Sea'ties, Comité France Océan).

In 2024, the OCP Secretariat team was made up as follows:

- Loreley Picourt, Executive Director
- Anaïs Deprez, Director of Mobilisation and Communication
- Théophile Bongarts-Lebbe, Coastal Adaptation Manager
- Victor Brun, Science-to-policy Coordinator
- Gauthier Carle, NGO Coordinator for Comité France Océan and National Advocacy Manager
- Lisa Devignol, Sea'ties project coordinator
- Cyrielle Lam, International communication and mobilisation project manager
- Marine Lecerf, International advocacy manager
- Sarah Palazot, Sea'ties and knowledge dissemination project manager
- Mobilisation and communication intern
- International advocacy / Sea'ties intern
- National advocacy intern

# The Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee (SC) is an advisory body tasked with advising the OCP on scientific and multidisciplinary issues, checking publications and assisting the Board of Directors in its choices and decisions. It brings together people with expertise in ocean research and science. Joachim Claudet (CNRS-CRIOBE) has chaired the Scientific Council since 2019. In 2024, the Scientific Council will comprise 8 French members and 9 international members. The composition of the members of the Scientific Committee can be found in Appendix 3.

# The members

With the participation of over 100 organisations from different sectors, the Ocean & Climate Platform has a wide range of expertise. Scientific research, scientific expeditions and political advocacy are at the heart of the Platform's work, which embodies an international network of ocean experts. As of 31 December 2024, the OCP network had 114 member organisations.

To see the composition of the OCP network, see Appendix 4.

# 5

# FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual accounts of the Ocean & Climate Platform presented below have been validated by the auditing firm C.E.H.

In 2024, the OCP recorded a deficit of €8,565.

## Balance sheet and detailed analysis

### Assets

OCP has total net assets of €1,113,425. The main items are as follows:

- Equity investments of €153 corresponding to the initial deposit when opening the account at Crédit Coopératif.
- Other financial assets, totaling €4,434, include security deposits for access badges to the Maison des Océans premises, as well as the office rental deposit.

#### Bilan

Présenté en Euros

Actif		Exercice au 31/12/2024			Exercice précédent	
		Montant brut	Dépréciation	Montant net	au 31/12/2023	
Immobilisations incorporelles	Frais d'établissement					
	Frais de recherche et de développement					
	Donations temporaires d'usufruit					
	Concessions, brevet, licences, marques, procédés, logiciels, droits et valeurs similaires					
	Autres immobilisations incorporelles					
	Immobilisations incorporelles en cours					
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	
Actif immobilisé	Immobilisations corporelles	Terrains				
		Constructions				
		Inst. techniques, mat. out. Industriels				
		Autres immobilisations corporelles	11 365	7 521	3 844	1 937
		Immobilisations grevées de droit				
		Immobilisations corporelles en cours				
		Biens reçus par legs ou donations destinés à être cédés				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	11 365	7 521	3 844	1 937	
Immobilisations financières	Participations	153		153	153	
	Créances rattachées à des participations					
	Autres titres immobilisés					
	Prêts					
	Autres immobilisations financières	4 434		4 434	4 434	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	4 587	0	4 587	4 587	
<b>TOTAL I</b>		15 952	7 521	8 431	6 524	
Stock et en-cours	Matières premières, approvisionnements					
	Marchandises					
	Stocks et en-cours					
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	
Actif circulant	Créances	Avances et acomptes versés sur commandes				
		Créances clients, usagers et comptes rattachés	3 750		3 750	6 042
		Créances reçues par legs ou donations				
		Autres créances				
		Fournisseurs débiteurs	10 484		10 484	
		Personnel				
		Organismes sociaux				1 124
		Etats taxes sur le chiffre d'affaires				
	Autres	508 871		508 871	645 700	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	523 105	0	523 105	652 866	
Divers	Valeurs mobilières de placement	200 000		200 000		
	Instruments de trésorerie					
	Disponibilités	375 942		375 942	290 061	
	Charges constatées d'avance	14 378		14 378	399	
	<b>TOTAL II</b>	1 113 425	0	1 113 425	943 325	
Frais d'émission d'emprunt (III)						
Primes de remboursement des emprunts (IV)						
Ecart de conversion - Actif (V)						
<b>TOTAL DE L'ACTIF (I+II)</b>		1 129 377	7 521	1 121 856	949 850	
Engagements divers	Legs nets à réaliser					
	Acceptés par les organes statutairement compétents					
	Autorisés par l'organe de tutelle					

- Grants receivable, totaling €508,871, mainly consist of the remaining funds to be disbursed in the coming years by our partners under signed agreements: OFB (€166,000), Prince Albert II Foundation (€10,000), Veolia Foundation (€45,000), Fondation de France (€70,000), Ministry for the Ecological Transition - MTE (€80,000), remaining AFD grant (€90,956), remaining Seaties project funding (€39,915), and 2024 membership fees (€7,000).
- Cash and cash equivalents, totaling €575,942, include the balances of bank accounts at Crédit Agricole and Crédit Coopératif, as well as a €200,000 term deposit.

## Liabilities

- Retained earnings, amounting to €287,800, include the allocation of the 2023 result approved at the General Assembly on June 18, 2024.
- Net income for the year shows a deficit of €8,565.
- Trade payables, totaling €36,607, correspond to invoices from December paid in January.
- Deferred income, amounting to €731,365, mainly relates to grants to be received under multi-year agreements.

### Bilan (suite)

Présenté en Euros

Passif (avant répartition)		Exercice	Exercice précédent	
Fonds propres	Sans droit de reprise	<b>Fonds propres sans droit de reprise</b>		
		Fonds propres statutaires		
		Fonds propres complémentaires		
	Avec droit de reprise	<b>Fonds propres avec droit de reprise</b>		
		Fonds propres statutaires		
		Fonds propres complémentaires		
		Apports		
		Legs et donations		
	Résultats sous contrôle de tiers financeurs			
	Ecart de réévaluation			
Réserves	Réserves statutaires ou contractuelles			
	Réserves pour projet de l'entité			
	Réserves			
	Autres			
Report à nouveau		287 800	199 526	
Excédent ou Déficit de l'exercice		-8 565	88 274	
<b>SITUATION NETTE</b>		<b>279 235</b>	<b>287 800</b>	
Autres fonds	Fonds propres consommables			
	Subventions d'investissement			
Droit des propriétaires (commodat)				
<b>TOTAL I</b>		<b>279 235</b>	<b>287 800</b>	
Fonds reportés et dédiés	Fonds reportés liés aux legs ou donations			
	Fonds dédiés		0	19 860
	Fonds dédiés sur autre ressources			
<b>TOTAL FONDS REPORTEES ET DEDIES II</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>19 860</b>	
Provi	Provisions pour risques			
	Provisions pour charges			
<b>TOTAL PROVISIONS III</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
	Emprunts et dettes auprès des établissements de crédit (2)			
	Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés		36 607	16 304
	Dettes des legs ou donations			
	Dettes fiscales et sociales		74 649	62 764
	Dettes sur immobilisations et comptes rattachés			
	Autres dettes			
	Instruments de trésorerie			
Produits constatés d'avance		731 365	563 122	
<b>TOTAL IV</b>		<b>842 621</b>	<b>642 190</b>	
<b>ECART DE CONVERSION PASSIF V</b>				
<b>TOTAL DU PASSIF (I+II+III+IV+V)</b>		<b>1 121 856</b>	<b>949 850</b>	
Engage ments reçus	(2) Dont concours bancaires courants et soldes créditeurs de banques			

# Income statement and detailed analysis

## Revenue

- Revenue from services sold, €1,500, corresponds to invoicing related to the exhibition.
- Funding from third-party contributors, €463,109, includes:
  - Veolia Foundation: €67,240
  - Ministry for the Ecological Transition (MTE): €115,000
  - OFB: €60,000
  - Principality of Monaco: €25,000
  - Prince Albert II Foundation: €4,958
  - Fondation de France: €25,000
  - U.S. Embassy: €2,256
  - Rockefeller Philanthropy: €63,655
- The amount of 2024 membership fees is €121,500 compared to €103,000 in 2023.
- Use of dedicated funds, €150,731, corresponds to the reversal of dedicated funds from the AFD and Seaties projects.
- Transfer of operating expenses, €54,046, corresponds to the financial contribution of partners to various events.

## Expenses

The other main operating expenses are listed below.

### Compte de résultat

		Présenté en Euros	
Compte de résultat		Exercice	Exercice précédent
Produits d'exploitation	Cotisations		
	<b>Ventes de biens et services</b>		
	Ventes de biens		
	<i>dont ventes de dons en nature</i>		
	Ventes de prestations	1 500	7 924
	<i>dont parrainages</i>		
	Ventes de marchandises		
	Production vendue services		
	<b>Montants nets produits d'exploitation</b>		
	<b>Produits de tiers financeurs</b>		
	Subvention d'exploitation	463 109	533 974
	Concours publics et subventions d'exploitation		
	Versements des fondateurs ou consommations de la dotation consommable		
	<b>Ressources liées à la générosité du public</b>		
Dons manuels			
Mécénats			
Legs, donations et assurances-vie			
Contributions financières			
Reprises sur amortissements, dépréciations, provisions et transferts de charges	54 046	58 157	
Utilisations des fonds dédiés	150 731	88 944	
Report des ressources non utilisées des exercices antérieurs			
Autres produits	121 509	103 010	
	<b>TOTAL DES PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION I</b>	<b>790 895</b>	<b>792 009</b>
Charges d'exploitation	Achats de marchandises		
	Variation de stocks		
	Achats de matières premières et autres approvisionnements		
	Variations stocks matières premières et autres approvisionnements		
	Autres achats et charges externes	275 143	206 836
	Autres achats non stockés		
	Services extérieurs		
	Autres services extérieurs		
	Aides financières		
	Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés	14 493	11 506
	Salaires et traitements	381 166	339 590
	Charges sociales	128 583	110 655
	Dotations aux amortissements et aux dépréciations		
	Dotations aux amortissements sur immobilisations	1 565	1 211
Dotations aux provisions			
Dotations aux dépréciations sur actif circulant			
Subventions versées par l'association			
Reports en fonds dédiés		33 949	
Autres charges	5	11	
	<b>TOTAL DES CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION II</b>	<b>800 956</b>	<b>703 759</b>
	<b>RESULTAT D'EXPLOITATION (I-II)</b>	<b>-10 060</b>	<b>88 251</b>

- Other external purchases amounting to €275,143 mainly correspond to various subcontracting works including fees of €77,134, rent of €42,429, expenses for various events organized including the 10th anniversary of OCP for €61,008, and travel, mission, and international event participation costs totaling €72,824.
- Salaries and wages amount to €524,242, including €14,493 in payroll taxes.

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## TOWARDS 2025: ROADMAP OF THE OCEAN & CLIMATE PLATFORM

The OCP is working to ensure that policy-makers, at both national and international level, take greater account of ocean, climate and biodiversity issues. To do this, it relies on science as part of a Science-to-Policy approach. The OCP aims to provide civil society and decision-makers with new knowledge and insights into the challenges and solutions at the interfaces between the ocean, climate and biodiversity.

### Civil Society Mobilisation

**Objective 1 - MOBILISING THE NETWORK:** The OCP will continue to mobilise and activate the network and make the most of its members' expertise, by organising the annual seminar, joint communications, events, partnerships and information sharing.

**Objective 2 - PREPARATION FOR THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE OCEAN (UNOC3):** In 2025, the ocean community will meet in Nice for UNOC3. With this in mind, the OCP will provide various tools to facilitate the circulation of information (information meetings, newsletters, shared tables, communication elements, etc.) and will organise key moments with the members of the network (joint events, members' cocktail, etc.)

**Objective 3 - COMMUNICATION:** The OCP will continue to improve its communication and publicise its activities via its various communication channels, both in France and internationally.

### Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge

**Objective 1 - DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT:** In 2025, the OCP will continue its efforts to revitalise its Scientific Committee (SC), building on the work undertaken in 2024 following the recruitment of a scientific coordinator. In particular, this will mean continuing the OCP's reflections on marine geoengineering and any other subject identified as a priority by the members of the network. The SC will also be involved in the revision of the OCP's policy recommendations.

**Objective 2 - VISIONING EXERCISE 'AN OCEAN OF POSSIBILITIES':** In 2025, the OCP Science Department will continue the work undertaken as part of the visioning project 'An Ocean of Possibilities'. Following the consultation launched in 2024, workshops involving the ocean community will be organised. The results of this work will be presented at the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference in June 2025.

**Objective 3 - KNOWLEDGE DIFFUSION:** In 2025, the OCP will continue its work to disseminate knowledge, with the implementation of a new cycle dedicated to the polar ocean and the production of a thematic dossier, developed with the support of its dedicated working group. In addition, the OCP plans to produce a thematic dossier dedicated to spatial recomposition, in coordination with the SeaTies project team and involving the Scientific Advisory Board. Work will be undertaken to ensure that all of this work, as well as past work related to fisheries and aquaculture, is widely disseminated within the framework of UNOC3 and the Year of the Sea, as well as any activities related to these themes undertaken by partners.

## **Comité France Océan (CFO) and National Advocacy**

**Objective 1 - NATIONAL ADVOCACY:** In 2025, a key priority for the OCP will be to deploy a national advocacy strategy in preparation for UNOC3. This will lead to mobilising and uniting actors within the French network through regular information sessions and coordination meetings. The strategy will also include pursuing the campaign on marine protected areas by coordinating the identification of an inter-NGO advocacy approach ahead of the conference, involving various actions such as organising conferences, communication campaigns, and political recommendations. At the same time, the OCP will remain actively engaged in several national consultation bodies, such as the Comité national du trait de côte (CNTC), where it will champion the OCP's work on coastal adaptation to sea level rise, as well as through its involvement in IFRECOR.

**Objective 2 - COMITÉ FRANCE OCÉAN:** The OCP will continue to co-lead and coordinate the Comité France Océan (CFO) alongside the DEB, SGMER, and DGAMPA. In collaboration with its stakeholders, it will lead thematic working groups, including one focused on the training of decision-makers with the aim of issuing recommendations, and the launch of a new group on fisheries and ecology. The OCP will also ensure ongoing dialogue with relevant government departments through regular meetings and monitoring of public policy developments. The CFO's mobilisation will be strategically aligned with major political milestones such as the Year of the Ocean, UNOC3, and COP30. Finally, the OCP will work to strengthen collaboration with relevant ministries and central administrations, while enhancing the internal and external communication strategy of the CFO.

## **Advocacy and international relations**

**Objective 1 - ADVOCACY:** In 2025, as the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement approaches, the OCP aims to renew its policy recommendations, building on its two previous position papers, published in 2015 and 2019, as well as on the lessons learned from them. These new recommendations will take into account recent progress on the nexus approach and address the new priorities identified by members of the network. At the same time, the OCP will continue to develop joint positions on emerging issues, such as the ongoing work on geoengineering.

**Objective 2 - CLIMATE CONVENTION (UNFCCC):** The OCP will continue its advocacy and mobilisation efforts to strengthen the integration of the ocean into international climate policies. This will include work to enhance the ocean-related entry points within existing UNFCCC and

Paris Agreement mechanisms, particularly within national climate strategies (NDCs). In parallel, the OCP will undertake a strategic reflection on the future of the ocean-climate nexus under the UNFCCC framework. In addition, the OCP will continue to mobilise ocean stakeholders through its role as focal point for the MP-GCA Ocean & Coastal Zones, alongside The Nature Conservancy. It will oversee the monitoring and operationalisation of the Ocean Breakthroughs in the lead-up to UNFCCC COP30, and will also initiate a strategic review of the next steps for the campaign.

**Objective 3 – CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD):** The OCP will continue its advocacy and mobilisation efforts within the CBD to ensure stronger integration of the ocean into international biodiversity policies. However, it is important to note that the next Biodiversity COP will take place in 2026 (COP17, Yerevan, Armenia). As a result, in 2025, the OCP will focus its efforts on the Climate COP and on reinforcing synergies between ocean, climate, and biodiversity agendas.

**Objective 4 – 3rd UN OCEAN CONFERENCE (UNOC3):** The OCP has been mandated by France and Costa Rica to facilitate the mobilisation of civil society actors in the lead-up to UNOC3. To this end, it will lead a strategic reflection on a post-2030 vision and the future of Sustainable Development Goal 14. In parallel, the OCP will continue to promote its key messages to ensure the integration of the ocean-climate nexus in the UNOC process and final outcomes.

## The Sea'ties Initiative

**Objective 1 – SYNTHESIS AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE:** In 2025, the OCP's Adaptation team will focus on finalising the report from the Caribbean workshop. It will also develop a thematic cycle dedicated to spatial reorganisation, in order to deepen understanding of this strategic aspect of adaptation to sea level rise. Lastly, it will work to share, promote, and communicate best practices identified through the Sea'ties project, with the aim of strengthening the dissemination of knowledge and experience in the field of adaptation.

**Objective 2 – PREPARATION OF THE “OCEAN RISE & COASTAL RESILIENCE” COALITION:** In line with the mandate given by Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic for UNOC3, the OCP will coordinate, alongside the City of Nice, the GCCM of the French government and Costa Rica, the preparatory phase of the “Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience” Coalition, which will be officially launched at a dedicated Summit during UNOC3. The OCP will actively participate in international events to mobilise the global community and local actors, and will lead the communication strategy to ensure the visibility of both the Summit and the Coalition.

**Objective 3 – CONCLUSION OF THE SEA'TIES PROJECT AND TRANSITION TO THE COALITION:** The year 2025 will mark the conclusion of the Sea'ties project and its transition into the Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Coalition. This will include the production of a critical synthesis to capture key lessons learned from the project, as well as the structured transfer of the network, tools, methods, and knowledge developed – both within the OCP and for the benefit of the new Coalition.

## The OCEAN Exhibition

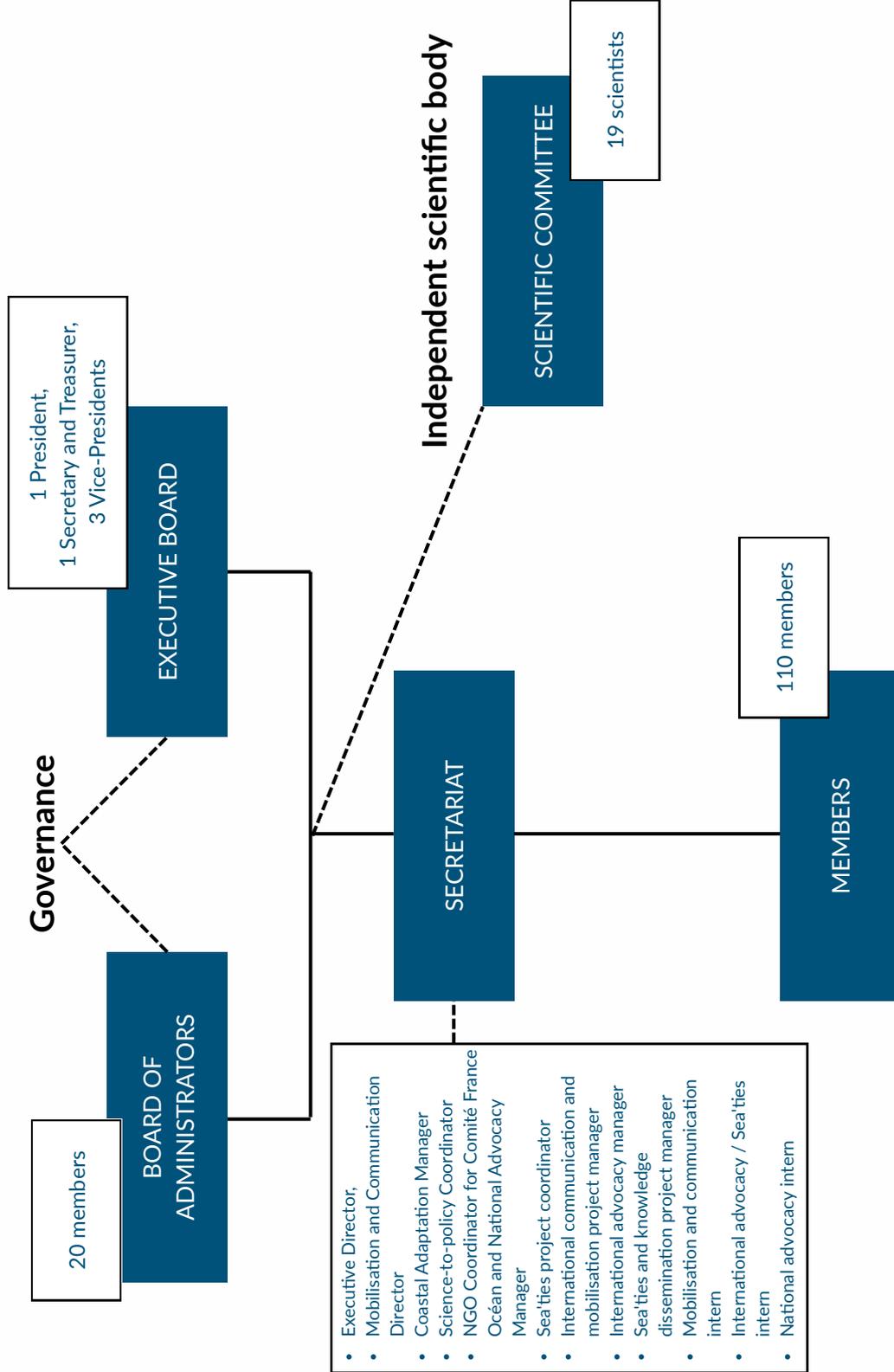
In 2025, the OCP will continue the widespread distribution of the Océan exhibition in its kit format, particularly as part of the Year of the Ocean. Since its launch, the exhibition has seen a real success, with dozens of institutions having used it. It is made available to partners across mainland France, the overseas departments and regions, the overseas collectivities, and internationally.

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# APPENDICES

## Organisational chart of the association



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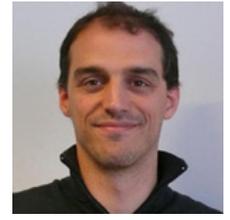
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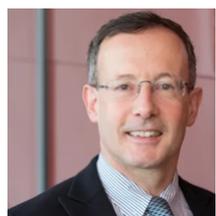
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