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# 1 The Ocean & Climate Platform in brief

## 1.1 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.

## 1.2 Objectives



**Mobilisation**  
Network animation



**Science**  
Knowledge dissemination



**Advocacy**  
International and national  
mobilisation

## 1.3 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.



# 2 Highlights of 2023



## 2.1 Mobilising and coordinating the network

### 2.1.1 In 2023, the network kept growing !

In 2023, the Ocean & Climate Platform welcomed eleven new organisations to its network, bringing the total number of members to 109 by December 31. These new memberships demonstrate the attractiveness of the OCP, both in France and internationally, and help to strengthen the diversity and regional representation of the network, with, for example, two new foundations joining (Fondation de la Mer, Blue Marine Foundation), as well as the city of Matosinhos (Portugal) and the think-tank China Water Risk (Hong Kong). The addition of these new members has also enhanced the expertise within the network, with the addition of the Sustainable Ocean Alliance and the Environmental Justice Foundation, both of which address the issues of inclusivity and social justice in their missions.



## 2.1.2 Consultation of members and organisation of the annual seminar

For the first time since 2020 and the Covid-19 health crisis, the OCP brought together members of its network for its annual **seminar on 10 and 11 May 2023**. The meeting was held in Marseille, at the Hôtel de la Région Sud, and brought together **nearly 70 participants, representing around thirty member organisations**.

The event was structured into two half-days of discussions :

- The first session, on **10 May**, was dedicated to the OCP's current and future activities and the results of the consultation carried out amongst its members. The second part of the afternoon focused on the United Nations Ocean Conference, which will be held in Nice in June 2025, where the OCP and its members will be strongly involved.
- **May 11** was dedicated to the organisation of **3 working groups** on the following topics: 1) Disseminating Knowledge; 2) The Sea'ties project; 3) The United Nations Ocean Conference. All the conclusions from the seminar were compiled into two summary documents.



### FOCUS : Consultation with network members to co-construct future strategy

Ahead of its annual seminar, and with the objective of revising its strategy for 2025, the OCP launched a consultation of its members in April 2023. This consultation was built around 3 categories of objectives: 1) Boosting network life (strengthening the flow of information within the network, identifying members interested in the OCP's various missions and projects) - 2) Developing the OCP's activities (exploring strengths, areas for improvement and future themes of interest to members) - 3) Thinking about the future (expectations and projections for 2025, 2030, 2050).

The conclusions of this consultation confirmed the members' support for the OCP's identity and purpose, as well as reaffirmed the relevance of its three main objectives: mobilisation, knowledge dissemination, and advocacy.

The consultation also provided an opportunity to assess the strengths and areas for improvement of the association. These conclusions were presented to the members during the OCP's annual seminar and contributed to the co-construction of a common vision for 2025.



### 2.1.3 The *Rendez-Vous Océan & Climat* and the organisation of thematic meetings

In 2023, the OCP organised two “Rendez-Vous Océan & Climat”, involving a **total of 11 member organisations**.

#### ***‘Pourquoi (et comment) financer l’action océan-climat-biodiversité?’ (‘Why (and how to) finance ocean-climate-biodiversity action?’) - 17 October, online***

On 17 Octobre 2023, the OCP organised the Rendez-Vous Océan & Climat “Pourquoi (et comment) financer l’action océan-climat-biodiversité ?”. The aim of this online event was to gather foundations, institutions and experts on ocean-climate-biodiversity financing issues, and to discuss the current obstacles and opportunities. The panel of speakers included Yves Henocque and An-Gaëlle Benedic (Fondation de France), Thierry Sénéchal (Finance for Impact), Hélène Onoforo-Sanaia (Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation) and Mathilde Bord-Laurans (Agence française de développement). The replay of the event (in French) is [available on the OCP Youtube channel](#).

#### ***‘Comment agir face à la montée des eaux ?’ (How can we take action to face rising sea levels?) - 15 November, Climate Academy, Paris***

The event brought together around fifty participants (mostly students) around the interventions of Sophie Panonacle, Member of Parliament for Gironde and President of the Comité National du Trait de Côté (CNTC); Rafael Almar, Researcher at the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD); Nicolas Chenet, Director of the Sustainable Development Department at Expertise France; and François Dehais, Director of the Syndicat Mixte du Littoral de la Seine-Maritime. The panellists discussed the challenges of adapting coastal areas. Sarah Palazot, Sea'ties Project Officer (OCP) presented the policy recommendations resulting from the Sea'ties project.



## Organisation of themed meetings for network members

In 2023, the OCP organised several exclusive meetings for its members :

- On 17 February 2023, the OCP organised a communications strategy meeting ('POCCOM') ahead of the publication "What Ocean for Tomorrow?", published at the occasion of the release of the summary of the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). This meeting brought together the communications officers in the OCP network to discuss the dissemination strategy for this document, and also provided an opportunity to exchange best practice and share experiences in the use of social networks and communications tools. A second POCCOM meeting was organised on 21 September 2023 ahead of a communications campaign dedicated to the launch of the Sea'ties project's policy recommendations.
- On 20 November 2023, the OCP brought together its members ahead of the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP) of the UNFCCC. The purpose of this online information meeting, in English, was to present the major issues at stake at this Conference (presented by Jasdeep Randhawa representing the UNFCCC secretariat), as well as to set out the actions that OCP was going to carry out and the messages that it would convey in the run-up to and during the conference.

### 2.1.4 Main communication initiatives

#### Internal network communication

In 2023, the OCP shared its monthly 'Members' News' newsletter with its french and international network, in order to keep its members informed of other members' activities. The OCP also shares with its members a quarterly newsletter specific to its activities.

#### The OCP on social networks

The OCP regularly posts news about its activities, the major international events in which it is taking part and its members' projects on social networks. As of 31 December 2023, the OCP's social networks had

- 15,978 subscribers on LinkedIn,
- 12,900 followers on Twitter/X,
- 7,371 subscribers on Facebook,
- 2,811 followers on Instagram.

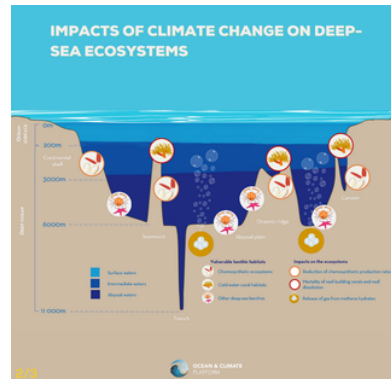
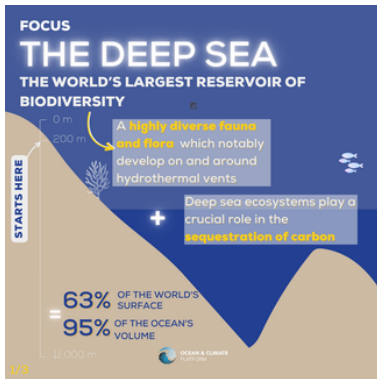
#### The main communication activities in 2023

Over the course of 2023, the OCP ran several communication campaigns on social networks, dedicated to specific topics. For each of these campaigns, a communication kit was prepared and shared with the OCP network to facilitate the appropriation of the publications and its key messages by the members.

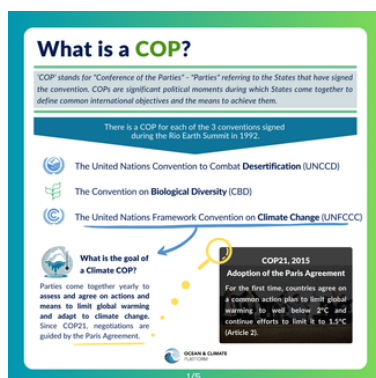
## Examples of communication initiatives in 2023

- To mark the launch of the publication 'What oceans for tomorrow? Marine Ecosystems in a Changing Climate - Insights from the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report', the OCP has prepared a communication campaign based on the main themes addressed in the summary.

## Examples of visuals below: focus on the deep ocean



- To coincide with the review of the **National Sea and Coastal Strategy (SNML-2)**, the OCP has published a campaign on social networks to accompany the publication of the article 'Oceans: the urgent need for a national strategy' in Les Echos.
- In the run-up to COP28, visuals prepared by the OCP to explain what a COP is, present the challenges of this 28th edition and the priorities identified by the UAE Presidency. Based on the final declaration of COP28, the OCP published a summary of the role of the ocean at COP28 and in the conclusions of the Global Assessment.





### *Published articles*

In order to disseminate knowledge about the ocean, climate and biodiversity, the OCP has continued to update its website and its blog Le Monde to inform the general public about ocean news, both from a scientific and political point of view.

On the scientific front, the OCP has published two articles on its Le Monde blog:

- The article 'Quel océan pour demain ? Les écosystèmes marins face au changement climatique' highlighting the links between marine biodiversity and climate change as discussed in the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report.
- The article 'Conséquences du changement climatique, les vagues de chaleur marines font peser des menaces durables dans l'océan comme sur terre', produced in collaboration with members of the Scientific Committee. In the summer of 2023, the North Atlantic will experience major marine heat waves, with temperatures between +2°C and +5°C higher than the seasonal norm. The OCP wanted to shed some light on this phenomenon and the risks it represents for marine biodiversity and human societies.

In terms of **international political news**, 2023 marked an important milestone as COP28, the most important climate conference since COP21, saw the adoption of the first Global Stocktake. The OCP therefore published several articles presenting its various projects and publications upstream and downstream of COP28, and highlighting the major issues and expectations of the ocean community :

- The article 'Launch of the Ocean Breakthroughs: 5 pathways to catalyse action to achieve a healthy and productive ocean' presented the "Ocean breakthroughs": pathways for action covering five key ocean sectors, where accelerated efforts and investments could contribute to a resilient future for nature and people, and be carbon neutral by 2050.
- The article 'On the eve of COP28 and the Global Stocktake, analysis shows a growing inclusion of coastal and marine ecosystems in climate strategies' presents the latest publication from OCP and its partners on the inclusion of nature-based coastal and marine solutions in national climate strategies (NDCs).
- The article 'COP28: On the brink of the first Global Stocktake, the necessary consideration of the ocean to correct our climate course', highlighting the priorities for action for the ocean identified by OCP and partners, in the context of COP28 and the Global Assessment.
- The summary 'COP28: Despite mixed feelings on mitigation and adaptation outcomes, the ocean found its rightful place in the Global Stocktake conclusions' published at the end of COP28, offering an analysis of the COP's conclusions, particularly for the ocean.

On the **national** front, the OCP also produced the opinion piece 'Océans : l'urgence d'une stratégie nationale' (in French), published in Les Echos and supported by about thirty organisations. Released ahead of the national strategy for the sea and coastline (SNML-2), this position paper called on the government to include in its strategy a series of recommendations for achieving good ecological status and carbon neutrality, both in mainland France and in the French overseas territories.

In 2023, OCP published a total of **3 articles on its "Le Monde" blog, 12 articles on its website, and 1 op-ed - supported by 30 organisations - in the french newspaper "Les Echos"**.

## 2.2 Science and knowledge dissemination

### 2.2.1 Mobilisation of the Scientific Committee

In 2023, the OCP mobilised its network of scientists, both to participate in the secretariat's various activities (e.g., contribution to and review of the publication 'What ocean for tomorrow?' and an article on marine heat waves published on the web Blog Le Monde, etc.), and to discuss the OCP's projects and emerging scientific issues such as marine geoengineering. The OCP has also started a revision of its scientific strategy for 2025, with a new roadmap to be proposed in 2024.

### 2.2.2. Revision of the "DIFCO" roadmap and preparation of the 'fisheries, aquaculture and climate change' thematic cycle

The consultation of members of the working group on Knowledge Dissemination (so-called 'DIFCO' working group), at the annual seminar in May 2023 laid the foundations for a new 'dissemination of knowledge' roadmap, including the definition of a new working methodology of the working group to better integrate the OCP members, and associate science mediation experts with scientists. Designed around thematic cycles - each lasting 6 months - this new roadmap is based on 3 pillars: 1) the permanent working group bringing together members of the Scientific Committee and science mediation experts to provide advice on the publications and decide on key issues 2) the thematic working groups, bringing together all OCP members who have shown interest in participating through a call for expressions of interest 3) the OCP secretariat responsible for the coordination, orientation and drafting of the various contents.

Co-designed with the permanent WG in 2023, this roadmap was shared to the OCP network, and the first call for expressions of interest for the 'fisheries, aquaculture and climate change' cycle (January-June 2024) was launched in October 2023.

### 2.2.3. Work on the IPCC's AR6 and publication of "What ocean for tomorrow?"

As part of its mission to disseminate knowledge, and as a reviewer for the French government of the 'ocean' sections of the IPCC reports, the OCP relaunched its DIFCO working group ahead of the release of the synthesis report of the IPCC's 6th assessment cycle (AR6). With the support of the DIFCO working group, the OCP published in March 2023 'What ocean for tomorrow? Marine ecosystems in a changing climate - Insights from the IPCC's sixth assessment report'.

Built around three main topics, this publication **sheds light on the importance of marine ecosystems for the climate, marine life and human societies, while warning against the risks associated with their degradation.** It also sheds light on the various adaptation and mitigation options provided by marine ecosystems, as well as the conditions needed to meet the sustainable development goals.

Beyond a mere summary of what is known about marine ecosystems, this publication features an illustration, various infographics adapted from the AR6 and an 'ocean-climate-biodiversity' glossary, as well as numerous examples and key figures to highlight the links between marine ecosystems, climate change and sustainable development.



This document was published in French and English, and translated into Portuguese at the request of Brazilian partners. Thanks to the production of a communication kit and the organisation of a 'communication' meeting with heads and experts of communication from the OCP network, the document has been widely distributed.

## FOCUS : The photographic exhibition "What Ocean for Tomorrow?"

As part of this publication, the OCP, Océanopolis and the CNRS have joined forces to create a photographic exhibition for the general public, highlighting the key messages of the publication. Set up on the forecourt of Océanopolis in Brest, this exhibition was open to visitors between July and November 2023.



## 2.2.4 Initiatives aimed at the general public and college students

In 2023, the OCP continued its efforts to **bridge science with society**. To raise awareness on ocean-climate-biodiversity interactions, the OCP science mediation content for social medias, notably to promote the publication 'What Ocean for Tomorrow?', and as part of UNFCCC COP28, to explain the key expectations and results from the climate negotiations.



The OCP secretariat intervened for a podcast aimed at young professionals and students: 'Agir pour préserver nos océans' ("Take action to preserve our oceans" in English). Investing these new platforms of communication allows the OCP to reach out to new audiences and demonstrate the growing interest of medias and the general public in the OCP expertise on the ocean.

A similar dynamic has been observed **among universities**, with an increasing number of requests addressed to the OCP secretariat to give lectures on ocean governance. To support this evolution, the OCP has strengthened its collaborations with universities and students' groups and associations. Two meetings - one with students from different universities around the publication 'What Ocean for Tomorrow', one with representatives of member universities (UBO, Université Nice Côte d'Azur, Sorbonne Université, PSL) - were organised to discuss avenues for collaborations. The OCP has also strengthened its links with young professionals by integrating the **Sustainable Ocean Alliance** into its network, with which it regularly collaborates to work with youth representatives in the Ocean community.

## 2.3 National and International advocacy

### 2.3.1 National mobilisation - Comité France Océan (CFO)

The Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) coordinates and facilitates the Comité France Océan (CFO) alongside the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion and the French General Secretariat for the Sea. Created by the Prime Minister in 2018, the CFO aims to build a regular and nourishing exchange between the State, its public establishments in charge of the sea and marine environmental protection organisations.

In 2023, in a context marked by two changes of government, the OCP has worked to make the CFO a forum for dialogue and consultation capable of mobilising a wide range of government departments, public establishments, research institutes and marine protection NGOs and foundations during consultations led by the State, on ad-hoc issues put on the agenda by CFO members and to monitor certain public policies. The inclusion of the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture in the CFO's steering committee underlines its centrality in the governance of the sea and its inclusion in the political agenda for 2023.

#### CFO working groups for 2023

- *The national sea and coastal strategy 2 working group*

The priority for the CFO and its stakeholders in 2023 was to draw up the future national sea and coastal strategy 2, for which the CFO was consulted by the French government. Following a presentation to the CFO by the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture of the procedures for drawing up the strategy, the OCP brought together nearly 30 marine conservation organisations and delivered recommendations for integrated management of the sea and coastline with a view to achieving good environmental status and carbon neutrality. These recommendations were then sent to ministers, government departments and the national council for the sea and the coastline, into which the OCP was integrated in order to represent the CFO's organisations and convey the conclusions of its report. Then, while the draft of the national sea and coastal strategy was being put out to public consultation, the CFO met again to deliver its opinion on the draft, which was once again submitted to the national council for the sea and the coastline. As a result, the vision of the strategy and many of its measures are directly inspired by the work of the CFO.

- *The marine waste working group*

The marine waste working group focused on the issue of ghost fishing gear and began a series of hearings, nine of which were held in 2023. The working group, which includes several members of the CFO and France Maritime Committee, will continue its work and deliver its conclusions in the first half of 2024.



- *The offshore wind observatory working group*

Finally, the CFO was once again consulted by the Directorate-General for Energy and Climate, the Directorate-General for Water and Biodiversity and the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the future of the offshore wind observatory. WWF France, France Nature Environnement, LPO France, Surfrider Foundation Europe and the Ocean & Climate Platform submitted their priority recommendations on the future of the Observatory and ways of consolidating its missions.

### Privileged access to information

As the Comité France Océan is also interested in ensuring dialogue and monitoring on certain public policies, the OCP has been keen to maintain a large number of information meetings, guaranteeing privileged access to information and a unique forum for dialogue between the State and non-governmental organisations. Numerous information meetings were organised, for example on the mission to 'Regenerate our oceans and waters by 2030', on the French strategy to combat IUU fishing and on the forthcoming United Nations Ocean Conference in 2025, in the presence of Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, Ambassador for the Poles and Maritime Issues.

### The CFO plenary event - January 2023

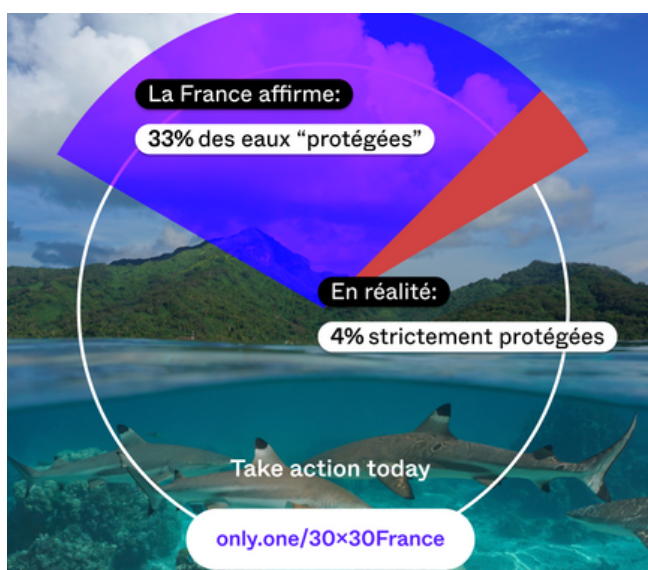
In January 2023, a plenary meeting of the CFO chaired by the Secretary of State for Biodiversity Bérangère Couillard, the Secretary of State for the Sea Hervé Berville and the Secretary General for the Sea Didier Lallement. The plenary CFO brought together all the public bodies responsible for the sea and environmental protection associations and foundations. It provided an opportunity for the Ministers and the Secretary General for the Sea to express their political priorities relating to the marine environment, before giving the floor to the OCP and the members of the steering committee, who emphasised their main demands, and then opening the floor to an exchange of views with the assembly. This plenary CFO was the opportunity to agree on the CFO's first working groups for 2023, which will be the working group on the national strategy for the sea and the coast 2023-2029, the working group on ghost fishing nets and the working group on raising awareness of decision-makers in the maritime façades and overseas basins on environmental issues, launched at the beginning of 2024.



## 2.3.2 OCP advocacy at French level

### A first environmental campaign on marine protected areas

2023 saw the launch of the Ocean & Climate Platform's first national environmental campaign. In partnership with the organisation OnlyOne, the OCP launched a communication campaign on the insufficient level of protection of French marine protected areas (MPAs). The campaign brought together 28 partner organisations and attracted more than 115,000 signatures, making it the largest petition on the subject in France. This communication campaign, based on a positioning co-constructed with the members and having given rise to moments of joint communication, supports the active advocacy work carried out on MPAs with French decision-makers. Active throughout 2023, it will be rolled out through 2025, with the United Nations Ocean Conference in June 2025 in its sights.



### Participation in the National Coastline Committee

Appointed to the college of associations of the National Coastline Committee, the OCP has actively promoted the positions developed as part of its international SEA'TIES project. For example, during the review of the National strategy for integrated coastline management, the OCP was able to make a number of recommendations to Committee on the guiding principles of the strategy, the importance of considering the highest scenarios for sea level rise, the need to promote a dynamic and adaptive approach and to strengthen technical and financial support for local authorities, the need to involve local people in the decision-making process and the importance of protecting coastal ecosystems. It then took part in discussions on how to finance French coastal adaptation to rising sea levels. It was interviewed by the Inspectorate General of Administration and the Inspectorate General of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and was able to present some of the avenues for funding identified in the report by the two inspectorates, published at the end of 2023, on financing the consequences of the retreat of the coastline.

## The drafting of the National strategy for the sea and the coastline 2 and the public debate on the sea organised by the National Commission for Public Debate

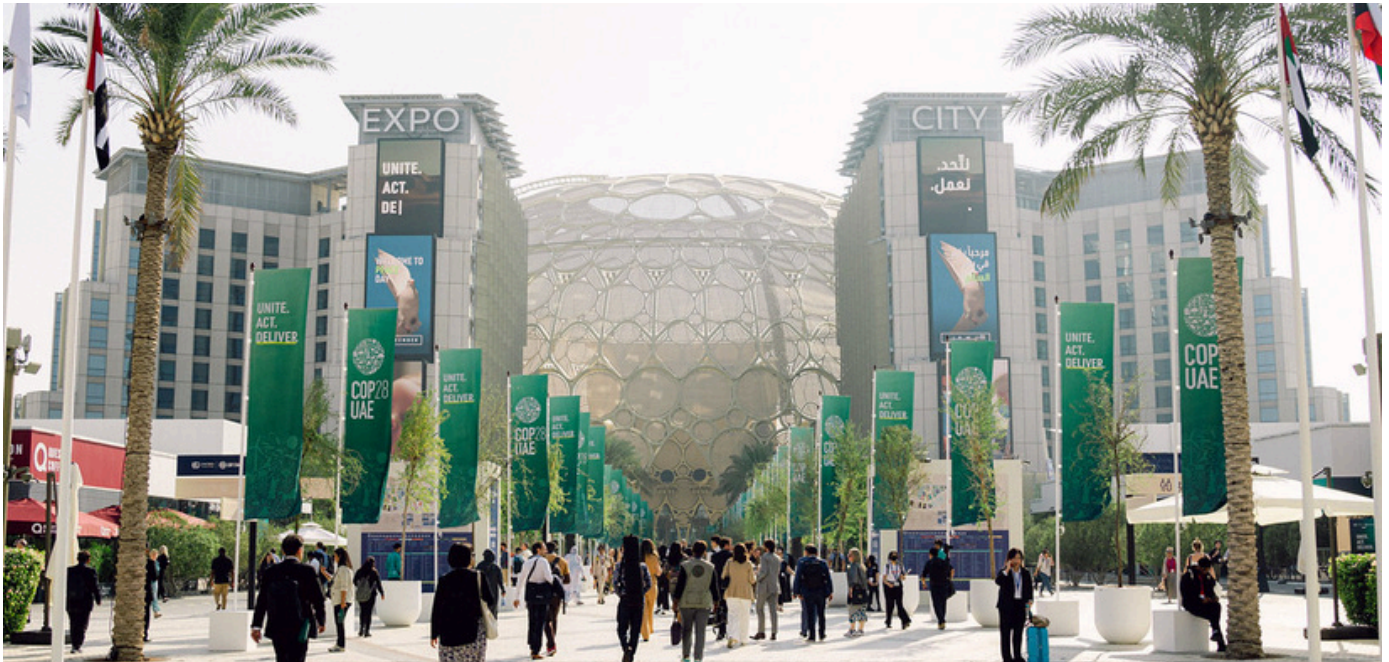
Following on from the work carried out within the CFO on the National strategy for the sea and the coastline 2, the OCP contributed to moments of collective expression and drafted the tribune on the National strategy for the sea and the coastline 2, the OCP contributed to moments of collective expression and drafted the tribune ' Océans: l'urgence d'une stratégie nationale ' ('Oceans: the urgent need for a national strategy'), published in Les Echos and supported by nearly thirty organisations. Distributed during the drafting of the national strategy for the sea and coastline (SNML-2), this opinion piece called on the government to include in its strategy a series of recommendations for achieving good ecological status and carbon neutrality, both in mainland France and overseas.

The drafting of the National strategy for the sea and the coastline 2 was followed by the launch, under the aegis of the National Commission for Public Debate, of the public debate 'The Sea in Debate' on the drafting of the strategic documents for the seafronts. The OCP seized this opportunity to establish a partnership with the National Commission for Public Debate to conduct a cycle of environmental webinars during the six months of the debate, from November 2023 to April 2024, aimed at giving the floor to experts and the public on priority issues (good ecological status, offshore wind power and the environment, sustainability of fishing, etc.).

## Appointment to the IFRECOR National Committee

In 2023, the Ocean & Climate Platform was appointed to the IFRECOR National Committee. It will be keen to pass on information to its members and mobilise them to take part in IFRECOR's work.





### 2.3.3 International anchoring with the Climate Convention

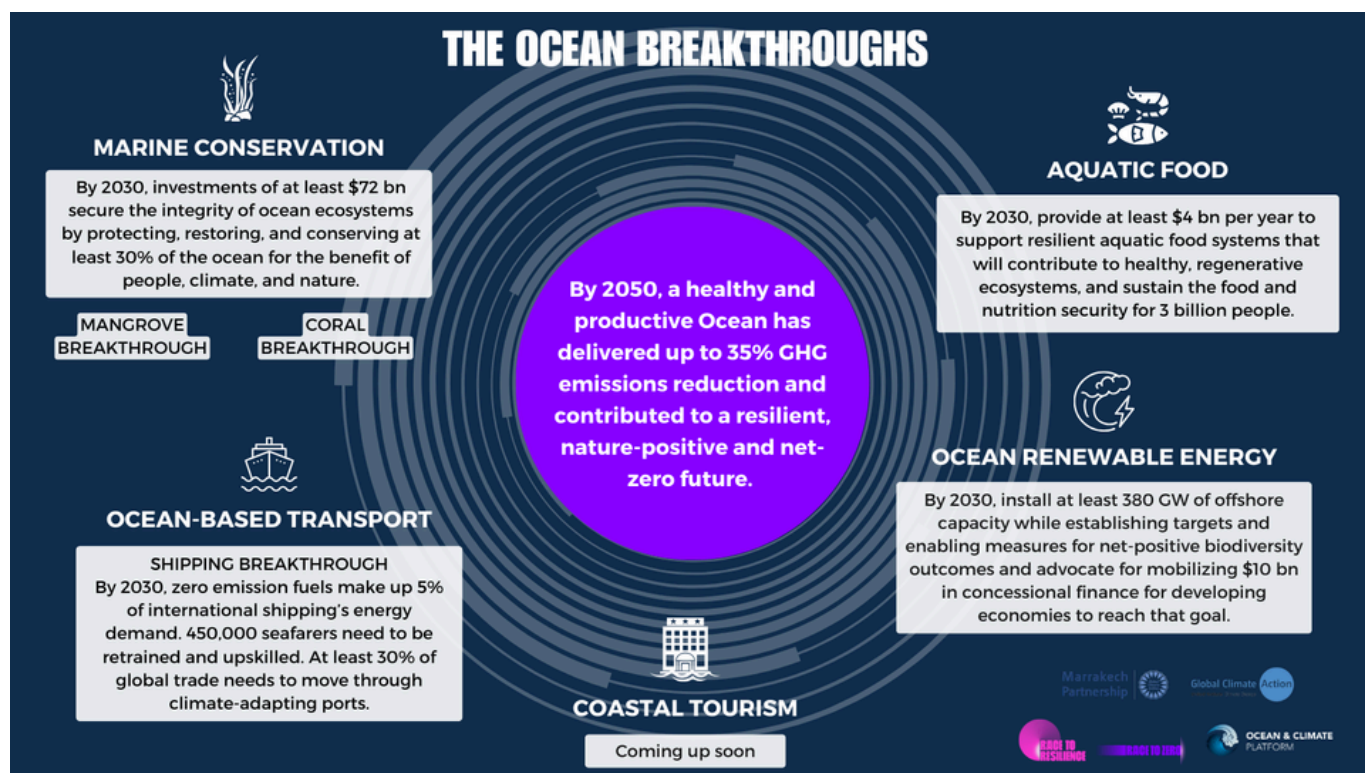
Since its creation, the OCP has played a key role in mobilising non-state actors to promote concrete, science-based solutions and support the institutionalisation of the ocean in the processes of the UNFCCC. Once again this year, the OCP acted as a driving force to bring the voice of the ocean to the Climate Convention, especially during COP28 in Dubai. These efforts led to the launch of the Ocean Breakthroughs.

#### Mobilisation of civil society

- *The Global Climate Action Agenda*

The OCP, in its capacity as focal point of the 'Ocean and Coastal Zones' group of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MP-GCA Ocean), coordinated the development of the Ocean Breakthroughs: five targets to be achieved by 2030 in key sectors – marine conservation, maritime transport, aquatic food, renewable marine energies, and coastal tourism – to ensure a healthy and resilient ocean by 2050. Building on its previous work, including the Ocean for Climate Declaration (2021) and the Blue Ambition Loop report (2022), the MP-GCA Ocean, with the support of the Climate Champions, aimed to better capture the contributions of non-state actors to climate objectives and define a common vision to accelerate action. This effort also aimed to feed into the conclusions of the Global Stocktake (GST) – which concluded at COP28.

The OCP thus coordinated the development of this common vision and its implementation across the five sectors. Two brainstorming workshops were held in Dubai and New York, mobilising more than thirty organisations to define tangible, science-based targets for each sector, as well as action levers such as finance and governance.



The Ocean Breakthroughs were officially launched during the IUCN Leaders Forum (8-10 October 2023) by Razan Al Mubarak, President of the IUCN and Climate Champion for COP28. They were then highlighted during COP28 and presented at numerous events co-organised by the OCP, the Climate Champions, and their partners:

- The Land Use-Ocean Action Day, jointly coordinated – for the first time – by the MP-GCA focal points for the ocean and lands. This event highlighted initiatives aimed at reversing the decline of biodiversity and increasing the resilience of both ecosystems and people facing climate change.
- The official COP28 Presidency Event “Powering the Ocean Breakthroughs with 100% Sustainable Ocean Management”, co-organised by the OCP, the Climate Champions, the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy and Ocean Action 2030.



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For Ocean Day at COP28, the OCP facilitated the organisation of official events, including:

- An Implementation Lab dedicated to coastal resilience, and ways to accelerate the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions, focusing particularly on financing and governance.
- An Implementation Lab on transforming food systems, emphasising the role that aquatic foods and alternative proteins can play.



- *Engagement within the Climate Champions' official campaigns*

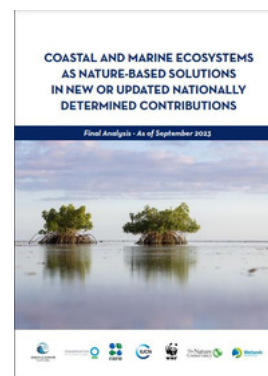
Working closely with the Climate Champions, the OCP supported several of their initiatives to boost the efforts of non-state actors:

- The OCP coordinated the contribution of civil society for the 'Ocean & Coastal Zones' section of the Climate Champions' 2030 Roadmap. Launched at COP28, this roadmap presents actions to accelerate the implementation of campaigns led by the Champions (e.g., Climate Action Pathways, 2030 Breakthroughs, and the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda).
- The OCP led the 'Coastal and Ocean Systems' taskforce of the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA), launched by the COP27 Presidency, which identifies 30 adaptation objectives to be achieved by 2030 to enhance the resilience of 4 billion people. The first Implementation Report of the SAA was published during COP28.

- *The collaboration with key actors in the ocean community*

In the context of climate negotiations, particularly in preparation for COP28, the OCP has strengthened partnerships developed over recent years with major international NGOs such as Conservation International, Ocean Conservancy, IUCN, WWF, Rare, and The Nature Conservancy to prepare publications and advocate for common positions. In that regard, the OCP coordinated the development of options to enhance action related to the ocean and coastal areas within the framework of the UNFCCC, and contributed to a policy brief on blue carbon ecosystems as a solution for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The OCP has published its final analysis focusing on Coastal and marine ecosystems as nature-based solutions in new or updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The report shows that coastal and marine Nature-Based Solutions are increasingly integrated into the national strategies of states, thus illustrating the growing recognition of the ocean and its ecosystems as a source of solutions to combat climate change.



Furthermore, the OCP was once again a partner of the Ocean Pavilion in the blue zone at COP28 – a true base camp of the ocean community – alongside more than thirty other organisations, and at the initiative of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The OCP was also a partner of the virtual Ocean Pavilion, which increases the visibility of the ocean and its role in the climate system beyond the negotiation rooms through online event programming and the sharing of resources accessible to all.

## Support for institutional processes

- *SBSTA Ocean and Climate change dialogue*

Pursuant to the COP27 Decision, which strengthens and extends its mandate, the Ocean and Climate change Dialogue was conducted in 2023 by two co-facilitators. They launched a consultation in April to lay the groundwork for the dialogue. The OCP shared some suggestions based on recommendations co-constructed with partners from the Friends of the Blue COP group. "Coastal ecosystem restoration (including blue carbon)" and "Food security and fisheries" were thus selected as the focal areas for the year.

Working closely with the UNFCCC Secretariat, the OCP was involved in the organisation of the dialogue (13-14 June 2023, Bonn). It facilitated one of the working groups on ecosystem restoration and presented the conclusions of the groups on fisheries in plenary.

Finally, with the support of nine international partners, the OCP prepared a synthesis report to summarise the discussions held during the two days of dialogue and assist Parties in preparation for COP28.

- *The Global Stocktake (GST)*

Aware of the absence of the ocean in the Global Stocktake (GST) negotiations, the OCP participated in the GST technical dialogue – intended to define the key emerging messages from the technical assessment phase. While this mobilisation succeeded in including the ocean in the [session summary](#), it remained absent from the key messages.



Moving forward, the OCP, in collaboration with Ocean Conservancy and nine other partner organisations, published a series of options for states to integrate the ocean into the political outcome of the GST – negotiated at COP28 to define how to correct course and achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. These language proposals were then presented and discussed with the state-led Friends of Ocean and Climate group during the coordination meetings they organised every day during COPs.

The objective was achieved: the ocean and its ecosystems are mentioned several times in the GST Decision, thus inviting Parties to tap into their mitigation and adaptation potential. The decision concludes with concrete recommendations and guidelines to right the ship.

## The ocean at the heart of COP 28

The OCP was highly mobilised during COP 28 in Dubai to emphasise the crucial role of the ocean and its ecosystems in combating climate change. The ocean was well integrated into climate discussions, whether it is in the political outcomes of the GST or in the multitude of side-events organised throughout the conference. The OCP co-organised several events:

- Ocean-Climate Reception – co-organised by IUCN, the OCP, The Ocean Race, and the Climate Champions. This high-level reception highlighted the importance of ocean-climate issues on the very first day of the COP.
- "Climate-Forward Ocean Conservation Strategies to Deliver on Global Targets" – co-organised by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Global Fund for Coral Reef, the Global Mangrove Alliance, the United Nations Environment Programme, the OCP, Race for Resilience, and The Nature Conservancy. This event showcased the climate benefits of marine conservation, drawing on the Ocean Breakthroughs including the Mangrove Breakthrough and Coral Reef Breakthrough. It underscored the synergies between climate and biodiversity fora, as well as with the upcoming United Nations Ocean Conference.
- "The Rise of Ocean Governance" – co-organised by the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, the High Seas Alliance, the OCP, and the RISE UP network. This event celebrated recent successes in ocean governance, including the strengthening of ocean considerations within UNFCCC bodies, the growing momentum for the protection of the deepsea, the adoption of the High Seas Treaty and of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- "Blue Carbon Coastal Wetlands in Climate Action" – co-organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, the Pew Charitable Trust, and the OCP. This event focused on the implementation and review of Parties' commitments to conserve and restore blue carbon ecosystems.
- Ministerial Dinner of the Friends of Ocean and Climate – co-organised alongside Ocean Conservancy, Oceano Azul Foundation, and The UN Foundation. This dinner provided group members with a space for discussions on how to advance ocean issues in negotiations. The OCP had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the MP-GCA Ocean to report on civil society progress and present the Ocean Breakthroughs.

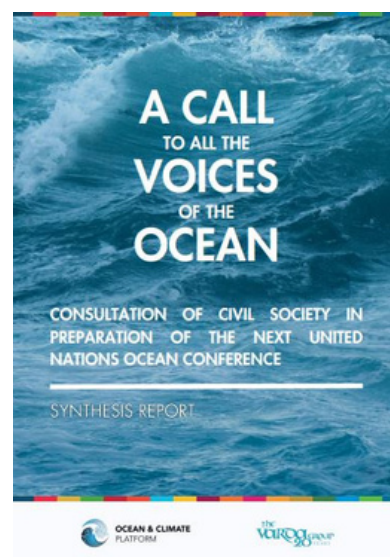
At the end of these two weeks of negotiations, the OCP provided an overview of COP28 outcomes for the ocean in a synthesis article published on its website. While the article highlights several advancements, such as the historic adoption of the first GST or the operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund, it nonetheless paints a mixed picture of this COP. Navigating through these complex waters, the ocean stood out with an unprecedented recognition of its contribution to achieving the Paris Agreement.

### 2.3.4 Mobilisation of civil society in preparation of the third United Nations Ocean Conference

France and Costa Rica have volunteered to co-host the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC 3) in June 2025 in Nice. Recognised as a unifying network, the OCP has been mandated, alongside the Varda Group, by the French and Costa Rican governments to mobilise and consult civil society in preparation for UNOC 3.

To this end, the OCP and the Varda Group have launched a global consultation targeting all civil society organisations working on the ocean. This "Call to All the Voices of the Ocean" – translated into French, English, and Spanish – has been widely disseminated. For example, it was presented during a workshop of the RISE UP network (+600 organisations) aimed at preparing its mobilisation for UNOC 3.

A total of 125 organisations responded to the consultation. The analysis of their contributions allowed for the identification of recommendations and priorities of the ocean community for UNOC 3, presented in a Synthesis Report and its Executive Summary, published in September 2023. Among these priorities are the establishment of a moratorium on deep-sea mining, the ratification of the High Seas Treaty, the finalisation of a treaty on plastic pollution, and better consideration of the ocean in climate and biodiversity strategies. They were also presented to and positively received by the teams of the French and Costa Rican governments.



The consultation revealed that the ocean community's expectations are high for UNOC 3 to result in transformative measures. To support this ambition, the Varda Group launched the "Let's Be Nice to the Ocean" initiative in November 2023, with the support of the OCP and in partnership with 6 other organisations. Built on the basis of the publication "Let's Be Nice to the Ocean: Thinking Outside the Box before the Third UN Ocean Conference", the initiative proposes several innovative ideas to accelerate ocean protection and aims to gather new ones. In continuation of the efforts to consult civil society, a "Let's Be Nice" online platform was created, where civil society organisations are invited to share their ideas for the ocean. The proposals and ideas will be presented in San José in June 2024, at the "Immersed in Change" Conference in Costa Rica, and during UNOC 3 in Nice.

### 2.3.5 Participation in international events

Throughout the year 2023, the OCP participated in several international events and conferences to carry its key messages in fora that promote solutions to protect the ocean, the ecosystems it sustains, and the climate. The OCP works to build and strengthen synergies, particularly between the Climate (UNFCCC) and Biodiversity (CBD) Conventions, which, despite obvious complementarities, still tend to work in silos.

- International Partnership for Blue Carbon Dialogue, February 2023

The OCP participated in the 5th dialogue of the International Partnership for Blue Carbon (IPBC) held in Paris from 22-24 February 2023, at the initiative of the Australian and French governments, with the support of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. The OCP was specifically invited to present its analysis on the integration of marine and coastal ecosystems in national climate strategies.

- Monaco Ocean Week, March 2023

This year again, the OCP participated in the Monaco Ocean Week, where it contributed to numerous events, including a workshop aimed at mobilising the private sector in preparation for UNOC 3 and preparatory meetings for COP 28.

- Annual Meeting of the IORA Blue Carbon Hub, September 2023

The OCP was invited on 12-13 September to participate in the annual meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association, organised this year by the Australian and Indonesian governments, on Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Adaptation. The OCP intervened several times to address the challenges and opportunities for these solutions on the international stage and presented its work, including the analysis of marine and coastal Nature-Based Solutions in revised NDCs.

- United Nations General Assembly, September 2023

The OCP participated in several events organised on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly and focusing on ocean governance, particularly in preparation for COP 28 and UNOC 3. For example, the OCP participated in the annual meeting of the Ocean Stewardship Coalition of the United Nations Global Compact, which brings together major companies of the maritime sector.

- The Bizerte World Marine Forum, September 2023

On 22 September 2023, the OCP took part in the World Marine Forum in Bizerte, Tunisia, organised by the Saison Bleue with the support of Olivier Poivre D'Arvor, Ambassador for the Poles and Maritime Issues. This year's event followed on from the previous foresight exercise facilitated by the OCP, which carried out an international survey on what the Ocean of 2050 might look like. It also looked ahead to the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice. The OCP therefore participated in the opening session of the Forum, recalling the conclusions and declaration of the 2022 edition before taking part in the drafting of the final declaration.



## 2.4 The Sea'ties Initiative

On January 1, 2020, the Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP) launched the Sea'ties initiative with the aim of facilitating the development of public policies and the implementation of adaptation solutions for coastal cities exposed to sea level rise.

Sea'ties is an international initiative that brings together medium-sized cities with diverse climatic, geographical, social, economic and political contexts. It is aimed at elected representatives, managers and all stakeholders involved in coastal adaptation, and provides a forum for the exchange of experience and sustainable solutions. Indeed, many adaptation measures are already being implemented around the world and can inspire other regions. Bringing together these real-life experiences and characterising them in light of scientific knowledge, Sea'ties promotes the most appropriate practices and supports the choices made by political decision-makers and regional managers for long-term adaptation.

### Timeline and objectives

Over the period 2020-2023, the Sea ties objectives are the following:

**2020 – 2021** : Gathering empirical data and scientific knowledge: inventorying and mapping the solutions provided by coastal cities in different regions of the world, then analysing the ways in which these solutions are implemented by means of a multidisciplinary scientific approach.

**2021 – 2022** : Highlighting leading practices and facilitating the implementation of solutions: analysing the sustainability of adaptation solutions and their enabling conditions at regional workshops involving scientists, elected representatives, city managers and other stakeholders, to produce regionally-based recommendations.

**2022 – 2023** : Promoting the integration of adaptation issues into public policy: making the most of return on experience informed by scientific knowledge; advocating with decision makers to incorporate the most appropriate solutions into national and international public policy.

### Partners of the initiative

**Financial partners** - Since 2020, the Sea'ties initiative has been funded by the Fondation de France, the Veolia Foundation and the Government of Monaco. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has provided funding for the initiative since 2021, and the United States Embassy in France since 2022.

**Scientific partners** - Scientific leadership is provided jointly by the CNRS and the Ocean & Climate Platform as part of an International Multidisciplinary Thematic Network funded by the CNRS.

**Technical partners** - Sea'ties focuses on medium-sized coastal cities in several regions of the world: Europe, the Mediterranean, North America, West Africa and the Pacific.

## 2.4.1 Regional workshops and reports

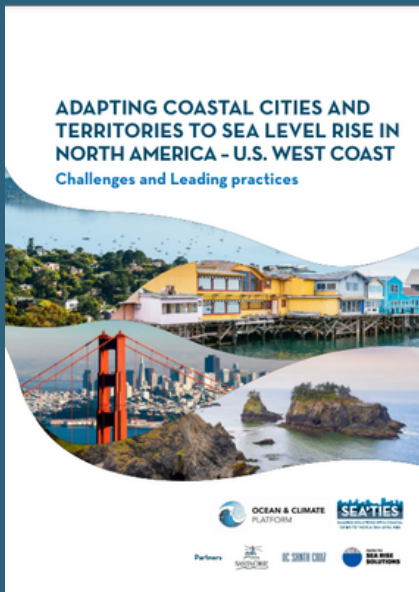
### Regional workshop “Adapting coastal cities and territories to sea level rise in the Pacific”



From July 10 to 12, 2023, 56 stakeholders, including elected and government officials, practitioners, scientists, and NGO representatives, from 16 Pacific Island countries and territories, gathered in Nadi, Fiji, for a regional workshop focused on Adapting Coastal Cities and Territories to Sea Level Rise in the Pacific. Organised by the Sea’ties initiative led by the Ocean & Climate Platform, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), and the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC), and with financial support from the Fonds Pacifique (French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs), this workshop marked the conclusion of a cycle of five regional workshops. The first two days focused on examining the challenges of adaptation in the Pacific. Discussions covered existing knowledge and gaps, tools available and those needing development for long-term adaptation strategies, the potential of nature-based solutions, and methods for engaging local populations in planning processes. The final day featured a field visit to Sigatoka National Park, highlighting practical examples of nature-based adaptation solutions.

*The report stemming from the workshop was released in 2024, and is available here: <https://ocean-climate.org/en/seaties-regional-report-adapting-coastal-cities-and-territories-to-sea-level-rise-in-the-pacific-challenges-and-leading-practices/>*

## Regional report on adapting North American cities and territories to sea level rise



The summary and the complete report are available on the OCP website here: <https://ocean-climate.org/en/seaties-regional-report-adapting-coastal-cities-and-territories-to-sea-level-rise-in-north-america-u-s-west-coast-challenges-and-leading-practices/>

The Sea'ties workshop "Adapting coastal cities and territories to sea level rise in North America: U.S. West Coast" was held on September 12, 2022, in Santa Cruz, California. It brought together over 50 experts and key stakeholders of coastal adaptation from across the West Coast of the U.S.

Informed by discussions held during this workshop, 26 individual interviews, as well as insight from partners, the Sea'ties initiative of the Ocean & Climate Platform with the support of the City of Santa Cruz, the University of California in Santa Cruz and the Center for Sea Rise Solutions released the report Adapting coastal cities and territories to sea level rise in North America – U.S. West Coast: Challenges and Leading Practices. This report provides an overview of trends, common challenges and leading practices developed in the region to adapt coastal cities to sea level rise and its impacts.

## Regional report on adapting West African cities to sea level rise

On October 5, 2022, the Sea'ties initiative, with the support of the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE), convened around sixty stakeholders in Dakar, Senegal, for a regional workshop focused on Adapting Coastal Cities and Territories to Sea Level Rise in West Africa. It brought together diverse stakeholders – including scientists, elected officials, representatives of development agencies and CSOS – to exchange their needs and practices in addressing the shared challenge of coastal adaptation.

Leveraging the insights gathered during the workshop and from individual interviews, the Sea'ties initiative, with the support of the CSE, published the report Adapting Coastal Cities and Territories to Sea Level Rise in West Africa, Challenges and Leading Practices. This report offers an overview of current obstacles and sheds light on examples of good practices contributing to the sustainable adaptation of coastal cities and their territories in the region.



The summary and the complete report are available on the OCP website here: <https://ocean-climate.org/en/seaties-regional-report-adapting-coastal-cities-and-territories-to-sea-level-rise-in-west-africa-challenges-and-leading-practices/>




## 2.4.2 Launch of the Policy recommendations for coastal cities to adapt to sea level rise

### About the Policy recommendations

Concluding four years of the Sea'ties initiative, the "Policy Recommendations to Coastal Cities to Adapt to Sea Level Rise" draw upon the scientific expertise and on-the-ground experiences of over 230 practitioners convened in 5 regional workshops organised in Northern Europe, the Mediterranean, North America, West Africa, and the Pacific. Now supported by 80 organisations worldwide, the policy recommendations are intended to local, national, regional and international decision-makers, and focus on four priorities:

1. **Solutions** – Planning long-term adaptation responses tailored to the local context
2. **Social justice** – Prioritising social imperatives in adaptation policies
3. **Knowledge** – Developing new ways to generate and share operational knowledge on adaptation
4. **Finance** – Building a sustainable finance approach for coastal cities



The recommendations are available on the OCP website here: <https://ocean-climate.org/en/the-ocean-climate-platform-launches-its-recommendations-for-coastal-cities-to-adapt-to-sea-level-rise/>

*The document was published in French, English and Portuguese*

### Launch of the Policy recommendations and the "Ocean Rise Resilience" Coalition of coastal cities and regions at the One Planet Polar Summit (09/11/23)



The replay of the conference is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfKf2dRr-A&t=3s>

On November 9, 2023, the Sea'ties Policy Recommendations were officially launched and presented at the One Planet - Polar Summit in the presence of the press and the French Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, Mr. Christophe Béchu; the Indian Minister of Earth Sciences, Mr. Kiren Rijiju; the Special Envoy of the President of the Republic for the United Nations Ocean Conference and Ambassador for Polar and Maritime Issues, Olivier Poivre d'Arvor; and the Mayor of Nice, Mr. Christian Estrosi.



The conference, organised by the Ocean & Climate Platform and the One Planet Summit, featured an initial segment moderated by Romain Troublé, President of the Ocean & Climate Platform. This segment focused on the recommendations, with the four priority actions presented by Fabrice Bernard, Delegate for Europe and International Affairs at the Conservatoire du Littoral; Maina Sage, former French Deputy from French Polynesia; Françoise Gaill, Vice-President of the Ocean & Climate Platform; and Ulrike Decoene, President of ORRAA and Director of Communication, Brand, and Sustainable Development at AXA Group. In the second segment, the launch of the "Ocean Rise and Resilience" Coalition of Coastal Cities was announced. This coalition will aim to unite coastal cities in addressing ocean changes, in preparation for the upcoming United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3).

## Communication, campaign and press coverage of the Policy Recommendations



To mark the release of the policy recommendations resulting from the Sea'ties project, the OCP devised a communications campaign on social networks ([LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)) bearing the hashtag #AdaptCoastalCities and including several carousels explaining the impacts of sea level rise around the world and showcasing the main policy recommendations backed up by concrete examples.

To ensure the success of this campaign, OCP members and partners of the Sea'ties initiative were informed and mobilised, in particular through a communications strategy meeting (known as a POCCOM) aimed at explaining how the campaign would be run and collectively reflecting on the needs and potential options for promoting the recommendations.

Alongside the social media campaign, a press strategy was developed with the Agence F press agency, which coordinated the organisation of a press conference to announce the launch of the recommendations at the One Planet Polar Summit on 9 November 2023. In total, the recommendations were covered 36 times in the print, web and radio media, including articles in [Libération](#), [Le Monde](#), [Le Point](#) and on [France Inter](#). This media campaign generated the equivalent of €587 800 in advertising for articles dedicated to Sea ties and 24 062 800 in opportunities to be seen.

## 2.4.3 The Map of Solutions

The Map of Solutions lists adaptation responses implemented around the world by coastal cities and regions to cope with the impacts of sea level rise. It also provides project leaders with valuable feedback, key success factors, as well as a number of cautionary points. In 2023, 17 new projects were added to the Map of Solutions, totalling 113 solutions from around the world. These new projects reflect the expansion of the Sea'ties network notably through regional workshops and reports, with 5 projects in West Africa and 4 in the USA. These projects are diverse, ranging from research and scientific cooperation projects (e.g., exploitation of satellite data with the OSS Saint Louis project), to experimentation with nature-based and hybrid solutions (e.g., the SARCC project in Europe), to coastal development planning (e.g., the Integrated Coastal Development and Management Plan for the Ivory Coast), planned relocation (e.g., Saint Louis in Senegal) and inter-municipal and parliamentary cooperation (e.g., network of 29 municipalities for concerted coastal management in the Ivory Coast ; Alliance of parliamentarians and local elected representatives for the protection of the environment in West African coastal countries).

All projects can be viewed at this link: <https://seaties.ocean-climate.org/index-fr.html>

## 2.4.4 Other events and interventions

The Sea'ties team took part in a number of national, European and international events in 2023:



- European Parliament: Address by Théophile Bongarts at the conference "Enhance Climate Change Adaptation and Coastal Resilience, Capitalisation on EU project results and regional initiatives" organised by Intergroup SEArca (28/02/23)
- Ocean Visions Summit 2023 : Co-facilitation by Théophile Bongarts of the session "Human Adaptation to a Changing Ocean: Community-Driven Coastal Climate Research and Solutions" with d'Emanuele Di Lorenzo and Nadia Pinardi (April 2023)
- US Embassy in France: Presentation by Lisa Devignol at the launch of the BINGE AUDIO podcast "Adapt or what?" (Programme B) (18/04/23)
- MEDEF International – Plenary session of the Sustainable Cities Task Force: Théophile Bongarts' address at the plenary session on "Sustainable cities of the future: what responses to the challenges facing cities to improve urban resilience? (May 2023)
- CEREMA and ANEL Integrated Coastal Management Seminar: Presentation by Théophile Bongarts (13/06/23)



- MedCOP Climat 2023 : Presentation by Théophile Bongarts at sessions on Nature-based Solutions and the transition of Mediterranean cities in preparation for UNFCCC COP28 (22-23/06/23)
- Fondation Aristote: Speech by Théophile Bongarts at the "Research Data: Nature, Cultures & Values" conference (October 2023)
- Fête de la Science : Lisa Devignol takes part in the "Aquabulle" round table on the future of the Mediterranean coastline, from shallow waters to coastal cities (10/10/23)

### COP28 of the UNFCCC was an opportunity to present the policy recommendations resulting from the Sea'ties project at a number of events:

- "Rising Ocean" (02/12) at the Ocean Pavilion (Blue Zone) organised by France and Costa Rica.
- "Ocean Decade 2030: Science & Partnerships for Climate Action through the Ocean Decade" (03/12) au Pavillon Océan (Blue Zone) organised by the IOC-UNESCO and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Sciences.
- "Sinking Cities—Coastal Subsidence and Land"(04/12) at the Ocean Pavillion (Blue Zone), organised by Woodhole Oceanographic Institute.
- Special event "Sea'ties: at the frontline of coastal adaptation" (06/12) at the Ocean Pavilion (Blue Zone) organised by the OCP with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the Pacific Climate Change Center and the Global Fund for Cities Development. The event, moderated by Loreley Picourt and Théophile Bongarts (OCP), invited Mr Rangasamy, Seychelles Minister for Land and Housing; Karina von Schuckmann (Mercator Ocean International), Karim Selouan (CEO, RESALLIENCE), Ms Mona Ainuu (Niue Minister for the Environment) and Mr Solomon Asamoah (CEO, GIIF), to discuss the policy recommendations to adapt coastal cities to rising sea levels.
- Implementation Lab "Coastal Resilience and Finance" (09/12) (Action Zone), organised by ORRAA, Conservation International and the OCP.



## 2.5 The OCEAN Exhibition

From the 29th of September to the 8th October 2023, the OCEAN exhibition, set up in 2022 as part of the French Presidency of the European Union by the OCP with the support of its members, was exported to the Foire du Valais in Martigny, where the theme was 'Tous à l'eau'. For the first time, OCEAN reached a large Swiss audience, with almost 250,000 visitors for this 2023 edition, which featured OCEAN as the main exhibition.



The OCP has also continued the free distribution of the exhibition's Kit format begun in 2022, enabling the exhibition to be installed in a number of venues in 2023, including : Centre national de la mer Nausicaa, musée médiathèque cyberspace in Sainte-Ménéhould, centre commercial Coty in Le Havre, centre commercial Côte de Nacre in Caen, collège Jules Massenet in Marseille, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord on the Villetaneuse campus, médiathèque René Pétillon in Lesneven, Festival Love is Blue in Biarritz.



# 3 Partners and financial supporters

## 3.1 Agreement with the French Development Agency

In May 2022, the OCP renewed its agreement with the French Development Agency for the 2nd phase of the "Structuring the Ocean and Climate Platform multi-stakeholder network" project, the main aim of which is to encourage greater awareness of ocean and climate issues among the general public and political decision-makers. Phase 2 of this 3-year project (2022-2025), amounting to a total of €712,000, is supported by AFD to the tune of €250,000. The OCP will thus pursue its field of action around its 3 main objectives:

1. Mobilisation: structuring the network to ensure a greater diversity of stakeholders and better mobilisation of ocean-climate civil society.
2. Science: disseminating knowledge and scientific mediation to improve understanding of ocean and climate issues by the general public and decision-makers.
3. Advocacy: drawing up and disseminating recommendations to ensure that ocean and climate issues are effectively and sustainably taken into account in national and international policies.

## 3.2 Agreement with the French Office for Biodiversity

In 2021, the agreement between the OCP and the French Office for Biodiversity (OFB) was renewed for the following project: "Promoting ecosystem services for a healthy ocean and a protected climate" for an amount of 60,000 euros per year (2021-2023), broken down into three sub-objectives:

1. Draw up a mapping of scientific and technical knowledge and disseminate it to policy makers and the general public
2. Propose solutions, enhance initiatives, and translate them into advocacy
3. Mobilise actors to advocate within the national and international agendas

In November 2023, a new agreement was signed with the OFB for a total of 180,000 euros for the 2024-2026 period.

## 3.3 Agreement with the Ministry of Ecological Transition

In 2023, the OCP renewed its Multiannual Agreement of Objectives (CPO) with the Ministry of Ecological Transition (MTE) for an amount of 250,000 euros for the 2023-2025 period for the project titled: "Coordination of actions to 1) mobilise ocean-climate stakeholders and scientific mediation, 2) lead the France Ocean Committee and 3) advocate the Ocean and Climate Platform (OCP) for the integration of the ocean in solutions to climate change and biodiversity protection". In 2023, the OCP secured additional funding from the European and International Action Division to the tune of €25,000 to support the OCP's international mobilisation activities, notably as part of the MP-GCA Ocean. In total, the MTE is therefore funding the OCP to the tune of €115,000 in 2023.

### **3.4 Agreement with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation**

In 2022, the OCP and the FPA2 signed a three-year agreement (2022-2024) worth a total of 75,000 euros for the FPA2 institutional support for the OCP's general activities (25 000 euros in 2023).

### **3.5 Agreement with the *Fondation de France***

In 2023, the OCP established a new agreement with the *Fondation de France* for an amount of 210 000 euros (70 000 euros per year) for the 2023-2025 period. This funding supports the structuration of the Ocean & Climate Platform's network to ensure that ocean and climate stakes are better taken into account amongst the general public and decision makers, and to implement the association's 3 objectives: 1) Mobilisation, 2) Dissemination of knowledge, and 3) Advocacy.

### **3.6 Partnerships to support the organisation of Ocean Action Day at COP28**

In 2023, the OCP raised an additional 57,456 euros to support its role as focal point for the MP-GCA Ocean. These funds, provided by OceanKind, and the Blue Marine Foundation, were used to cover expenses related to the organisation of Ocean events at COP28.

### **3.7 Funding from the Veolia Foundation**

In 2023, Veolia's group communications department granted a solidarity donation of 20,000 euros in support of the OCP's activities.

### **3.8 Grants for the Sea'ties project**

In 2023, the OCP received five grants to finance the activities carried out as part of the Sea'ties project:

- The Fondation de France is funding the project to the tune of €150,000 over three years, from June 2021 to June 2024.
- The Government of Monaco funded the project to the tune of €50,000 over 2023.
- The Prince Albert II Foundation funded the project to the tune of €240,000 over three years, for 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- The Embassy of the United States in France is funding the project to the tune of €18,660 for 2023/2024.
- The Veolia Foundation funded the project to the tune of €30,000, from November 2022 to December 2023.

# 4 Governance and coordination of the Ocean & Climate Platform

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).

## 4.1 The Board of Administrators

The Board of Administrators comprises at least 2 and at most 20 members, elected by the General Assembly from among the members or co-opted natural or legal persons. It is responsible for initiating the association's policy and general guidelines, as well as the main lines of communication and public relations. The Board meets every quarter and is supported by the Executive Committee (see 4.2).

As the mandates of the members of the Executive Board and the Board of Administrators were due to expire in 2023, they expressed, at the meeting of the Board of Administrators on 10 May 2023, their wish to present a joint candidacy to renew their mandates for the period 2023-2026. The collective re-election of the members of the Executive Board and the Board of Administrators, as well as the entry of the CNRS onto the Board of Administrators of the OCP, were voted unanimously by the members present at the General Meeting of 20 June 2023.

## 4.2 The executive Board

The members of the executive Board are elected by the Board of Administrators for a period of three years and are immediately eligible for re-election. It includes the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Vice-Presidents of the association.

On 10 May 2023, Anna Zivian, was elected as Vice-President at the Board of Administrators. In 2023, the collective renewal of the mandate of the OCP Board members was ratified at the annual General Assembly Meeting on 20 June. Raphaël Cuvelier has announced his intention to step down as Vice-President of the OCP Board. Céline Liret will succeed Raphaël Cuvelier as Secretary and Treasurer of the association. In 2023, the OCP Board is thus composed as follows:

- Romain Troublé, President
- Antidia Citores, Vice-President (Europe, shipping)
- Françoise Gaill, Vice-President (Science)
- Nelly Grassin, Deputy Treasurer
- Céline Liret, Secretary and Treasurer
- Patricia Ricard, Vice-President (Mediterranean, Aquaculture)
- Anna Zivian, Vice-President (International)

## 4.3 The secretariat

The secretariat represents the permanent team of the OCP, and is its operational body. With 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, Ocean Exhibition). In 2023, the OCP's secretariat team was made up as follows:

- Loreley Picourt, Executive Director
- Théophile Bongarts-Lebbe, Sea'ties Project Manager
- Gauthier Carle, NGO Coordinator of the CFO and National Advocacy Officer
- Anaïs Deprez, Head of Mobilisation and Communication
- Lisa Devignol, Sea'ties Project officer
- Cyrielle Lam - Communication and international mobilisation project officer
- Marine Lecerf, Advocacy and International Relations officer
- Sarah Palazot, Sea'ties Project and Knowledge Dissemination officer
- Mobilisation and communication intern
- International advocacy / Sea'ties intern
- National advocacy intern

## 4.4 The Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee (SC) is an advisory body whose mission is to advise the OCP on scientific and multidisciplinary issues, to verify publications and to assist the Board of Administrators in its choices and decisions. It brings together experts in ocean science and research. Joachim Claudet (CNRS-CRIOBE) has been the President of the SC since 2019. The SC is composed of 8 French members and 9 international members.

Find the composition of the Scientific Committee members in Appendice 3.

## 4.5 OCP members

With the participation of over 100 organisations from a wide range of sectors, the Ocean & Climate Platform brings together a broad 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. On 31 December 2023, the OCP network counted 109 member organisations.

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



# 5 Rapport financier

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

In 2023, the Ocean and Climate Platform made a profit of €88,274.

## 5.1 Balance sheet and detailed balance sheet analysis

### Assets

The OCP has total net assets of €949,850. The main lines are as follows :

- Financial contributions of €153 at the opening of the Crédit Coopératif bank account.
- Other financial assets, for a total of €4,434, include the deposits for the badges of the Maison de l'Océan premises as well as the deposit for the offices.

Actif		Exercice au 31/12/2023			Exercice précédent
		Montant brut	Dépréciation	Montant net	au 31/12/2022
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				
Immobilisations corporelles	Autres immobilisations incorporelles				
	Immobilisations incorporelles en cours				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0
Immobilisations financières	Terrains				
	Constructions				
	Inst. techniques, mat. out. Industriels	7 894	5 957	1 937	2 244
	Autres immobilisations corporelles				
Immobilisations financières	Immobilisations grevées de droit				
	Immobilisations corporelles en cours				
	Biens reçus par legs ou donations destinés à être cédés				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	7 894	5 957	1 937	2 244
Immobilisations financières	Participations	153		153	153
	Créances rattachées à des participations				
	Autres titres immobilisés				
	Prêts				
Immobilisations financières	Autres immobilisations financières	4 434		4 434	4 434
	<b>TOTAL</b>	4 587	0	4 587	4 587
<b>TOTAL I</b>		<b>12 481</b>	<b>5 957</b>	<b>6 524</b>	<b>6 831</b>
Stock et en-cours	Matières premières, approvisionnements				
	Marchandises				
	Stocks et en-cours				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0
Actif circulant	Avances et acomptes versés sur commandes				
	Créances clients, usagers et comptes rattachés	6 042		6 042	10 750
	Créances reçues par legs ou donations				
	Autres créances				
Actif circulant	Fournisseurs débiteurs				
	Personnel				
	Organismes sociaux	1 124		1 124	2 500
	Etats taxes sur le chiffre d'affaires				
Actif circulant	Autres	645 700		645 700	533 007
	<b>TOTAL</b>	652 866	0	652 866	546 257
Divers	Valeurs mobilières de placement				
	Instruments de trésorerie				
	Disponibilités	290 061		290 061	239 420
	Charges constatées d'avance	399		399	
<b>TOTAL II</b>		<b>943 325</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>943 325</b>	<b>785 677</b>
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>		<b>955 806</b>	<b>5 957</b>	<b>949 850</b>	<b>792 508</b>
Engagements donnés	Legs nets à réaliser				
	Acceptés par les organes statutairement compétents				
	Autorisés par l'organe de tutelle				

- The grants to be received for an amount of €645,700 mainly consist of the balance of funds that will be disbursed in the coming years by our partners and covered by agreements, including OFB for €40,000, Fondation Albert II for €76,148, Fondation Véolia for €15,000, Fondation de France for €195,000, MTE for €160,000, the balance of the AFD grant for €125,000, as well as the balance of the 2023 contributions for €11,500, Blue Marine Foundation's contribution to COP expenses for €20,000, and the US Embassy's contribution for €3,052.
- Cash and cash equivalents amount to 290 061 € including balances from accounts at Crédit Agricole and Crédit Coopératif.

## Liabilities

- Retained earnings of €199,526, including the allocation of 2022 profits approved at the General Meeting of 20 June 2023.
- The net profit for the year was €88,274.
- The dedicated funds correspond to the portion of grants not allocated at 31 December 2023, totalling €19,860.
- Trade payables of €16,304 include December invoices paid in January.
- Prepaid income of €563,122 corresponds mainly to grants receivable 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 Fonds associatifs sans droit de reprise (legs, donations, subv. Inv, biens renouvelables)	
	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	
	Ecarts de réévaluation		
	Réserves	Réserves statutaires ou contractuelles Réserves pour projet de l'entité Réserves Autres	
	Report à nouveau	199 526	129 251
	Excédent ou Déficit de l'exercice	88 274	70 275
	<b>SITUATION NETTE</b>	<b>287 800</b>	<b>199 526</b>
	Autres fonds		
	<b>TOTAL I</b>	<b>287 800</b>	<b>199 526</b>
	Fonds reportés et dédiés	Fonds reportés liés aux legs ou donations Fonds dédiés Fonds dédiés sur autre ressources	
	<b>TOTAL FONDS REPORTES ET DEDIES II</b>	<b>19 860</b>	<b>74 855</b>
	Provisions	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 Dettes des legs ou donations Dettes fiscales et sociales Dettes sur immobilisations et comptes rattachés Autres dettes Instruments de trésorerie Produits constatés d'avance	
	<b>TOTAL IV</b>	<b>642 190</b>	<b>518 127</b>
	<b>ECART DE CONVERSION PASSIF V</b>		
	<b>TOTAL DU PASSIF (I+II+III+IV+V)</b>	<b>949 850</b>	<b>792 508</b>
	(2) Dont concours bancaires courants et soldes créditeurs de banques		
Engage-ments reçus			

## 5.2 Income statement and detailed analysis of the income statement

### Products

- Production sold services, €7,924, includes invoicing for the exhibition.
- Income from third-party funders, €533,974, includes :
  - Véolia Foundation subsidy for €61,510,
  - MTE grant of €115,000,
  - OFB grant for €57,600,
  - Government of Monaco grant for €50,000,
  - Fondation de France grant for €130,000
  - Funding from the US Embassy for €14,864,
  - Funding from the Prince Albert II Foundation for €105,000
- Membership fees amounted to €103,000.
- The use of Dedicated Funds, €88,944 corresponds to the recovery of AFD Dedicated Funds.
- Transfer of operating expenses, €58,157 corresponds to the financial participation of partners in various events.

### Expenses

The other main operating expenses are listed below:

Compte de résultat		Exercice	Exercice précédent
Produits d'exploitation	Cotisations		
	<b>Ventes de biens et services</b>		
	Ventes de biens		
	dont ventes de dons en nature		
	Ventes de prestations	7 924	227 278
	dont parrainages		46 528
	Ventes de marchandises		
	Production vendue services		
	<b>Montants nets produits d'exploitation</b>		
	<b>Produits de tiers financeurs</b>		
	Subvention d'exploitation	533 974	983 738
	Concours publics et subventions d'exploitation		
	Versements des fondateurs ou consommations de la dotation consommable		
	<b>Ressources liées à la générosité du public</b>		
Charges d'exploitation	Dons manuels		
	Mécénats		
	Legs, donations et assurances-vie		
	Contributions financières		
	Reprises sur amortissements, dépréciations, provisions et transferts de charges	58 157	85 250
	Utilisations des fonds dédiés	88 944	123 259
	Report des ressources non utilisées des exercices antérieurs		
	Autres produits	103 010	79 026
	<b>TOTAL DES PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION I</b>	<b>792 009</b>	<b>1 498 551</b>
	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	206 836	890 181
	Autres achats non stockés		
	Services extérieurs		
	Autres services extérieurs		
	Aides financières		
	Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés	11 506	11 536
	Salaires et traitements	339 590	340 096
	Charges sociales	110 655	110 081
	Dotations aux amortissements et aux dépréciations		
	Dotations aux amortissements sur immobilisations	1 211	1 883
	Dotations aux provisions		
	Dotations aux dépréciations sur actif circulant		
	Subventions versées par l'association		
	Reports en fonds dédiés	33 949	74 281
	Autres charges	11	118
	<b>TOTAL DES CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION II</b>	<b>703 759</b>	<b>1 428 176</b>
<b>RESULTAT D'EXPLOITATION (I-II)</b>		<b>88 251</b>	<b>70 374</b>

- Other external purchases of €206,836 correspond mainly to various subcontracting work, including fees of €64,881, rent of €40,271, travel, mission and participation expenses for international events of €74,934, publication expenses of €15,552 and other expenses such as insurance, banking and printing.
- Salaries and wages of €461,751, including €11,506 in payroll tax.
- Dedicated funds carried forward: balance of grants paid in 2023 and earmarked for the 2024 financial year amounting to €33,949.

# 6 Towards 2024: the Ocean & Climate Platform's roadmap

The OCP has been working for better consideration of issues related to the ocean, climate and biodiversity by political decision-makers at the national and international levels. Building on a Science-to-Policy approach, the OCP aims to provide civil society and decision-makers with the relevant scientific knowledge and insights into challenges and solutions at the interface between biodiversity, ocean and climate.

## Civil society mobilisation

**Objective 1 - NETWORK ANIMATION:** The OCP continues to drive the network forward and promote the expertise of its members through joint communications, the organisation of events, the development of partnerships and the sharing of information.

**Objective 2 – 10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCP:** In 2024, The OCP celebrates its 10th anniversary. The occasion brings together all the network's members and partners to look back on 10 years of action for the ocean, climate and biodiversity, and to discuss future priorities for action.

**Objective 3 - COMMUNICATION:** The OCP continues to improve its communications and to communicate on its actions via its various communication channels, both in France and internationally.

## Dissemination of scientific knowledge

**Objective 1 - SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:** In 2024, the OCP will mobilise its Scientific Committee to offer scientific insight into specific issues, such as ocean-based geo-engineering methods (O-CDR). In the run-up to the United Nations Conference on the Oceans, the Scientific Committee will also be mobilised to start thinking about the post-2030 period.

**Objective 2 - DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE (DIFCO):** Since January 2024, the OCP has launched a new thematic cycle of its 'Dissemination of Knowledge' (DIFCO) working group on the subject of 'Fisheries, aquaculture and climate change'. Drawing on the latest scientific knowledge available (IPCC, IPBES, FAO, etc.), the aim of this working group, which involves around twenty OCP members, is to produce information for decision-makers and the general public (summaries, computer graphics, videos in partnership with Tilt, etc.).



## Comité France Océan (CFO) and national advocacy

**Objective 1 - COMITE FRANCE OCEAN:** The OCP will continue to coordinate and lead the Comité France Océan (CFO) alongside the DEB and the SGMER. In conjunction with the CFO's stakeholders, it will lead thematic working groups aimed at drawing up public policy recommendations (ghost fishing gear, training for decision-makers, ecological fishing, etc.). It will also ensure dialogue with government departments through information meetings and public policy monitoring, while ensuring that the CFO's efforts are in line with the international agenda and UNOC 2025. Finally, the OCP will work to strengthen collaboration with the ministers and central government departments responsible for CFO issues, while further structuring the CFO's internal and external communications.

**Objective 2 - NATIONAL ADVOCACY:** After structuring its national advocacy strategy in 2023, the OCP will continue its campaign on marine protected areas in partnership with 29 organisations to take it into a second phase focused on UNOC 2025. At the same time, the OCP will convey its positions and key messages on adapting French coasts to rising sea levels within the National Committee for the Coastline, will work with French NGOs to mobilise them ahead of UNOC 2025 and will become involved in the IFRECOR National Committee. Finally, it will play an active part in the public debate on the sea being conducted under the aegis of the French National Commission for Public Debate.

## Advocacy and international relations

**Objective 1 - ADVOCACY:** Ten years after its creation and approaching the ten-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement, the OCP intends to review its first two advocacy campaigns, published in 2015 and 2019 respectively, and begin a reflection process regarding the revision of the OCP's overall advocacy strategy, scheduled for 2025. At the same time, the OCP will organise reflection workshops on priority themes identified by its members and their connections with climate change, with the aim of defining common positions.

**Objective 2 - CLIMATE CONVENTION (UNFCCC):** As a key player in climate negotiations, the OCP plans to continue its advocacy and mobilisation efforts to strengthen the consideration of the ocean in national strategies and other entry points of the UNFCCC. To this end, the OCP will continue to coordinate civil society actors and work with influential players of the Climate Convention, particularly in its role as focal point for the 'Ocean and Coastal Areas' theme of the Global Climate Action Agenda. In this context, the OCP will continue its efforts to advance the Ocean Breakthroughs. Having received a particularly favourable reception at COP28, these breakthroughs need to be finalised, made more operational, and promoted on the international stage by COP30 in 2025.

**Objective 3 - BIODIVERSITY CONVENTION (CBD):** The OCP plans to mobilise the informal working group it coordinates to develop key messages and advocate common positions in the framework of the CBD negotiations. The OCP also aims to leverage its ongoing projects and campaigns (Sea'ties, MPA and Climate Change, etc.) and promote the vision of the Ocean Breakthroughs to achieve both climate and biodiversity goals.

## Advocacy and international relations

**Objective 4 - UN OCEAN CONFERENCE (UNOC 3):** The OCP has been mandated by France and Costa Rica to facilitate the mobilisation of civil society actors in preparation for UNOC3, alongside the Varda Group. To this end, the OCP is conducting consultations with stakeholders to gather expectations ahead of UNOC, and is contributing to mobilisation and awareness-raising actions within the framework of the Année de la Mer (the French “Year of the Sea”). In particular, it will undertake a reflection process on the vision to develop for the post-2030 period and the future of Sustainable Development Goal 14 “Life Below Water.”

## The Sea’ties initiative

**Objective 1 – REGIONAL AND THEMATIC WORKSHOPS:** Two new regional workshops will be organised in 2024 in the Caribbean and Southeast Asia, and their conclusions will be the subject of reports analysing trends, challenges, and key factors, illustrated by concrete examples of best practices. Three thematic online and international workshops will be organised between 2024 and 2025 on (1) Nature-based solutions for coastal city adaptation; (2) Social justice at the heart of adaptation policies; and (3) Planning the restructuring of coastal cities in a fair and integrated manner with nature.

**Objective 2 – COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING:** The Sea’ties project will continue its internal and external communication efforts, presenting its content in various formats (articles, videos, visuals, etc.) to better reach policymakers and the general public.

**Objective 3 - NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY:** Support political action and present the recommendations from the project to policymakers at national, regional, and international levels (Conferences of the Parties to the Climate Convention, the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference, etc.).

**Objective 4 - UNOC3 AND COALITION OF COASTAL CITIES AND REGIONS:** Support the development of the Coastal Cities and Regions Coalition which will be officially launched at the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3). The coalition will work on three priority areas: (1) Mobilisation (2) Strengthening knowledge (3) Financing adaptation.

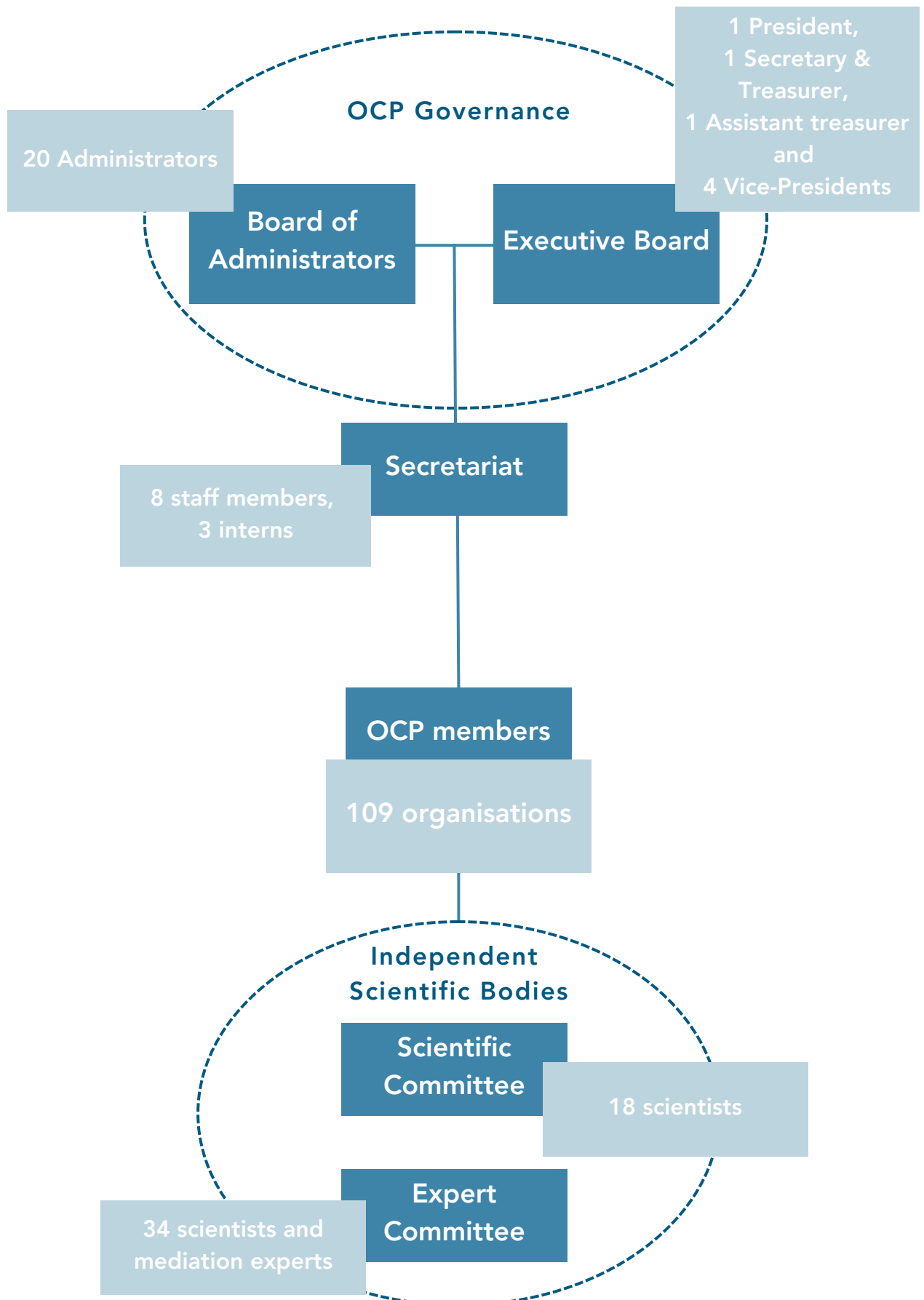
## The OCEAN exhibition

In 2024, the OCP will work on various scenarios to tour the OCEAN exhibition, in its stopover format, during the Year of the Sea, announced by the President Emmanuel Macron, which will be held ahead of UNOC 2025. The OCP will also focus on widely distributing the Kit format of the exhibition, a real success since its creation, making it available to partners across mainland France, the overseas departments and regions, the overseas collectivities, and internationally.

# Appendices

## Appendice 1

### Organisational chart of the association



## Composition of the Board of Administrators



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President of the OCP  
Executive Director, Fondation Tara Océan



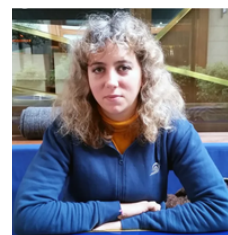
**Eric Banel**

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**Antidia Citores**

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**Raphaël Cuvelier**

Vice-President and Coordinator in charge of advocacy and funding



**Françoise Gaill**

Vice-President of the OCP,  
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Administrator of the Association RAMSAR France



**Céline Liret**

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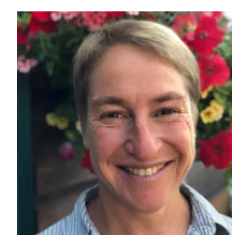
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**Anna Zivian**

Vice-president of the OCP, Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Conservancy



## Composition of the Scientific Committee



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President of the Scientific Committee of the OCP, and Senior Scientist at CNRS-CRIOBE



**Françoise Gaill**

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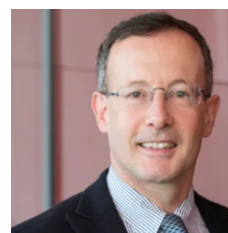
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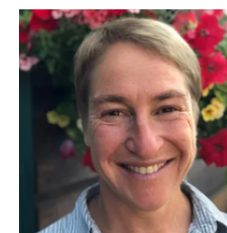
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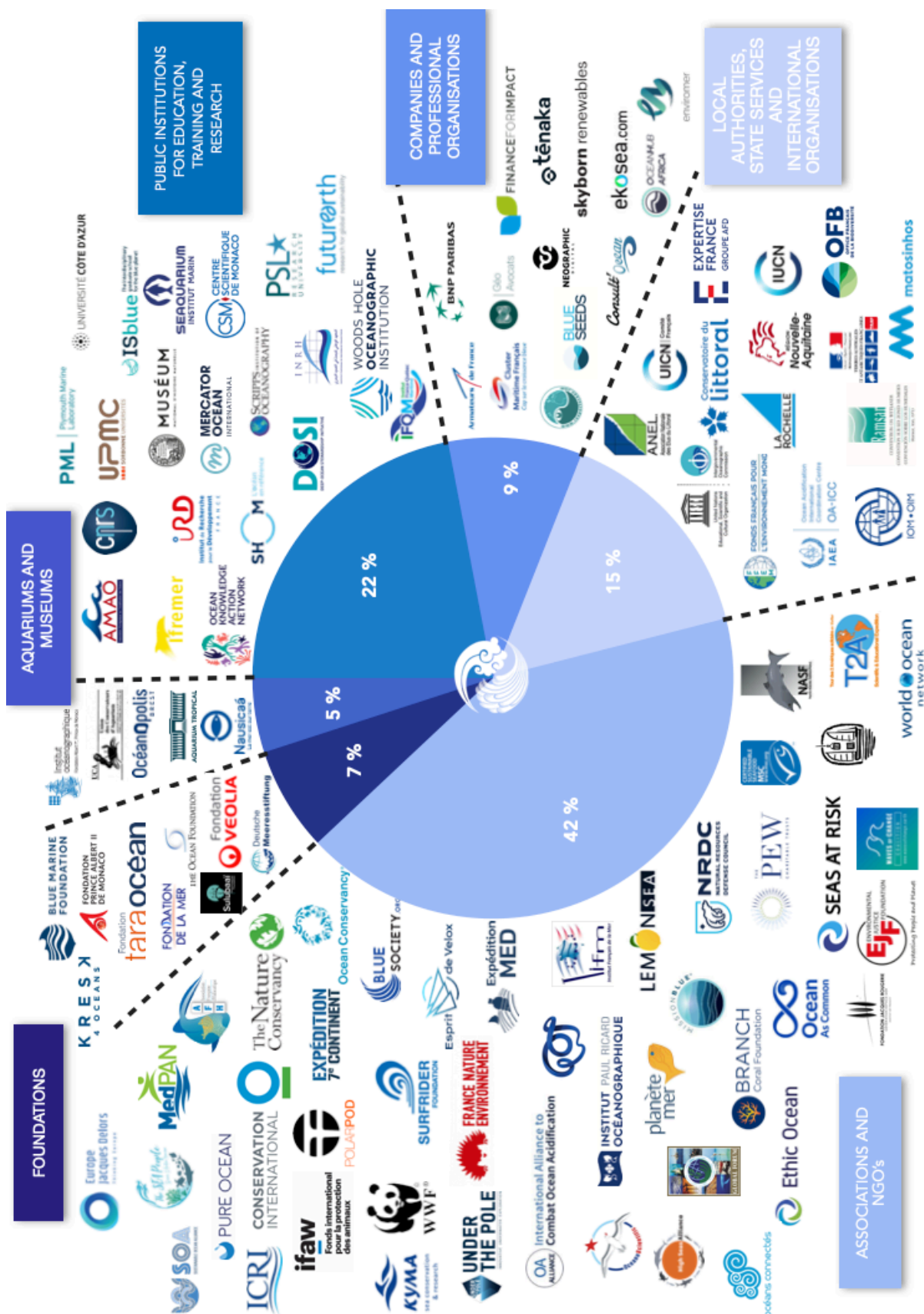
Senior Research Associate, IASS, Fondateur du Global Ocean Trust



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## The Ocean & Climate Platform members



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