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Dear Madam or Sir,
Dear colleagues,

We hope that you are enjoying the summer and maybe find some time to read the updates of the MARIPOLDATA project.

This year has again been quite exceptional. The **BBNJ negotiations were again postponed** due to COVID-19 and are expected to take place in Spring 2022. Possibly, a fifth negotiation round will be needed, which means that a finalization of the new Treaty will be postponed even further. The dedication of many state and non-state actors to continue international exchange online is a positive sign and has pushed us as a team to address and think about **digital diplomacy** and the **future of environmental**

multilateralism in general. Will global environmental agreement making as we know it persist into the future or will digital or hybrid formats replace the physical sites, where state actors meet to negotiate solutions to environmental degradation? We have published an article in [Global Environmental Politics](#) and a [special report](#) based on an online survey that we conducted to address some of these issues in relation to the BBNJ negotiations.

We were especially proud to see our paper "[Who owns marine biodiversity? Contesting the world order through the 'common heritage of humankind' principle](#)" published in the journal *Environmental Politics*. The paper analyses the struggle over the Common Heritage Principle in the BBNJ negotiations, which many experts view as a key challenge that governments will have to address during the next negotiation round(s).

Despite the pandemic, we have made progress with regard to the project's Work Package 2, which maps the field of marine biodiversity research. We finalized the **bibliometric analyses** and reached out to key ocean scientists, to conduct 6-hours-long **Oral History interviews**, which have already significantly enhanced our understanding of the field. These interviews allow us to dive deeper into the development of marine biodiversity research and to explore how the field has been shaped by (geo-) political, legal, and technological factors. Short video summaries will be made available on our homepage once this work has been finalized.

Please also have a look at our new [MARIPOLDATA Literature Database](#). It was designed to facilitate navigation through existing peer-reviewed literature on the BBNJ negotiations and future treaty. After the publication of our article "[The Voice of Science on Marine Biodiversity Negotiations: A Systematic Literature Review](#)" (Tessnow-von Wysocki and Vadrot 2020) we tried to find a way to continuously up-date the state of the art and decided to combine this goal with the ambition to make our knowledge available to all.

Finally, we would like to share some news regarding our team. First of all, congratulations to our master student assistant **Silvia Ruiz, who won a sowi:docs Fellowship** for her project "The politics of knowledge and digital multilateral diplomacy in marine biodiversity negotiations". She will continue to work with us and explore the role of Traditional Knowledge in physical and digital multilateral negotiation settings related to marine biodiversity. Then, we would like to **welcome Phoebe Fuhrmann**, who will support the project during the maternity leave of Emmanuelle Brogat. **Petro Tolochko**, who did fantastic bibliometric work, left after the ending of his contract, but remains a friend of the project. A second [Post-Doc position is currently vacant](#), and we encourage talented young scholars to apply.

If you are not already, do follow the monthly [MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar series](#) which welcomes brilliant international experts from academia, governments and civil society and offers a virtual space to get information about ocean governance issues.

Please find below current announcements, publications, events and other MARIPOLDATA activities.

We hope to see more of you face-to-face soon!

Warm regards,

Alice (Vadrot) and Team



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Vacancy: Post-Doctoral Researcher in the MARIPOLDATA project

Starting date: Beginning of January 2022. Application deadline: October 31, 2021

More about the vacancy [here](#)

New MARIPOLDATA Database of Scientific Literature on the BBNJ negotiations!

It is free to use for researchers, policy-makers, non-governmental actors, and everyone else interested in the topic.

Access it [here](#)



PUBLICATIONS

Vadrot, Alice B.M. Langlet, Arne. Tessnow-von Wysocki, Ina. 2021. [Who owns marine biodiversity? Contesting the world order through the 'common heritage of humankind' principle.](#) *Environmental Politics*

Vadrot, Alice B.M. Langlet, Arne. Tessnow-von Wysocki, Ina. Tolochko, Petro. Brogat, Emmanuelle. and Ruiz-Rodríguez, Silvia C. 2021. [Marine Biodiversity Negotiations During COVID-19: A New Role for Digital Diplomacy?](#) *Global Environmental Politics*

Tolochko, Petro. Vadrot, Alice B.M. 2021. [The usual suspects? Distribution of collaboration capital in marine biodiversity research.](#) *Marine Policy* 124(2)



PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

Panel: Studying Science-Policy interfaces in Multilateral Negotiation Settings

Chairs: Alice Vadrot and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[ECPR General Conference](#), 2.09, 11:00-13:00 (CEST), Online

Panel: United Nations Negotiations for the Future of Marine Biodiversity. A conversation among Academics and Practitioners on the BBNJ Negotiations

Chairs: Alice Vadrot and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[2021 Bratislava Earth System Governance Conference](#), 7.09, 14:30-16:00 (CEST), Online

Paper presentation: Negotiating Ocean Science? Avenues for and Struggle over the Uptake of Science in Marine Biodiversity Negotiations

Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki and Alice Vadrot

[2021 Bratislava Earth System Governance Conference](#), 7-9.09 (specific day yet to be announced), Online

Paper presentation: Authority relations in the emerging marine biodiversity regime complex

Arne Langlet and Alice Vadrot

[2021 Bratislava Conference Governance Conference](#), 7-9.09 (specific day yet to be announced), Online

Paper presentation: Scientific Representations of the Ocean for Protecting High Seas Marine Biodiversity

Alice Vadrot and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[EISA – 14th Pan-European Conference on International Relations](#), 13-17.09, (specific day yet to be announced), Online

PAST

Negotiating Scientific Institutions to Monitor the Ocean – the case of the Clearing-House Mechanism and the Scientific and Technical Body under the BBNJ Agreement

Arne Langlet and Alice Vadrot

[11th MARE People and the Sea Conference](#), 30.06, Online

Pathways for Science into Marine Biodiversity Negotiations

Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki and Alice Vadrot

[11th MARE People and the Sea Conference](#), 29.06, Online

Governance of marine genetic resources in waters beyond national jurisdiction

Dunshirn Paul

[IASC 2021 Knowledge Commons Virtual Conference](#), 11.06, Online

FSS diskutiert....Meeresschutz zwischen Wissenschaft und Politik

Alice Vadrot

[Forum St. Stephan](#), 09.06, Online

The role of the social sciences in and for conservation

Alice Vadrot

[BMBF Research Initiative for the Preservation of Biodiversity \(FEa\) Workshop](#), 02,06, Online

Der Schutz der Weltmeere: Wissenschaftliche Fakten und politische Agenden

Alice Vadrot

[Haus des Meeres, Science Day 2021](#), 21.01, Online

Multilateralismus, Wissenschaft und der Schutz der Ozeane: Eine politikwissenschaftliche Untersuchung

Alice Vadrot

Vortrag im Rahmen der Klassensitzung der Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftlichen Klasse der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 16.10, Vienna



EVENTS

UPCOMING

The MARIPOLDATA Seminar Ocean Series programme for September-December 2021 will soon be communicated [here](#)

PAST

Developing Countries in BBNJ - Interests and Perspectives of CARICOM

With Kahlil Hassanali, World Maritime University

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 23.06.21 | Summary of the exchanges [here](#)

Capacity building and the BBNJ Agreement

With Harriet Harden-Davies, Australian Centre for Ocean Resources and Security

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 19.05.21 | Summary of the exchanges [here](#)

Institutional Arrangements for the BBNJ Agreement – where are we now?

With Nichola A. Clark, Pew Charitable Trusts

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 21.04.21 | Summary of the exchanges [here](#)

The Territories of Ocean Governance

With Kimberley Peters, Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 24.03. 21 | Summary of the exchanges [here](#)

Epistemic Infrastructures of Knowing the Sea. The case of Maritime Domain Awareness

With Christian Bueger, University of Copenhagen

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 24.02.21 | Summary of the exchanges [here](#)

Marine Genetic Resources

With Konrad Marciniak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 27.01.21 | Summary of the exchanges [here](#)



MARIPOLDATA BLOG ARTICLES

[New MARIPOLDATA database of Scientific Literature on the ongoing marine biodiversity negotiations](#)

by Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[Turning towards the Ocean: Launching a Decade of Ocean Science](#)

by Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[Governing knowledge in relation to Marine Genetic Resources and COVID-19 vaccines](#)

by Paul Dunshirn and Arne Langlet

[Does COVID-19 pave the way for digital diplomacy? Some insights from studying marine biodiversity negotiations](#)

by Alice Vadrot

Speech is silver – Science is gold: The Voice of Science within UN negotiations for the Ocean

by Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki



IN THE MEDIA

[“Es gibt Konflikte, wer den Ozean wissenschaftlich abbilden kann“ - Die Presse](#)

With Alice Vadrot (13.08.2021, in German)

[Worüber wir jetzt reden müssen - DATUM](#)

With Alice Vadrot (DATUM Ausgabe März 2021, in German)

[Maritime Artenvielfalt - Ö1 Das Monatsmagazin](#)

With Alice Vadrot (07.01.2021, in German)

[Visit MARIPOLDATA Website](#)

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