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Dear Madam or Sir,
Dear colleagues,

Thank you for the support you have shown towards our MARIPOLDATA research and activities in 2021. It has been another unprecedented year where the spotlight shone even brighter on the importance of teamwork and collaboration. On behalf of the MARIPOLDATA team, best wishes for the Holiday Season and for the New Year!

2021 was a special year for MARIPOLDATA in many ways. We continued to conduct digital ethnography ([Vadrot et al. 2021](#)) of international environmental meetings, including the [COP 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#) and the [BBNJ intersessional work](#). Our work on the Oral History of marine biodiversity science has started and we have had the chance to conduct the first ten six-hour interviews with key marine biodiversity researchers. We published several articles on diverse aspects of the project, including the BBNJ negotiations ([Vadrot, Langlet & Tessnow-von Wysocki 2021](#)), the bibliometric

analyses of the marine biodiversity field ([Tolochko and Vadrot 2021a, 2021b](#)), and methodological innovations in the study of global environmental agreement-making ([Vadrot et al. 2021](#); [Hughes, Vadrot et al. 2021](#)). The Ocean seminar series ended this year with a talk by [Robert Blasiak on the marine genome](#) and will continue in January with a talk by [Fran Humphries on Marine Genetic Resources under the BBNJ Agreement](#). Our [blog](#) series on on BBNJ package elements and beyond is another highlight we are proud of, and we encourage you to follow it.

In the upcoming year, we will focus on fieldwork, oral history, data analysis, and methodological innovation. Our team will attend the next BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference in the UN headquarters in New York, COP 15 of the CBD in China, and visit different marine biodiversity research laboratories in the US, Brazil and selected European countries. We will continue to develop and apply (digital) ethnographic methods and start to connect the results of the different work packages.

This work will be supported by Dr. Krystel Wanneau, who will join our team as a Post-Doctoral researcher from February 2022 onwards. She has a dual PhD in political science from the Université Laval, Canada and Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium. The focus of her research – the crossroads between environmental policy, authority of international organizations and development of expertise under controversy – will surely enrich MARIPOLDATA.

Furthermore, we would like to welcome Silvia Ruiz, who joins the project as research fellow. Silvia was a master student in MARIPOLDATA from February 2020 to August 2021 and has received a Fellowship ([Sowi:docs fellowship](#)) for her PhD project on Marine Spatial Closures and Digital Multilateral Diplomacy in Marine Biodiversity Negotiations.

We are also happy to share some more personal news with you: two MARIPOLDATA babies were born this year. On August 31st I gave birth to my daughter Estelle and on October 26th Emmanuelle`s son Sylvain was born. Two little miracles that show us every day why we should care about the health of our planet and the need to protect the earth for future generations.

If you don't already, 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 wish you a merry and blessed holiday season and good fortune in the new year.

Warm regards,

Alice (Vadrot) and Team



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARIPOLDATA Marine Biodiversity Country Dashboard

It presents the ethnographic and bibliometric data collected by the project at and BBNJ. The data is organized by country and the user can interactively select the country of interest as well as compare different countries. [Access it here.](#)

The Second Survey on “The BBNJ during the COVID-19 crisis”

This round aims to assess if, and if yes how, actors have engaged in online BBNJ activities and how they perceive the challenges and opportunities for online formats in the context of BBNJ intersessional work and the adaption of the BBNJ treaty. The deadline of the survey has been postponed to January 21, 2022. So we invite you to participate (if you haven't already) [here!](#)

[More info here.](#)



PUBLICATIONS

Hannah Hughes, Alice Vadrot, et al. 2021: [Global environmental agreement-making: Upping the methodological and ethical stakes of studying negotiations.](#) Earth System Governance.

Tolochko, Petro and Vadrot, Alice B.M. 2021: [Selective world-building: Collaboration and regional specificities in the marine biodiversity field.](#) Environmental Science & Policy



PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

Paper presentation: Beyond a terra-centric discipline: The return of the oceans in global politics

Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Conference](#), date to be specified (28.03.22-2.04.22)

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

Alice Vadrot and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, [ISA Annual Conference](#), date to be specified (28.03.22-2.04.22)

PAST

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](#), 17.09.21, 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](#), 07.09.21, 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](#), 07.09.21, Online

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

Arne Langlet and Alice Vadrot, [2021 Bratislava Conference Governance Conference](#), 07.09.21, Online

Panel: Studying Science-Policy interfaces in Multilateral Negotiation Settings

Chairs: Alice Vadrot and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, [ECPR General Conference](#), 02.09.21, Online



EVENTS

UPCOMING

Traceability of Marine Genetic Resources under the BBNJ Agreement

With Dr. Fran Humphries, Queensland University of Technology

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 23.01.22, 10:00-11:30am (CET)

PAST

Conservation and Use of the Ocean Genome

With Dr. Robert Blasiak, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 08.12.21

Dispute Prevention & International Community Interests in BBNJ

With Associate Prof. Cymie Payne, Rutgers University

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 10.11.21

CITES and the Sea

With Daniel Kachelriess, Sea Shepherd Legal

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 20.10.21

Deep-Sea Mining and the International Seabed Authority

With Pradeep Arjan Singh, University of Bremen

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 29.09.21



MARIPOLDATA BLOG ARTICLES

When Science meets Policy to talk about Marine Biodiversity: Bringing together Academics and Practitioners in a Conversation about the Marine Biodiversity Negotiations

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

Assessing the human's footprint on Ocean Biodiversity

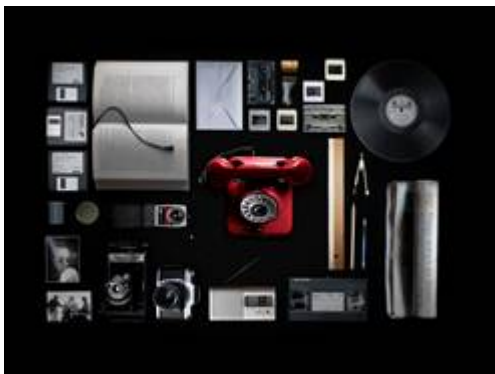
By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

The MARIPOLDATA Marine Biodiversity Country Dashboard – An innovative way to inform about the BBNJ negotiations

By Arne Langlet

(Marine) Territories? Conventional and dynamic ABMTs, and the contribution of Indigenous People and Local Communities

By Silvia Ruiz



IN THE MEDIA

Im Brackwasser des Verhandlungsprozesses, 27.10.21

By the Societal Impact Platform of the Vienna University about the MARIPOLDATA project

Studying the Role of Science for Protecting High Seas Biodiversity, 20.10.21

By Alice Vadrot in the Eco Magazine

“Politikwissenschaftlerin zum Schutz der Artenvielfalt”, 20.09.21

Videoportrait about Alice Vadrot by Studio 2 (ORF)

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