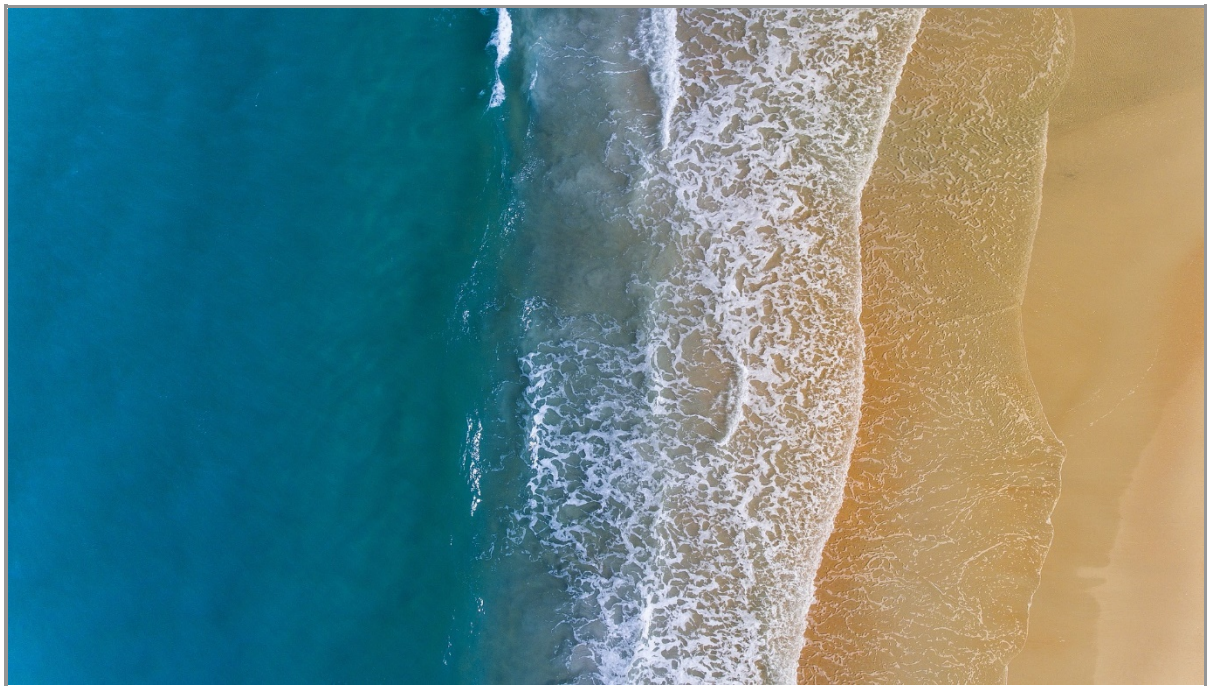




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Dear Madam or Sir,
Dear colleagues,

We have seen an exciting first half of 2022 with several ocean-related events that took place after a two-year COVID-19 break.

In March, the [fourth BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference](#) took place at the UN headquarters in New York – negotiations the MARIPOLDATA team was very much looking forward to observing and studying. However – due to COVID-19 restrictions and as all non-state actors and observers – we could only follow the process online. Online participation allowed us to apply digital ethnography to study agreement-making in practice but also raised the question of [how legitimate negotiating a new High Seas treaty without the involvement of civil society actors is](#). Therefore, like many other observers, we were relieved when we heard about the decision of the President to organize a [fifth and final negotiation round](#), which we will observe in New York in the second half of August as part of our ethnographic research.

In addition to the BBNJ Process, the MARIPOLDATA team closely followed the [UN Ocean Conference](#) in Lisbon and CBD negotiations around the Global Biodiversity Framework, which benefited from two meetings in [Geneva](#) (in March) and Nairobi (in June) in 2022. While we believe that ocean-related biodiversity goals are needed in both the BBNJ and CBD processes, we were surprised to see that some states instead try to push the ocean agenda outside the CBD process. In this regard, we look forward to [CBD COP 15](#), which will – after a succession of postponements – finally take place in December 2022 in Montreal.

In addition to research tasks related to the ethnographic study of marine biodiversity negotiations, we made significant progress concerning the MARIPOLDATA case studies in Brazil, the US, and the EU. We are currently developing a conceptual framework, which we will apply to the ethnographic research of marine biodiversity monitoring practices on-site and the analysis of the Oral History interviews.

We are also delighted to announce that our work on the edited volume "Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making" (edited by Hannah Hughes and Alice Vadrot, Cambridge University Press) is close to completion. The book will be published in summer 2023, provides a methodological guide to studying global environmental negotiations in action and covers diverse methods, and offers practical advice for conducting research at and on these sites. In addition, it illustrates with several examples and reflection boxes how to innovate, be critical and reflect on the practice of studying negotiations in times of crisis.

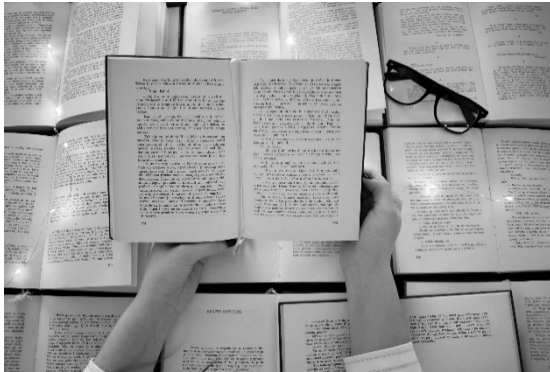
Our team has also grown a little further: Since April, [Daria Sander](#) has supported the MARIPOLDATA team as a research assistant. Daria is a master student of political science in the university of Vienna.

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 publications, events and other MARIPOLDATA activities.

Warm regards,

Alice (Vadrot) and Team



PUBLICATIONS

Tessnow-von Wysocki, Ina and Vadrot, Alice B.M. (2022): [Governing a Divided Ocean: The Transformative Power of Ecological Connectivity in the BBNJ negotiations](#). *Politics and Governance*.

Vadrot, Alice B.M. Langlet, Arne. Tessnow-von Wysocki, Ina. (2022). [Who owns marine biodiversity? Contesting the world order through the 'common heritage of humankind' principle](#). *Environmental Politics* 31(2): 226-250.

Vadrot, Alice B.M. (2022): Experts: scientific knowledge for ocean protection, In: Paul G. Harris, [Routledge Handbook of Marine Governance and Global Environmental Change](#), Routledge.

UPCOMING

Vadrot, Alice B.M, Ruiz Rodríguez, Silvia C., Brogat, Emmanuelle, Dunshirn, Paul, Langlet, Arne, Tessnow-von Wysocki, Ina, Wanneau, Krystel: **Towards a reflexive, policy-relevant and engaged ocean science for the UN Decade: a social science research agenda**. *Earth System Governance*.

Vadrot, Alice B.M. and Ruiz Rodríguez, Silvia C.: **Digital multilateralism in practice: Extending critical policy ethnography to digital negotiation sites**. *International Studies Quarterly*.



PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

Paper Presentation: Scientific and Technical Advice for Global Governance

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Krystel Wanneau, Alice Vadrot, [EISA PEC Conference](#), 31 August 2022, online.

Panel: Scientific and Technical Advice for Global Governance

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Krystel Wanneau, Alice Vadrot, [ECPR General Conference 2022](#), 24 August 2022, Innsbruck.

Paper Presentation: Creating a Body of Science we need for the Ocean we want: Role and Characteristics of a Scientific and Technical Body for the new BBNJ Agreement

Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Alice Vadrot, [ECPR General Conference 2022](#), 24 August 2022, Innsbruck.

Paper Presentation: Providing more than advice: a study of UNEP's experts scholar, nomadic and sedentary careers

Krystel Wanneau, [ECPR General Conference 2022](#), 24 August 2022, Innsbruck.

Paper Presentation: Entanglements from the digitalization of oceans: unpacking digital practices in marine biodiversity research

Krystel Wanneau, Alice Vadrot, [Digital Ecologies in Practice Conference](#), 29 July 2022, Bonn & online

PAST

Guest Lecture: Protecting life below water: competing orders, interests, and forms of knowledge [SDG 14]

*Alice Vadrot, "[Stockholm+50: Fünf Jahrzehnte globaler Umweltpolitik](#)", 09 May 2022, FU Berlin, Berlin.
Recording available [here](#).*

Presentation: Erhalt von Biodiversität – Eine Herausforderung für Wissenschaft und Politik"

*Alice Vadrot, [IIASA 50th Anniversary Event](#), 07 April 2022, ÖAW, Vienna.
Recording available [here](#).*

Presentation: Die Zukunft der Ozeane: die marine Biodiversität verhandeln

Alice Vadrot, [NHM Lecture](#), 05 April 2022, NHM, Vienna.



EVENTS

UPCOMING

The programme for next semester's Ocean seminars will soon be published [here!](#)

Des océans numérisés pour la décennie des Nations unies - Quels enjeux et opportunités du numérique pour la biodiversité marine? / Digitale Ozeane für die UN-Dekade - Welche Herausforderungen und Chancen bietet die Digitalisierung für die marine Biodiversität?

Event about the digitalisation of the ocean (in French and German); organised by MARIPOLDATA, the Institut français d'Autriche and the Ambassade de France en Autriche

*20.09.2022, Vienna, **more info coming soon!***

PAST

Borderless Conservation: Integrating connectivity into High Seas conservation efforts for the Salas y Gomez & Nazca Ridges

Ben Boteler, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies; Carlos Gaymer, Ocean Exploration Trust & Daniel Wagner, Conservation International

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 15.06.2022, 5.00-6.30pm (CEST)

The Ocean InfoHub Project and the Ocean Data and Information System

Lucy Scott, Ocean InfoHub, IOC Project Office for IODE

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 11.05.2022, 10.00-11.30 am (CEST)

The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework & BBNJ Agreement

Lisa Campbell, Duke University

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 13.04.2022, 5.00 – 6.30 pm (CEST)

Recent Developments in the BBNJ Negotiations

Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Independent international expert

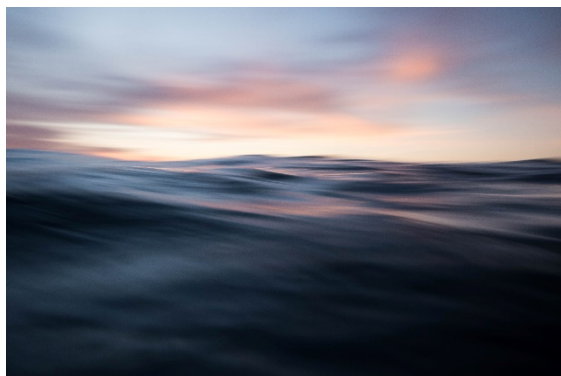
[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar](#), 30.03.2022, 10.00-11.30 am (CEST)

Polycentricity in BBNJ

With Kristina Gjerde, IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme & Siddharth Shekhar Yadav, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the UN
[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 16.02.2022, 5.00-6.30 pm \(CET\)](#)

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 \(CET\)](#)



MARIPOLDATA BLOG ARTICLES

[‘We are the Ocean’ \(Miguel de Serpa Soares, UNDOALOS\) – Will highly ambitious statements from the UN Ocean Conference 2022 translate into a highly ambitious BBNJ treaty?](#)

By Paul Dunshirn, Arne Langlet (MARIPOLDATA) & Klaudija Cremers (IDDR)
21.07.2022

[My experience as an intern at MARIPOLDATA – “Science is more than just physics and mathematics”](#)

By Anook Garden, student intern at MARIPOLDATA for one week
06.07.2022

[An Ocean of Possibilities: Marine Biodiversity in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#)

By Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez
10.06.2022

[Not the only Treaty in the Sea: Linking the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\) and the future BBNJ agreement](#)

By Arne Langlet
16.05.2022

[Participation at BBNJ negotiations matters](#)

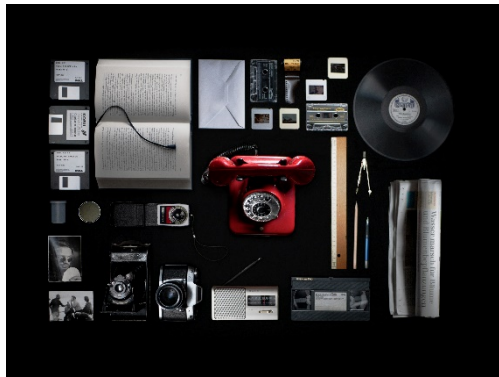
Joint blog by One Ocean Hub & MARIPOLDATA: Elisa Morgera, Bernadette Snow and Mia Strand, Alice Vadrot, Arne Langlet and Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez
13.04.2022

[Where did the last negotiation round for a High Seas Treaty take us?](#)

By Arne Langlet, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki and Alice Vadrot
04.04.2022

[Light on the Horizon? Negotiations to complete a new Marine Biodiversity Treaty resume](#)

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Arne Langlet and Alice Vadrot
14.03.2022



IN THE MEDIA

[Ungehobene Schätze der Ozeane wecken Begehrlichkeiten](#), **23.06.2022**

Interview with Alice Vadrot in the podcast "Nerds mit Auftrag. Der Science-Podcast"

[Schutz für die Ozeane – Marine Biodiversität als Allgemeingut für zukünftige Generationen erhalten](#), **08.06.2022**

Comment by Alice Vadrot in „Wiener Zeitung“

[Artenschwund – “Heute ist der Mensch der Asteroid”](#), **08.04.2022**

Article in “Science ORF.at”

[Marine Biodiversität in der Hohen See: Noch immer kein internationaler Schutz](#), **23.03.2022**

Blogpost by Alice Vadrot in “Der Standard”

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