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Dear Dear Madam or Sir,
Dear colleagues,

Thank you for the support you have shown towards our MARIPOLDATA research and activities in 2022. We would like to thank everybody who supported our work, all interviewees, advisors, speakers to our ocean seminar, distinguished colleagues and friends.

On behalf of the MARIPOLDATA team, best wishes for the Holiday Season and for the New Year!

2022 was a special year for MARIPOLDATA in many ways. We went back to the negotiation rooms and conducted collaborative event ethnography of international environmental meetings, [including the BBNJ intergovernmental conference](#) in August and [COP 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#) in December.

This year we could almost complete our work on the oral history of marine biodiversity science with more than 60 hours of interviews with key scientists representing the field. After a two-year preparation phase, we were finally able to conduct ethnographic research in three laboratories in the United-States, France and Brazil. We completed the work on the edited book "Conducting Research on Global Environmental

Agreement-Making” (Hughes and Vadrot 2023) to be published by Cambridge University Press in April/May 2023.

We published several articles on diverse aspects of the project, including the BBNJ negotiations ([Vadrot, Langlet & Tessnow-von Wysocki 2022](#); [Langlet & Vadrot 2023](#); [Tessnow-von Wysocki & Vadrot 2022](#)) as well as conceptual and methodological reflections, including how social sciences can contribute to the UN Decade of Ocean Science ([Vadrot and al. 2022](#)) and how to study digital multilateralism in practice ([Vadrot & Ruiz-Rodríguez 2022](#)).

The Ocean seminar series ended this year with a talk by Dr. Andrei Polejack on “[Science diplomacy in marine biodiversity negotiations: Perspectives from the South](#)” and will continue in January with a talk by Prof. Lisa Levin on “[Climate Change and the Deep Sea: Science-Policy perspectives](#)”.

Our blog series on the BBNJ negotiations is another highlight we are proud of, as many state and non-state actors seem to find our summaries useful to follow the BBNJ process.

In the upcoming and last year of the MARIPOLDATA project, we will focus on analyzing the laboratory ethnography material and comparing the three cases, finalizing the oral history interviews of marine biodiversity science and completing our MARIPOLDATA databank with the aim to make our ethnographic observations of the BBNJ process available to a broader public.

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 holiday season and good fortune in the new year.

Warm regards,

Alice (Vadrot) and Team



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alice Vadrot appointed as expert to the EU Mission Board Restore our Ocean and Waters by the European Commission

EU Mission Boards [More info here](#)

Alice Vadrot re-elected as member of the Board of the Austrian Biodiversity Council

[More info here](#)

Alice Vadrot elected as second Vice Chair of the Council of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Akademierat [More info here](#)

New EU project launched to better understand marine biodiversity decline and restore ocean health

MARine COastal BiODiversity Long-term Observations (MARCO-BOLO) with Alice Vadrot (Univie) as project partner [More info here](#)



PUBLICATIONS

Langlet, Arne. and Vadrot, Alice B.M. (2023). [Not 'underming' who? Unpacking the emerging BBNJ regime complex](#). *Marine Policy* 147: 105372

Vadrot, Alice B.M. Ruiz-Rodríguez, Silvia C.. Brogat, Emmanuelle. Dunshirn, Paul. Langlet, Arne. Tessnow-von Wysocki, Ina and Wanneau, Krystel. (2022). [Towards a reflexive, policy-relevant and engaged ocean science for the UN decade: A social science research agenda](#). *Earth System Governance* 14: 100150

Vadrot, Alice B.M., Ruiz-Rodríguez, Silvia C. (2022). [Digital Multilateralism in Practice: Extending Critical Policy Ethnography to Digital Negotiation Sites](#). *International Studies Quarterly* 66(3)

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* 10(3)

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

[April 2023: Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making](#), (Cambridge University Press) edited by Hannah Hughes and Alice Vadrot with contributions by Arne Langlet, Silvia Ruiz and Ina Tessnow von Wysocki.

Through introducing the concept of agreement-making, the book challenges what constitutes the sites, actors and processes of negotiations beyond conventional approaches and provides a critical, multidisciplinary and applied perspective reflecting recent developments. It provides a step-by-step guide to the study of global environmental negotiations, using accessible language and illustrative examples from different negotiation settings, including climate change, biodiversity, and ocean protection.



PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

Paper presentation - Epistemic bordering: Negotiating knowledge to protect the ocean

Alice Vadrot and Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez, [Offene Tagung der Themengruppe Polar- u. Meerespolitik der DVW 2023, In Kooperation mit \(IDOS\), Panel "Knowledge"](#) (24.02.23)

Paper presentation - Not in my waters: Linking and unlinking marine biodiversity in international environmental negotiations

Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki and Alice Vadrot, [Offene Tagung der Themengruppe Polar- u. Meerespolitik der DVW 2023, In Kooperation mit \(IDOS\), Panel "Biodiversity"](#) (24.02.23)

Paper presentation - Maritime Powers and Ocean Protection: How Scientific Capacity Shapes International Negotiations outcomes

Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Conference](#), Panel "OceanicIR: Science, technology and law in global ocean politics" (15.03.23)

Paper presentation - Boundary work on ocean space: Competing knowledge claims in the making of marine protected areas

Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez and Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Conference](#), Panel "Borders to Boundary Work in Global Politics" (16.03.23)

Paper presentation - How do regime complexes emerge? Using international negotiations to study regime complexity"

Arne Langlet and Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Conference](#), Panel "The Politics of Inter-organizational Interactions" (17.03.23)

PAST

The Interface between Marine Genetic Resources, Patenting and Equity

Paul Dunshirn and Erik Zhivkopljas, [World Maritime University After Lunch Seminar](#), 5.12.22, Online

Paper presentation - Contesting climate change in BBNJ negotiation: Practices of linking and unlinking marine biodiversity and climate change politics

Alice Vadrot, [2022 Toronto Earth System Governance Conference](#), 21.10.22, Online

Paper presentation - Who to listen to? - Understanding Authority in the emerging Marine Biodiversity Regime Complex

Arne Langlet and Alice Vadrot, [2022 Toronto Earth System Governance Conference](#), 21.10.22, Online

Paper presentation - Digital multilateralism in practice: Extending critical policy ethnography to digital negotiation sites

Alice Vadrot and Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez, [2022 Toronto Earth System Governance Conference](#), 20.10.22, Online

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 and Alice Vadrot, [2022 Toronto Earth System Governance Conference](#), 20.10.22, Online

Warum wir eine neue Umweltpolitik brauchen

Alice Vadrot, "[UMWELT IM GESPRÄCH: Umweltpolitik in der Krise?!](#)", Environmental Research Network Vienna and Natural History museum Vienna, 18 October 2022, Vienna



EVENTS

UPCOMING

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

Climate Change and the Deep Sea: Science-Policy perspectives

With Prof. Lisa Levin, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA)

Discussant: Assoz. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot (Principal Investigator, ERC Project MARIPOLDATA)

IPW Lectures, 18.01.23, 05:00-06:30pm (CET)

PAST

Science diplomacy in marine biodiversity negotiations: Perspectives from the South

With Dr Andrei Polejack, Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 07.12.22 🎧 New: Recording available [online](#)

Field stations, research vessels. Physical communication at the heart of science

With Prof. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Institute of Development and Sustainability & Bonn University

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 30.11.21 🎧 New: Recording available [online](#)

Regional Fisheries Management Organizations: The interplay between governance and science

With Assoc. Prof. Leandra Gonçalves, Institute of Marine Sciences at the Federal University of São Paulo

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 19.10.222 🎧 New: Recording available [online](#)

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?

Organised by MARIPOLDATA and the Ambassade de France en Autriche

Event about the digitalisation of the ocean (in French and German), 20.09.2022,

Identifying and Describing Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs): A Key Tool for the Protection of Ocean Biodiversity in Dispute

With Dr Christian Prip, Fridtjof Nansen Institute

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 14.09.2022

So near and yet so far: Prospects for the conclusion of a BBNJ Treaty in August 2022



MARIPOLDATA BLOG ARTICLES

Diving into Marine Issues of the Global Biodiversity Framework: How global will the new biodiversity framework be?

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

Wait a second... were multilateral negotiations not online before COVID-19? The emergence of digital multilateralism

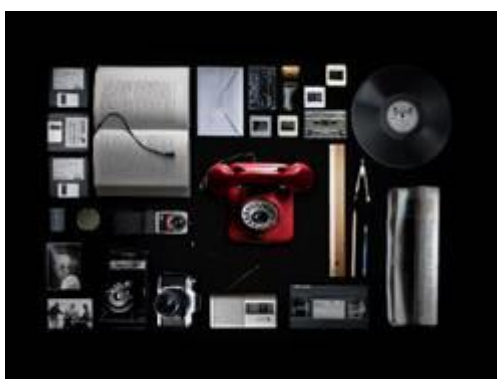
By Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez and Alice Vadrot

Too High Hopes for a High Seas Treaty?

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Arne Langlet, Klaudija Cremers (IDDRI), Paul Dunshirn, Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez and Alice Vadrot

Finalizing an Ocean Treaty: Drowning in detail or sailing towards compromise?

By Arne Langlet, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Paul Dunshirn, Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez, Daria Sander and Alice Vadrot



IN THE MEDIA

Artenschutzkonferenz beschließt Erklärung, 19.12.22

*Alice Vadrot on CBD COP 15 in **ZIB 1 ORF***

Warum wir ohne Artenvielfalt kaum überleben können, 17.12.22

*Video with Alice Vadrot on CBD COP 15 in **der Standard***

Was, wenn der Weltnaturgipfel scheitert?, 15.12.22

*Video with Alice Vadrot on CBD COP 15 in **der Standard***

“Für das Meer bräuchte man bewegliche, dreidimensionale Vorstellungen von Schutzgebieten”, 14.12.22

*Interview with Alice Vadrot in **RiffReporter***

Biologe: "Für Straßenbau wird 30-mal mehr Geld ausgegeben als für Naturschutz", 07.12.22

*Alice Vadrot on CBD COP 15 in **der Standard***

“Can we protect our high seas”, 10.11.22

*Alice Vadrot in **Euronews** podcast series “Ocean calls “*

Presseausendung: Ein neues Abkommen für die Weltmeere in Aussicht, 18.08.22

*Alice Vadrot, Arne Langlet & Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki in “**Diskurs – das Wissenschaftsnetz**”*

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