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Dear Madam or Sir,
Dear colleagues,

We are starting today's newsletter with very good news: The MARIPOLDATA Project has been extended for 8 months until the summer of 2024! We are very thankful for this opportunity. In the following we will reflect on the new BBNJ treaty, current research outcomes, publications and events.

After more than 15 years of discussions, a historic [agreement to protect global ocean biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction \(BBNJ\)](#) has been reached. This consensus marks a success for multilateralism and addresses gaps in the [UN](#)

[Convention on the Law of the Sea \(UNCLOS\)](#). The Agreement outlines processes for conserving and sustainably using marine biodiversity through the establishment of area-based management tools (ABMTs), including marine protected areas (MPAs), and the conducting of environmental impact assessments (EIAs). It addresses the dispute over marine genetic resources (MGRs), promoting benefit-sharing and transparency, further supporting capacity building and the transfer of marine technology (CBTMT). The Agreement aims to promote cooperation and coordination among international bodies, recognizing existing efforts in managing BBNJ. To fully come into force, the Agreement will require 60 ratifications, and various tasks lie ahead for its implementation, such as institutional framework development and scientific knowledge advancement. Read a first analysis in [our MARIPOLDATA blogpost](#).

We are very happy to finally share our book “[Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making](#)”, edited by Hannah Hughes and Alice Vadrot, and published by Cambridge University Press in August 2023! By introducing the concept of agreement-making, the book challenges what constitutes the sites, actors and processes of negotiations according to conventional approaches and provides a critical, multidisciplinary and applied perspective that reflects 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.

This year, our focus lies on analyzing the [laboratory ethnography material and comparing the three cases \(Brazil, EU, and USA\)](#), finalizing the oral history interviews of marine biodiversity science, and completing our MARIPOLDATABase with the aim to make our ethnographic observations of the BBNJ process available to a broader public. We continued documenting our research and posting our most interesting findings and observations in our blog series and will use the MARIPOLDATABase for further research and publications.

[The Ocean seminar series](#) ended this semester with a talk by Jessica Lehman on The Politics of Marine Carbon Storage. We will use this term's Ocean Seminar Series to present our own work and invite international experts to discuss our research.

We are also very happy to welcome our new [team members](#), Simon Fellingner and Julia Chapotot–Necker. Simon works as a student assistant and has joined the MARIPOLDATA Team in January of this year, while Julia took over Emmanuelle’s responsibilities as a research administrator in July. We also wish to say a very warm welcome to Mathieu, Emmanuelle’s newborn baby. We wish you and your family all the best!

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.

Warm regards,

Alice (Vadrot) and the MARIPOLDATA Team



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPACT.AWARD 2023

Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki has won the Impact Award for her Dissertation project on Science-Policy Interfaces for Ocean Protection!

[Read more](#)

VIENNA DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Arne Langlet has been awarded a Short-term Finishing Contracts by the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences to extend his work at the University of Vienna until the end of October 2023.

IUCN WCPA High Seas Specialist Group

Arne Langlet was recently added to the IUCN High Seas Specialist Group. The High Seas Specialist Groups works on building capacity and knowledge, as well as supporting new technologies, for identifying, establishing, managing and monitoring marine protected area networks and wider systems of area-based management tools in the 64% of the ocean beyond national boundaries.

HELP OUR PARTNER PROJECT MARCO-BOLO

We would kindly like to invite you to participate in and share the survey developed by Felix Wurm from our sister and EU-funded project MARCO-BOLO (MARine Coastal BiODiversity Long-term Observations: Strengthening biodiversity observation in support of decision making).

Whether you are involved in marine, coastal, freshwater or terrestrial biodiversity conservation, the project invites you to share your insights as we assess the data and monitoring needs of stakeholders.

The MARCO-BOLO project is fostering a dynamic Community of Practice (CoP) that connects biodiversity data generators and users. This collaborative platform enables stakeholders to co-design and co-create data products and tools, ensuring that project outcomes are driven by stakeholders' needs and aligned with our mission. Its aim is to cater to end users at the local, national, regional, and international levels, while also facilitating stronger integration of data into policy processes to support the EU in achieving its biodiversity targets.

The survey takes **10-12 minutes** and includes 25 questions. We kindly ask you to participate **by 30.10.2023**.

[Link to the survey](#)

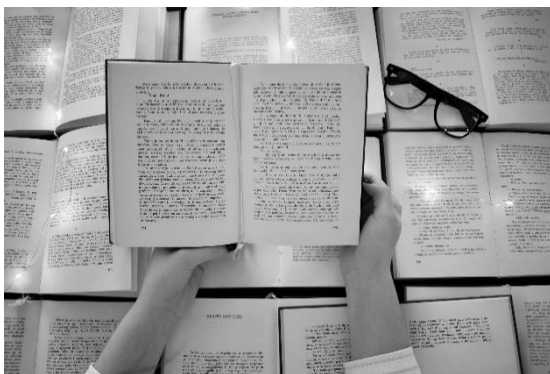
The **survey results** will feed into the creation of better data products usable by different stakeholders engaged in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. We want to support decision-making with the best available knowledge and data!

For general questions or comments regarding the study and survey, please contact: mbosurvey.politikwissenschaft@univie.ac.at

Regarding questions on the project please email: claire.laguionie@embrc.eu

We would very much appreciate it if you could forward the invitation to your colleagues or any other relevant respondents.

We thank you very much for your support!



PUBLICATIONS

PAST

Hughes, H., & Vadrot, A. (Eds.). (2023). [Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making](#). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Hughes, H., & Vadrot, A. (2023). [Introduction: A Broadened Understanding of Global Environmental Negotiations](#). In H. Hughes & A. Vadrot (Eds.), *Conducting Research*

on *Global Environmental Agreement-Making* (pp. 1-22). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Vadrot, A., & Hughes, H. (2023). [Starting: Practical and Ethical Considerations](#). In H. Hughes & A. Vadrot (Eds.), *Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making* (pp. 25-42). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Hughes, H., & Vadrot, A. (2023). [Concepts: Selecting, Applying and Innovating Concepts](#). In H. Hughes & A. Vadrot (Eds.), *Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making* (pp. 58-73). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Vadrot, A. (2023). [Adapting: Responding to Unforeseen Research Circumstances](#). In H. Hughes & A. Vadrot (Eds.), *Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making* (pp. 267-284)

Vadrot, A., & Hughes, H. (2023). [Conclusions: Reflecting on the Future \(Study\) of Global Environmental Agreement-Making](#). In H. Hughes & A. Vadrot (Eds.), *Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making* (pp. 285-300). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Langlet, A., Leiter, T., Wysocki, I., & Thew, H. (2023). [Experiences: Reflecting and Comparing Research on Negotiations](#). In H. Hughes & A. Vadrot (Eds.), *Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making* (pp. 249-266). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Langlet, A. & Vadrot, A. (2023). [IOs in the BBNJ Regime Complex – the dataset](#). *Data in Brief*, 48, 109153

Langlet, A. & Vadrot, A. (2023). [Not ‘undermining’ who? Unpacking the emerging BBNJ regime complex](#). *Marine Policy* 147: 105372

UPCOMING

Langlet, A. & Vadrot, A. (2023). [Negotiating regime complexity: Following a regime complex in the making](#). *Review of International Studies*. forthcoming

Vadrot, A. (2023). [Chapter 4. Protecting Life Below Water: Competing Normative, Economic, and Epistemic Orders \[SDG 14\]](#). In Partzsch, L. (Ed.), *The Environment in Global Sustainability Governance*. Bristol: Bristol University Press.



PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

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

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Alice Vadrot, [ESG Conference 2023](#), Session: [Knowledge Systems Panel](#), 25 October 2023, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Paper presentation - Not in my waters: Linking and unlinking marine biodiversity in the negotiations of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Alice Vadrot, [ESG Conference](#), Session: [Biodiversity Governance: The Road Ahead 2023](#), 26 October 2023, Netherlands.

Paper Presentation - A fallacy of the commons in the making? Mapping science-patent relations to inform governance of marine genetic resources

Paul Dunshirn, [ESG Conference](#), Session: [Biodiversity Governance: The Road Ahead 2023](#), 26 October 2023, Netherlands.

Paper presentation - Science-Policy-Industry Relations from Marine Laboratory Perspectives

Alice Vadrot, Krystel Wanneau, Arne Langlet, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, [ESG Conference 2023](#), Session: [The Future of Oceans](#), 24 October 2023, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

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Paper presentation - Not in my waters: Linking and unlinking marine biodiversity in the negotiations of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Alice Vadrot, [EISA-PEC Conference](#), Panel: [International Marine Biodiversity and Plastics Negotiations](#), 09 September 2023, Potsdam, Germany.

Paper Presentation – Four Years of Marine Biodiversity Negotiations in One Data Set: New Empirics for the Study of Global Environmental Agreement-Making

Arne Langlet, Alice Vadrot, [DACH-Tagung 2023](#), Panel 8, 13 September 2023 Linz, Austria.

Paper Presentation – Four Years of Marine Biodiversity Negotiations in One Data Set: New Empirics for the Study of Global Environmental Agreement-Making

Arne Langlet, Alice Vadrot, [EISA-PEC Conference](#), Panel: [International Marine Biodiversity and Plastics Negotiations](#), 09 September 2023, Potsdam, Germany.

Presentation - Roundtable II - EU DTO: Societal aspects, ethics, and responsibility

Alice Vadrot, [Digital Ocean Forum 2023](#), 20 March 2023, Brussels, Belgium.

Keynote Speech - The contribution of the social sciences and humanities to the UN Decade by identifying an array of research avenues

Alice Vadrot, [International Ocean Data Conference - II \(IODC-III\)](#), 20 March 2023, Online.

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

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Convention 2023](#), 16 March 2023, Montreal, Canada.

Presentation - How do regime complexes emerge? Using international negotiations to study regime complexity

Arne Langlet, Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Convention 2023](#), 16 March 2023, Montreal, Canada.

Presentation - Maritime Powers and Ocean Protection: How Science Capacity Shapes International Negotiations Outcomes

Alice Vadrot, [ISA Annual Convention 2023](#), 15 March 2023, Montreal, Canada.

Paper Presentation - Epistemic Bordering: Negotiating Knowledge to Protect the Ocean

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Alice Vadrot, [Offene Tagung der Themengruppe Polar- u. Meerespolitik der DVPW 2023](#), 24 February 2023, Bonn, Germany.

Paper presentation - Not in my waters: Linking and unlinking marine biodiversity in the negotiations of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Alice Vadrot, [Offene Tagung der Themengruppe Polar- u. Meerespolitik der DVPW 2023](#), 24 February 2023, Bonn, Germany.



EVENTS

UPCOMING

Book presentation - Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making

With Dr. Hannah Hughes, Aberystwyth University & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna

Discussants: Arne Langlet, University of Vienna & Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, University of Vienna

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 11 October 2023, Online

IPW Lectures- Mapping the governance system of space sustainability: Insights from a new dataset

With Prof. Jean-Frédéric Morin, Université Laval, Québec, Canada

Discussant: Assoc. Prof. Nina Klimburg-Witjes, Universität Wien.

31.10. 2023, Hörsaal 2, Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Wien

You can find the updated programme for this semester's Ocean seminars [here!](#)

MARIPOLDATA

Ocean Seminar Series



The monthly MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar Series offer a virtual space to get information and engage in exchanges on ocean governance issues, through presentations by international experts from academia, governments, international organisations and civil society. This term, we will present our MARIPOLDATA research and invite international experts from different fields to discuss our work.

Book presentation Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making

October 11th, 2023 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)
Dr. Hannah Hughes, Aberystwyth University
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna
Discussants: Arne Langlet, University of Vienna,
Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, University of Vienna

Zooming-into agreement-making: Tracing the BBNJ negotiations with the MARIPOLDATAbase

November 8th, 2023 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)
Arne Langlet, University of Vienna,
Simon Fellinger, University of Vienna,
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna
Discussant: Prof. Jean-Frédéric Morin, Université Laval

Pathways of Scientific Input into Intergovernmental Negotiations: the BBNJ case

December 5th, 2023 | TBC
Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, University of Vienna

The Oral History of Marine Biodiversity

January 2024 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CEST)
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna

Negotiating knowledge or marine protected areas? Struggles in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

February 2024 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CEST)
Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez, University of Vienna
Prof. Dr. Lisa Campbell, Duke University

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More information: <https://www.maripoldata.eu>

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Climate Change and the Deep Sea: Science-Policy perspectives

With Lisa Levin, Distinguished Professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 18.01.2023,  New: Recording available [online](#)

Is two weeks enough for an equitable and effective treaty design? Hurdles and gaps in the BBNJ process

With Elizabeth Mendenhall, Assistant Professor in the Marine Affairs Department at the University of Rhode Island, USA, and Rachel Tiller, Chief Scientist at SINTED Ocean, Norway

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 15.02.2023,  New: Recording available [online](#)

The marine manager portal and how it could assist in the implementation of the BBNJ agreement, with Tim White

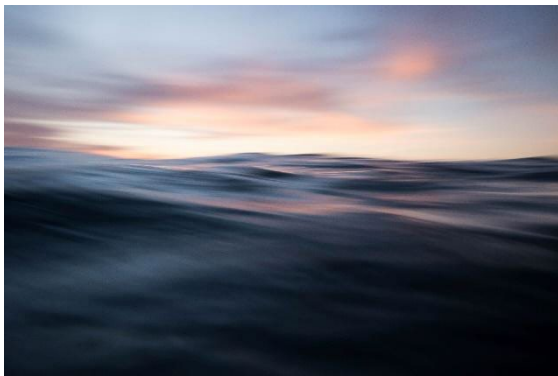
With Dr. Tim White, Senior Manager, Global Fishing Watch

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 08.03.2023, Online

The Politics of Marine Carbon Storage

With Asst. Prof. Jessica Lehman, Department of Geography, Durham University, United Kingdom

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 10.05.2023, Online



MARIPOLDATA BLOG ARTICLES

Understanding Deep-Sea Life through marine scientific research: The case of Scripps Institution of Oceanography

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

Marine Issues and Digital Sequence Information at CBD COP15.2: Lessons and implications for the upcoming BBNJ negotiations?

By Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez and Paul Dunshirn

Navigating the marine biodiversity regime complex – How will the BBNJ instrument interact with other organizations?

By Arne Langlet and Simon Fellingner

Life in the Ocean – a common heritage of the planet: Do we have a responsibility in the High Seas?

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

A new Marine Biodiversity Treaty in Sight

By Arne Langlet, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Paul Dunshirn, Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez, Krystel Wanneau, Simon Fellingner and Alice Vadrot

“The ship has reached the shore”: why the historic Agreement to protect the High Seas matters and what happens next

By Arne Langlet and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

Exploring Deep Sea Ecology and Ecosystems at the Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo (IOUSP)

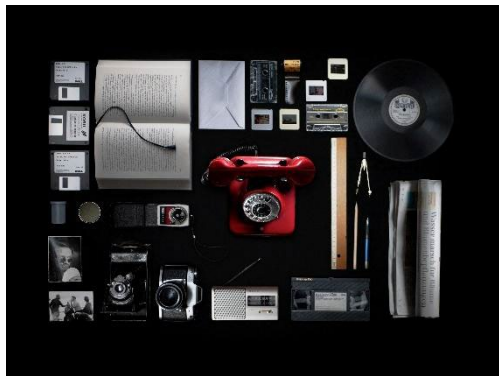
By Arne Langlet

A laboratory ethnographer in the deep-sea lab BEEP of IFREMER

By Krystel Wanneau

Tweeting Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (#BBNJ): the story of a hashtag

By Arne Langlet, Paul Dunshirn & Glen Wright



IN THE MEDIA

Alice Vadrot über den Schutz der Hochsee, 03.03.2023

Interview with Alice Vadrot in the “Ö1 Morgenjournal”

Was das Hochseeschutzabkommen bedeutet. 06.03.2023

Statement from Alice Vadrot in Spektrum der Wissenschaft

Einigung über UN-Hochseeabkommen erreicht, 07.03.2023

Statement from Alice Vadrot in Science Media Center Germany

Weltmeere: Überraschende Einigung über UN-Abkommen über die Hohe See, 09.03.2023

Podcast with Alice Vadrot in Lage der Nation

Wie ein neuer Pakt den Raubbau in den Ozeanen stoppen will, 10.03.2023

Podcast with Alice Vadrot in Edition Zukunft Klimafragen - Der Standard

Großer Erfolg dank Schwarmintelligenz, 22.03.2023

Comments from Alice Vadrot and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki in Falter

Wem gehört das Meer? 24.05.2023

Arte Programm "42 - Die Antwort auf fast alles", with the participation of Alice Vadrot

Das Klima zwischen Politik und Wissenschaft, 02.06.2023

Audimax Podcast in Rudolphina Magazin with Alice Vadrot and Nils Güttler

Wem gehört der Ozean? 25.07.2023

Interview with Alice Vadrot and Paul Dunshirn in "Ö1 Dimensionen"

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