



« Saving our oceans: The case for Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) »

Seminar on

Enhancing the Area of Ocean Governance of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific through Dialogue

Thursday 23/06 and Friday 24/06

(9:00am-12:00pm France / 3:00pm-6:00pm Malaysia)

I. Why are oceans and MSP relevant?

The marine realm is the largest component of the Earth's system that stabilizes climate and supports the human presence on earth. However, much of the ocean is now seriously degraded¹, with changes and losses in the structure, function and benefits from marine systems. Moreover, the impact of multiple stressors on the ocean is anticipated to keep increasing as the human population keeps growing towards an expected 9 billion by 2050. Therefore, adaptation strategies and science-informed policy responses to global change are urgently needed.

Over the last 10–15 years marine spatial planning (MSP) has risen to become the dominant marine management paradigm. It has been widely promoted by academics, practitioners, and policymakers as a process for implementing ecosystem-based management in the marine environment, for reducing user conflict, for enhancing environmental protection and to facilitate the expansion of maritime economies.

The seminar is aimed at highlighting the actual and potential impact of MSP on ocean sustainability by sharing perspectives and experiences from France/Europe and Malaysia/South-East Asia and focusing on trans-border issues. France and the European Union have quite a significant expertise in MSP approaches while Malaysia has shown interest in this area (pilot experiences² and workshops³) and is working on an integrated “ocean” policy.

¹ First World Ocean Assessment (2016)

² <https://www.wwf.org.my/?19725/First-Marine-Spatial-Planning-in-Sabah-Launched-to-Further-Protect-Semporna-Priority-Conservation-Area-PCA>

³ https://www.mima.gov.my/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Brochure_MIMACoastal-and-Marine-Spatial-Planning-3.pdf



II. Provisional programme

D1 – virtual: ZOOM session (3h)

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| VIRTUAL EVENT (ZOOM) | |
| Welcoming remarks and introduction (20 min) | |
| Keynote address FRANCE (10 min) | |
| Keynote address MALAYSIA (10 min) | |
| Successive sessions (50 min each + 5 min break) | |
| 1) Are MSP and Marine Protected Areas effective for conservation? | Each session will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduction and presentation the panelist (10 min) - the presentation of 1-2 case studies (1 from Malaysia/SEA and 1 from France/EU) (20 min) - discussion/exchange conducted by a relevant moderator, between the invited speakers and panelists (20 min) |
| 2) MSP and its potential contribution towards blue economy | |
| Restitution from Round Tables (15 min) | |
| Concluding remarks for the day (10 min) | |

D2: virtual (ZOOM) (3h)

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| Welcoming remarks for the day (5 min) | |
| Successive sessions (50 min each) | |
| 3) Engaging the community to implement MSP at a local scale | Each session will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduction and presentation the panelist (10 min) - the presentation of 1-2 case studies (1 from Malaysia/SEA and 1 from France/EU) (20 min) - discussion/exchange conducted by a relevant moderator, between the invited speakers and panelists (20 min) |
| 4) MSP at a regional scale: the challenges of transboundary approaches | |
| Restitution from round Tables (15 min) | |
| Leverages for bilateral and regional cooperation (15 min + 5 min Q&A) by the French Embassy in Malaysia and the Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia | |
| Concluding remarks for the Seminar (10 min) | |



III. Proposed sessions and speakers

- Welcoming remarks and introduction (D1) (20 min)

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| Délégation de l'Union Européenne en Malaisie | H.E. Mr. Michalis ROKAS <i>Ambassador and head of delegation</i> |
| Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Etrangères, France | Olivier Poivre d'Arvor <i>Ambassadeur pour les pôles et les enjeux maritimes</i> |
| Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) | YBhg. Datuk Dr. Sabirin Ja'afar <i>Director General, MIMA</i> |

- Keynote address (D1) (10 min)

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| France : Ifremer | José Pérez <i>Directeur adjoint de l'UMR AMURE</i> |
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- Round tables (50 min sessions)

1) Are MSP and Marine Protected Areas effective for conservation?

| Case study/topic | | |
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| France or EU | Ocean Governance project for marine protected areas | Dr. Purificacion Canals <i>Technical coordinator / Team Leader, EU Ocean Governance Project</i> |
| SEA | Ecological connectivity in MPAs & network | Dr. James Tan Chun Hong <i>Coral Researcher, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)</i> |
| Panelists | | |
| Dr. Vikki Cheung | | <i>Project Manager (Blue Communities), University of Plymouth</i> |
| Dr. Frida Sidik | | <i>Researcher, National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia, Indonesia</i> |
| Moderator | | |
| Dr. Sharifah Nora | | <i>Former Deputy Executive Director of Program Services of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)</i> |

- Video footage (D1) (9 min) Ocean Treasures – Preservation of the Sea



2) MSP and its potential contribution towards blue economy

| Case study/topic | | |
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| <i>SEA</i> | MSP and blue economy development in the region | Aimee Gonzales <i>Executive Director, PEMSEA (Partnerships for Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia)</i> |
| <i>France or EU</i> | Background to MSP and blue economies in Europe | Juan Ronco Zapatero <i>DG MARE (Maritime Affairs and Fisheries), European Commission</i> |
| Panelists | | |
| | Christopher McDougall | <i>EU MSP-Platform</i> |
| | Prof. Dr. Wan Izatul Asma Wan Talaat | <i>Head for Centre of Ocean Governance, Institute of Oceanography and Environment (INOS), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)</i> |
| Moderator | | |
| | Cheryl Rita Kaur | <i>Research Fellow and Head, Centre for Straits of Malacca, MIMA</i> |



- **Welcoming remarks and introduction (D2) (20 min)**

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| Embassy of France to Malaysia | H.E. Mr. Roland GALHARAGUE (video) <i>Ambassador</i> |
| Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) | Sumathy Permal <i>Senior Fellow, MIMA</i> |

- **Keynote address (D2) (10 min)**

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| Malaysia Development of the National Blue Economy Blueprint | Che Kodir Baharum <i>Director, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Economic Planning Unit (EPU) Prime Minister's department</i> |
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3) **Engaging the community to implement MSP at a local scale**

| Case study/topic | | |
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| <i>Malaysia</i> | MSP and Local Community's Awareness | Choo Poh Leem <i>Marine Habitat Manager, WWF-Malaysia (Sabah)</i> |
| <i>France or EU</i> | What Participation Means in Marine Spatial Planning Systems? Lessons from the French Case | Prof. Brice Troillet <i>Universite de Nantes</i> |
| Panelists | | |
| | Nicolas Boillet | <i>AMURE, Institut Universitaire Européen de la Mer</i> |
| | Prof. Dato' Dr. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai | <i>Director, Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies (CEMACS), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) & Vice Chair, IOC Sub-Commission for Western Pacific (WESTPAC)</i> |
| Moderator | | |
| | Michele Quesada da Silva | <i>IOC-UNESCO, Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Consultant</i> |

- **Video footage (D2) (9 min)**
Ocean Treasures – Preservation of the Sea



4) MSP at a regional scale: the challenges of transboundary approaches

| Case study/topic | | |
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| France/ EU | Maritime security for the development of Blue Economy (CRIMARIO) | Marianne Peron-Doise <i>Researcher at IRSEM (Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire)</i> |
| SEA | Sustainable Blue Economy Transition Framework (SBE-TF) | Ole Verstergaard <i>Programme Officer at UNEP's Freshwater & Marine Ecosystems Branch, Division for Environmental Policy Implementation</i> |
| Panelists | | |
| Prof. Dato' Dr. Nor Aieni Haji Mokhtar | | <i>MIMA Distinguished Research Fellow</i> |
| Monica Campillos | | <i>IEO-CSIC</i> |
| Moderator | | |
| Sheila Heymans | | <i>European Marine Board</i> |

- **Restitution from round tables (15 min)**

Moderators will share the highlights and main conclusions from their respective sessions.

- **Moving forward: leverages for bilateral and regional cooperation (15 min + 5 min Q&A)**

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| The Embassy of France and the EU Delegation will present the available funding mechanisms available to develop bilateral and regional cooperation. | Francesca GILLI <i>Programme Officer Cooperation Delegation of the European Union to Thailand</i> |
| | Valerie BARBOSA <i>Attaché for Science and Higher Education</i> |

- **Concluding remarks (5-10 min)**

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| Ambassade de France en Malaisie | Gilles BARRIER <i>Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of France in Malaysia</i> |
| Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) | YBhg. Datuk Dr. Sabirin Ja'afar <i>Director General, MIMA</i> |