



Vigo Declaration

Speaking with One Voice to achieve the One Ocean we want.



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We have One Decade to accomplish One Mission.

We need One Voice to achieve the One Ocean we want.

The European marine science community will work together to **provide transdisciplinary, science-based policy advice** to all levels of governance (from local to international).

Equity and inclusion should be at the core of all actions, ensuring that the best decisions are made to leave no one behind.





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We **acknowledge the advances** through local, regional, national and EU initiatives and through the EU Mission and Ocean Decade.
Achieving climate neutrality, reducing pollution and restoring nature will not be possible without Ocean knowledge. We call for:





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1. Integrated land-sea policies and management: European, regional, and national governments should ensure that the Integrated Maritime Policy is aligned with Land Policies for coherent, adaptive management of socio-ecological systems that address multiple-stressors including pollution, climate change impacts and biodiversity loss.

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2. Sustained and better coordinated ocean observation: Policy makers and science funders at all levels of governance should recognise and support the essential role of coordinated Ocean Observations to deliver Ocean Knowledge, and an open, accessible, and fit for purpose European Digital Twin of the Ocean.

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3. Committed citizens: Science funders and scientific institutions should support all forms of citizen engagement including Ocean Literacy, science communication, citizen science, the arts, and sporting events that focus on Ocean Literacy, to ensure citizen's empathy towards the Ocean and engagement in Ocean sustainability solutions.

Read the full declaration here:





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