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# CANADA'S OCEAN DECADE NEWSLETTER

## Announcing Canada's Community of Champions!

We are pleased to introduce the Community of Champions, part of Canada's contribution to the Ocean Decade. Each Champion is aligned with a **Decade Outcome**. These Champions will mobilize the Canadian ocean community and foster innovative and transformative science-based actions, including the creation of thematic networks/working groups in 2022. Stay tuned for more details on how you can engage and contribute to these efforts.

### Meet the Canadian Ocean Decade Champions



Outcome #1: A Clean  
Ocean – Ocean Wise



Outcome #5: A Safe Ocean –  
Jackie Dawson (ArcticNet)



Outcome #2: A Healthy  
and Resilient Ocean – Paul  
Snelgrove  
(Memorial University of  
Newfoundland)



Outcome #6: An Accessible  
Ocean – CIDCO (Research and  
Development Center for  
Coastal and Ocean Mapping)



Outcome #3: A Productive  
Ocean – Kent Smedbol  
(Fisheries and Oceans  
Canada)



Outcome #7: An Inspiring and  
Engaging Ocean – Diz Glithero  
(Canadian Ocean Literacy  
Coalition)



Outcome #4: A Predicted  
Ocean – Tula Foundation

If you're interested in learning about National Decade Committees from around the world, including Canada, click [here](#).

# Canada's Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs) Node



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The Ocean Decade Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOPs) Network is a global program that aims to elevate and strengthen the diverse perspectives of new generations of ocean professionals through networking and professional development opportunities under the Ocean Decade framework. A Canadian ECOPs Node of this global program has been established and is currently

developing their network of members and Canadian partner organisations that will provide support and assist in the identification of opportunities for ECOPs under the Ocean Decade.

Please click [here](#) for more information and to learn how you can get involved!

## Register for the Ocean Decade Expert Roster!

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) is establishing an Ocean Decade Expert Roster. Members of the Expert Roster may be invited to participate in different activities and discussions relevant to the Ocean Decade. Expertise should align with the **10 Ocean Decade Challenges** and/or in the areas of co-design, partnership building, and capacity development. Registration from early career ocean professionals and women are particularly encouraged. If you would like to self-nominate, please complete your individual registration [here](#).

## Join Generation Ocean!

Looking to be part of a movement to restore and protect the ocean? Check out "**Generation Ocean (GenOcean)**," a campaign recently launched by the IOC that targets everyone, regardless of your age and whether you live near the ocean or not. This storytelling campaign will feature people from around the world and all walks of life who are taking action towards ocean issues. Hopefully it will leave you inspired to take action in your own way!

# #OceanDecade Challenge Crest

## Calling youth across Canada to help the ocean!

This spring, Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), an initiative of the University of Victoria, has launched a new national project, the #OceanDecade Challenge, which was developed in partnership with Girl Guides of Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The #OceanDecade Challenge is designed to encourage young people in Canada from coast-to-coast-to-coast to participate in the UN Ocean Decade through a set of fun and engaging ocean science learning activities based on the 7 Ocean Decade Outcomes. The games, hands-on activities and experiments are designed for kids from seven to twelve years of age, but youth of any age are welcome to participate. Teachers, youth leaders and informal educators are encouraged to



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check out the resources to share with their groups. Once they've completed the Challenge, participants can receive a specially designed crest from ONC to celebrate. To find out more and participate in this exciting and educational challenge, click [here](#).

## Third Call for Decade Actions now live!

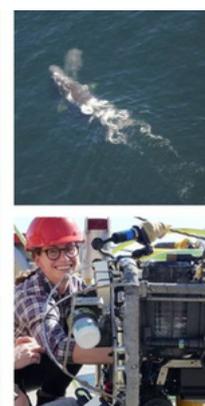
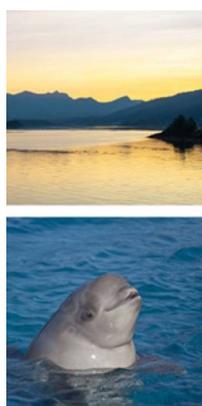


The latest Call for Decade Actions launched on April 15. This call, led by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, is an open invitation for partners, stakeholders, and scientists worldwide to request endorsement for transformative Decade Actions that contribute to the Ocean Decade vision.

This Call for Decade Actions is focused on Challenge 3 – Sustainable Blue Food and Challenge 4 – Sustainable Ocean Economy. **Submit your activities, projects, or programmes** that will enhance the sustainability of ocean science before the call closes on August 30, 2022.

# Fisheries and Oceans Canada Launches Call for Research Project Proposals!

We are pleased to announce that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has launched a Call for Research Project Proposals to build expertise in ocean and freshwater science and technology and to increase our understanding of ocean and freshwater environments.



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Projects should deliver scientific research and/or related scientific activities that support evidence-based decision making and public understanding about the health of marine and freshwater ecosystems. Visit the [DFO website](#) for details on the priority area of research associated with this open call and application details. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2022.

## Upcoming Ocean Decade Events

For more Ocean Decade events, check out this [link](#) and feel free to let us know if there is something that should be added!

**May 10-12 - [Ocean Decade Laboratory: An Accessible Ocean \(virtual\)](#)**

**May 31-June 2 - [Ocean Decade Laboratory: A Productive Ocean \(virtual\)](#)**

**June 3-12 - [Ocean Week Canada 2022](#)**

**June 27-July 1 - [UN Ocean Conference \(Lisbon, Portugal\)](#)**

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