



## SEPTEMBER BLUE REVIEW

The monthly newsletter to keep you informed on CBG activities, news, events and opportunities.

*It's been a while since we've sent out an update on what the Centre for Blue Governance has been up to, so there's plenty to catch up on!*

Please contact the CBG communication team with news or events you would like to share across the Centre, or click below.

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## NEWS

### PROJECT UPDATES

- [SMMR Integrating Diverse Values into Marine Management](#). The 3-year project, led by Principal Investigator [Prof. Steve Fletcher](#), was awarded over the summer and is under way this week with a hybrid partners' kick off meeting taking place here at the University. This transdisciplinary project intends to generate step-change in institutional and individual capacity to incorporate diverse values into marine management in the UK. Using interdisciplinary and creative methods, the team will be working with a team of 20 experts from within and outside of the marine research community. Focusing and engaging with communities in three test sites: Portsmouth, Upper Severn Estuary and Shetland Islands, they will work to elicit diverse values for decision making around marine resource management.
- The [MOVE](#) project, aimed mapping and assessing benefits coming from the European Overseas' Ecosystems has since ended. It has been succeeded by [MOVE-ON](#), which aims to address the issues faced by the MOVE project.
- Marine Coastal Ecosystems Biodiversity and Services in a Changing World ([MaCoBioS](#)) is under continuation. The project's chief objective is to ensure the efficient and integrated management and conservation strategies to help the most-important marine coastal ecosystems (seagrass beds, coral reefs, mangroves, coralligenous and calcareous bio-concretion assemblages, salt marshes and kelp forests) to face climate change.
- [The Rewilding Project to create havens for protected seahorses](#), a joint project with [The Institute of Marine Science](#) (led by [Dr Ian Hendy](#)), The Seahorse Trust and Boatfolk, has been underway for a couple of months now and is producing some interesting results. Beside its ecological benefits, the Biohut used as a mechanism for restoration is a useful tool to collect scientific data on coastal colonisation by juvenile fish, as well as raising public awareness on marine biodiversity.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Special Issue in African Identities. [Fishers' Migrations and Societal Changes in Africa](#). African Identities, Volume 19, Issue 3 (2021). Guest Editors: [Prof. Pierre Failler](#) and [Dr. Gianluca Ferraro](#).

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[Ford, A.](#), & Hutchison, G. (2021). Male fertility: how everyday chemicals are destroying sperm counts in humans and animals. *The Conversation*. <https://tinyurl.com/malespermcoun-conversation>

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Alcolea, I.C., Henderson, L., Laubinger, F., Milà i Canals, L., [Salam, S.](#), Schmuck, S.A., Veiga, J.M., Winton, S., Youngblood, K.M. Report of the International Resource Panel. United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi, Kenya. <https://tinyurl.com/IRP-plastic>

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## RECENT ACTIVITY

[A Global Goals Jam](#) took place this month, as a collaboration between UOP and Edith Cowan University in Australia. It took place with the theme of climate justice, with a focus on regional challenges related to water, with talks from [Prof. Steve Fletcher](#) and [Prof. Alex Ford](#). The GGJ is an initiative by the UN to "engage makers and designers to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals by creating short-term interventions with long-term impact."

The CBG's [Dr. Mialy Andriamahefazafy](#) spoke at the September 2021 [IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020](#), taking part in the Opening Plenary Session on A Dynamic Ocean. It was a critical and diverse ocean session focusing on systems, people and economy.

The University's first [Carbon Literacy Course](#) took place this month, led by the [Revolution Plastics](#) team. The course was available to staff members to help them understand climate change, their carbon footprint and how to reduce it, and encourage participants to take action themselves. The course contributes to the University's goals of becoming climate positive by 2030.

## CBG TEAM UPDATES

[Dr. Louisa Wood](#) has recently joined the CBG; replacing Sui Phang as the CBG Secretary. She previously worked at Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), providing technical advice to the UK government to support policy implementation in the areas of invasive species management and food security. Please contact Louisa on [louisa.wood@port.ac.uk](mailto:louisa.wood@port.ac.uk), for collaboration on anything CBG related, or just for an introductory coffee!

[Antaya March](#) has taken over the role of communications management, replacing Sarah Marley, who has left the University. Antaya is a Senior Research Associate and has roles in both the CBG and Revolution Plastics. Please feel free to contact her at [antaya.march@port.ac.uk](mailto:antaya.march@port.ac.uk) for any related matters.



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## EVENTS

### LIFE SOLVED LIVE

On the 14th October, Life Solved is hosting its [first live event](#) at the Boathouse in Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard. It is kicking off with [Prof. Alex Ford](#) explaining the shocking truth behind our pollutants and our marine life with "Sex Changing Sea Life". Attendance is free, but booking is essential ([book here](#)). Doors open at 6.30pm, and the event starts at 7.15pm. We hope to see some familiar faces there!

### PORTSMOUTH CLIMATE FESTIVAL

Portsmouth is to hold its first ever [Climate Festival](#) to raise awareness of the implications of climate change for the city and the opportunities to make a positive difference. The festival runs from 22 October to 12 November and is timed to link with the UK hosting the [UN Climate Change Conference COP26](#) in Glasgow in November. The Festival has been established by the University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth City Council and Portsmouth Climate Action Board. It brings together organisations and communities across the city in a range of special events to explore issues related to the [four main goals of COP26](#):

- Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach
- Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats
- Mobilise finance for climate action
- Work together to rise to the challenges of the climate crisis

Anyone can contribute an online or in-person event to the Festival using the event proposal form here: <https://portsmouthclimatefestival.org>

#### RECORDINGS OF PREVIOUS SEMINARS

In case you missed them, or want to revisit them, the recording of previous seminars and workshops can be found in the CBG drive [here](#).

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## RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Horizon Europe Pump Priming Collaboration between UK and EU Partners.** The British Academy (BA), the Science & Innovation Network in Europe (SIN Europe), UKRI and KTN with the support of the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) and the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) are inviting proposals from UK and EU/associated countries-based researchers to pump prime collaborations to support the effective uptake of the opportunities UK association to Horizon Europe will provide. Proposals are welcome in all disciplines – engineering, natural sciences, medical sciences, humanities, and social sciences. More details available on the [British Academy Website](#).

**The Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources** is seeking an Ocean Nexus post-doc and seeking innovative early career researchers with a passionate interest in the equitable management of the Indo-Pacific tuna fisheries. [Details available here](#).

The National Oceanographic Centre has free online course on Ocean Science in Action: Addressing Marine Ecosystems and Food Security in the Western Indian Ocean. The link can be found [here](#).

The Earthshot Prize has an "[Revive our Oceans](#)" theme. Five, one million-pound prizes will be awarded each year for the next ten years.



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