

[Event] The Ocean: Turning a Climate Change Problem Into a Solution



The Office for Science of the Embassy of France, the Woodrow Wilson Center and other European Embassies in Washington D.C. joint their effort and are inviting you to a virtual conversation about Ocean climate solutions during Earth Week 2021 on Monday, April 19 at 10AM ET/3PM GMT/4PM CET.

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Healthy Oceans are a crucial component in regulating the climate on the planet. Although pollution, overfishing and acidification has seriously affected the health of ocean ecosystems, the ocean can also be a source of innovation and optimism in mitigating the effects of climate change by absorbing heat and carbon. The solutions range from blue carbon stored in coastal and marine ecosystems or underneath the sea, reviving and protecting coral reefs, to a sustainable use of marine sources.

Join us for a transatlantic conversation during the [Smithsonian's Earth Optimism Week](#) on **April 19, 10AM ET/ 4PM CET** with American and European experts on how ocean solutions can combat climate change.

This conversation is part of a transatlantic green initiative organized by the Global Europe Program and European Embassies in Washington D.C.

Welcome: [Daniel S. Hamilton](#), Director Global Europe Program, Woodrow Wilson Center

Panelists:

- [Hans-Otto Pörtner](#), Researcher of Marine Ecophysiology, Co-Chair Working Group II IPCC, GER
- [Mark Driessen](#), Manager of Public Affairs, Stakeholder Management, and Communications, Porthos Rotterdam, NL
- [Jenny Brown](#), Coastal Oceanographer, National Oceanography Centre, UK
- [Denis Allemand](#), Coral Biologist, Scientific Director, Centre Scientifique de Monaco

Moderator: [Ambassador David Balton](#), Senior Fellow, Polar Institute // Former Ambassador for Oceans and Fisheries, U.S. Department of State

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