Ocean Data to support Global Sustainable Fisheries Management Workshop

21-22 April 2026

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PROGRAM 21-22 APRIL 2026

DAY 1 – 21 APRIL 2026

8.00 Welcome coffee

9.00 – 9.20 **Welcome remarks**
Dr. Darius Campbell (NEAFC)
Dr. Audrey Hasson (GEO Blue Planet / Mercator Ocean Intl) - online

Workshop Objectives
Dr. Hassan Moustahfid (NOAA)

Round table

9.20 – 9.30 **Opening Address -** Dr. Pierre Yves Le Traon (Mercator Ocean International)

9.30 – 9.45 **GEO Blue Planet and its Fisheries Working Group**
Daphné Lecellier (GEO Blue Planet / Mercator Ocean International)

9.45 – 10.45 **Session 1. Showcasing and Knowledge Transfer**

- **Monitoring indicators for fisheries in SIDS**
  Dr. Pedro Ribeiro (Indra Space)
- **Fish modelling for fisheries management in a changing ocean**
  Dr. Stefano Ciavatta (Mercator Ocean Intl) - online
- **Ocean data to monitor regime shifts and habitat changes in fisheries**
  Dr. Hassan Moustahfid (NOAA)
- **Water Quality and Productivity from Space for Fisheries**
  Dr. Shubha Sathyendranath (PML)

Format: 4 Presentations (10' each) followed by Q&A (20')

Coffee Break

11.15 – 11.30 **Results of the survey**
Daphné Lecellier (GEO Blue Planet / Mercator Ocean International)

11.30 – 12.40 **Session 2. Needs Assessment**

Invited Institutions include: BOBP-IGO - COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO - FCWC - INIDEP

Format: RFBs Presentations (5' each) followed by Q&A (20')

Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3. Collaborative Action and Roadmap Development**

Format: Breakout groups guided discussion

Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00 **Format: Plenary restitution and discussion on conclusions**

18.00 onwards Dinner

Objectives of the Workshop:

- **Promoting the adoption of Ocean Data** by fisheries management bodies (*Session 1)*
- Engaging with key stakeholders to identify their **Ocean Data needs and blockage points** (*Session 2)*
- Supporting the **use of Ocean Data** in decision-making processes (*Session 3)*
- Exploring regional workshops to support **Ocean Data services** co-design and capacity development (*Session 4)*

DAY 2 – 22 APRIL 2026

8.00 Welcome coffee

9.00 – 10.00 Day 1 recap and Day 2 objectives

10.00 – 11.00 **Session 4.** Co-design a solution for Stakeholder Engagement

Format: Breakout groups guided discussion (1 online, 1 in-person)

10.30 – 11.00 Report back from each breakout groups

Coffee Break

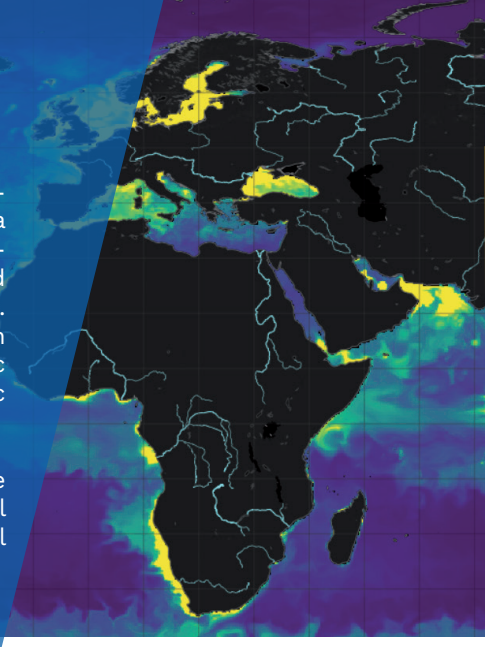
11.30 – 12.30 **Concluding Session**

- Recommendations and way forward
- Identify priority actions and/or regions with a focus on potential regional workshops.
- Announcements (TREVOR-SAFARI symposium, GEO Blue Planet Symposium)
- Feedback from the participants

Workshop Co-chairs

Dr. Darius Campbell (NEAFC)
Dr. Hassan Moustahfid (NOAA / GEO Blue Planet Fisheries Working Group co-chair)
Dr. Pedro Ribeiro (Indra Space / GEO Blue Planet Fisheries Working Group co-chair) – online

FISHERIES WORKING GROUP



This Fisheries Working Group works with countries to identify the needs and the gaps in data availability and knowledge sharing for the fisheries communities from local-to-global levels and across all scales and types of marine fisheries. This Working Group supports the implementation of actions to promote informed socio-economic strategies, bridging the gap between scientific knowledge and decision-makers.

The scope of this Working Group covers all scale and type of fisheries: capture fishery (artisanal and commercial) and culture fishery (coastal aquaculture and offshore fish farming).

Secretariat lead: Daphné Lecellier (EU Office)

Monthly online meetings

20 members from 10 countries

Representation of different sectors : academia, private sector, intergovernemental organizations

More information on our website

GEO BLUE PLANET

Bridging the Gap between ocean and coastal data and societal needs to deliver actionable information

GEO Blue Planet is an initiative of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) that focuses on leveraging ocean and coastal data to inform policy and decision-making. It operates at the intersection of science, policy, and society, aiming to ensure that observation and prediction are translated into actionable knowledge for sustainable ocean and coastal management.

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