

MARUM / GLOMAR Expert Course:

The Science - Policy Interface at the international, intergovernmental level

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Objective

In this course, students will gain insights into the work of international, intergovernmental organisations, which address marine environmental issues at the regional and global level. Using the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) as examples, students will learn, how scientific information is supporting and driving intergovernmental deliberations, on what basis agreements and measures are reached, and how the implementation of these international policies influences the setting of new priorities and focal areas for scientific research at the national level.

Contents

- Brief history of international environmental organisations and insights into the mandates, composition, structure and 'functioning' of OSPAR, CBD and UNCLOS;
- How do international, intergovernmental organisations and bodies gather scientific information, by what channels does this information reach them, and how is this information taken into account in their deliberations?
- The role of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) as observers to international, intergovernmental organisations, using the OSPAR Commission as an example;
- What considerations are taken into account by international, intergovernmental organisations and bodies in their decision-making process, what products, agreements and measures do they adopt, and what status do these have?
- How do international agreements and measures affect scientific research in general and the work of individual scientists? Can an individual scientist or the scientific community influence policy-making, and if so, how?
- Case examples, where the science - policy interface did (and did not) work;
- Examples of some key marine environmental issues currently being discussed at the international level;
- Overview of potential ways in which young scientist can get into contact with international, intergovernmental organisations.
- Working for OSPAR and UNEP - a personal view.

Location

MARUM, University of Bremen, 28359 Bremen, Germany, Room 2070

Time

09.00 – 14.00

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