



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development



ECOP
Early Career
Ocean Professionals



UN Ocean Decade endorsed Programme for Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP Programme): Empowering the Next Generation of Ocean Leaders

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Global ECOP Community: 6,175 members

6 Regional Nodes

1. Africa
2. Asia
3. Caribbean SIDS
4. Central America
5. Pacific Islands
6. Europe (coming up in 2025)

50+ National Hubs

- Brazil
- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Italy
- Japan
- Senegal
- USA
- Etc....

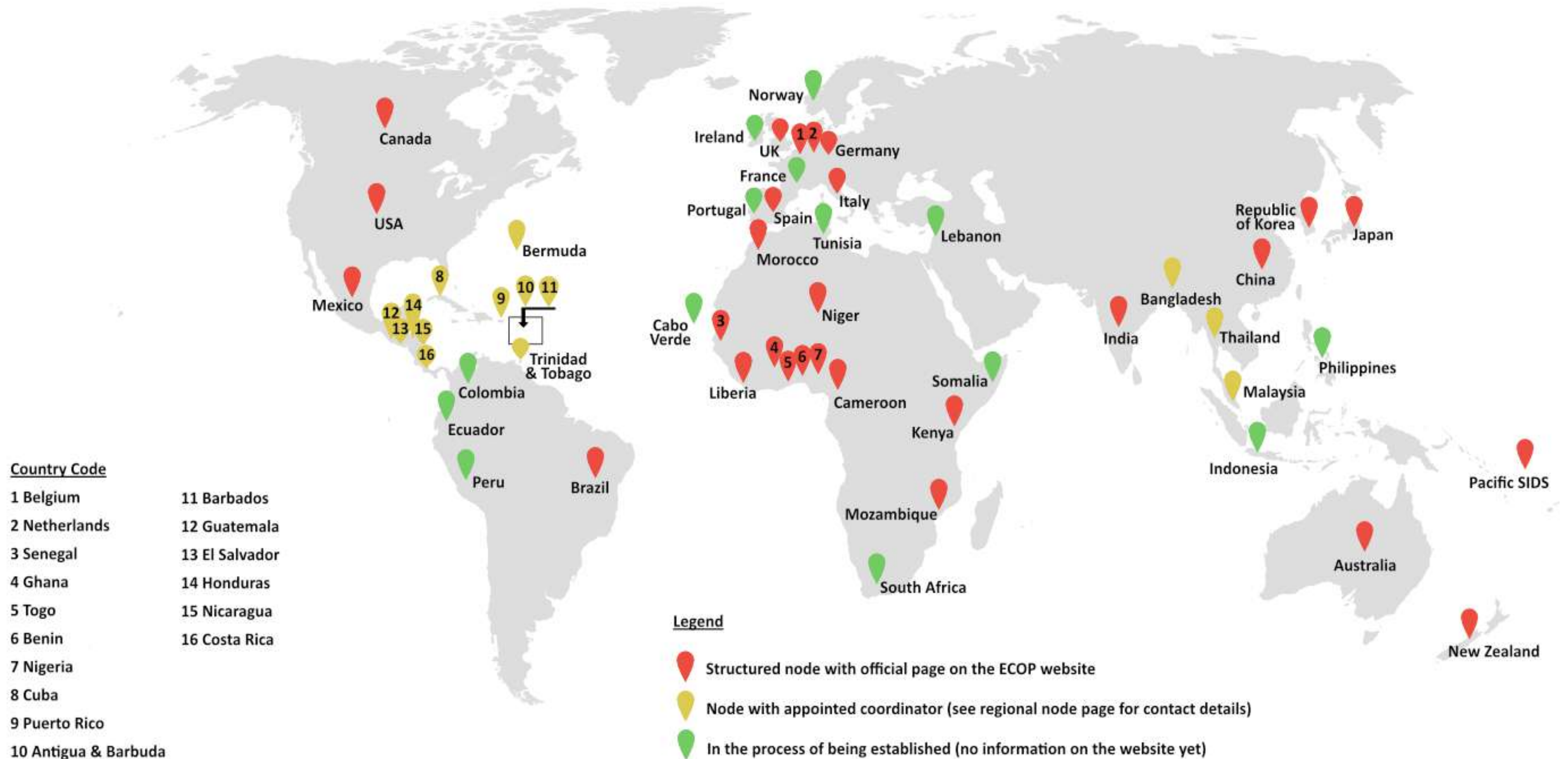
6 Task Teams

- ❖ Ocean Literacy,
- ❖ Training & Mentoring,
- ❖ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI),
- ❖ Private Industry,
- ❖ OceanBRIDGES,
- ❖ Deep Ocean

15 Endorsed Projects



Global Distribution of National ECOP Hubs





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Capacity development - webinars

ECOP Programme webinar series

1. "How to start an NGO?" 29.09.2022
2. "The blue economy" 27.10.2022
3. "The Ocean Decade in Africa" 10.11.2022
4. "Was 2022 truly the Ocean Super Year we hoped for?" 25.11.2022
5. "Using ArcGIS software for Oceans-related work: An Overview with Keith Van Graafeiland, from ESRI" 21.12.2022
6. "Basics of acoustics in underwater applications with Suleman Mazhar from IEEE OES" 29.05.2023
7. "Funding, opportunities, tips and challenges for ECOPs" 30.06.2023
8. "Emerging ocean technologies supporting polar science for the next decade" 28.08.2023
9. "Plastics in the Pacific and on Hawaii with the ECOP Programme Endorsed Project STORAGE" 30.08.2023
10. "Exploring Ocean Literacy in India with ECOPs and organizations" 02.10.2023
11. "Stoked about Ocean Science with Citizens of Surf" 12.12.2023
12. "The Use of Drones in Marine Science" 19.12.2023
13. "Experiencia Erasmus Mundus – MER + & Global Ocean Carbon Uptake (in Spanish)" 18.01.2024
14. "Seagrass conservation and restoration in West Africa" (27.02.2024)
15. "Programa de la Red Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP)" (22.03.2024)
16. "Unlocking Ocean Insights: Innovative Low-Cost Technologies for Marine Ecosystem Study" (14.06.2024)
17. "Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries through the lens of "Enhancing Sovereignty & Equitable Access to Market Opportunities" (25.09.2024)



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Capacity development – online and in-person training courses

Cooperation with OceanTeacher Global Academy (OTGA) (pilot project for Africa, then expanding to Asia and Central America) – **do you want to have it in your region?**

- ✓ For ECOPs in Africa: Ocean Colour Remote Sensing and Data Analysis (6-25 June 2022);
- ✓ For ECOPs in Africa: Data Management and Analysis with R Programming (6-24 February 2023);
- ✓ For ECOPs in Asia: Ocean Data Analysis with R Programming for Early Career Ocean Professionals (9-31 October 2023);
- ✓ For ECOPs in Central America: Data Analysis with Python Programming for Early Career Ocean Professionals (26 February – 19 March 2024)
- ✓ Blended, for ECOPs in the Mediterranean region: Introduction to Oceanographic Survey Techniques and Data Management (Malta, 10-16 November 2024).

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