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Latest News and Resources for Ocean Planners and Managers

Ocean planning and blue growth-related news and resources:

- [US President Trump issues new US ocean policy deemphasizing conservation and spatial planning](#)
- [European Atlas of the Seas updates enable citizens to create their own sea maps](#)
- [European Commission releases first annual report on EU blue economy](#)
- [Handbook for developing indicators for MSP - with focus on blue growth - available](#)
- [Handbook for developing MSP visions and strategies also available](#)
- [New international forum on MSP to meet biannually](#)
- [Washington State \(US\) adopts spatial plan for evaluating new projects along Pacific coast](#)
- [White papers describe how ocean business clusters can promote sustainable ocean development and how to better engage the private sector in ocean governance](#)
- [Study analyses space demands for nine key EU maritime sectors and interactions between sectors](#)
- [AquaSpace publishes review of tools and methods for spatially allocating aquaculture](#)

Climate change-related news and resources:

- [Climate change will increase number of shared fish stocks, and potential for international conflict](#)
- [New research shows Antarctic ice loss has tripled in the last decade](#)
- [Commonwealth publishes 2018 report card on climate change impacts on Pacific Islands](#)
- [More than 300,000 US coastal homes at risk of chronic flooding from sea level rise by 2045](#)

Ocean plastic-related news and resources:

- [Chile becomes first country in the Americas to ban plastic bags](#)
- [European Commission proposes EU-wide rules to eliminate 10 common single use plastics and lost and abandoned fishing gear](#)
- [UN Environment publishes roadmap to sustainability for single use plastics](#)
- [Five G7 countries sign agreement to reduce plastic pollution – US and Japan bow out](#)
- [Recyclable materials piling up after China stops accepting scrap – 111 million metric tons of excess plastic waste expected by 2030](#)
- [Vox covers the rationale for and psychology of plastic straw bans](#)
- [Norway places the onus for recycling on plastic producers, and 97% of their plastic drink bottles get recycled](#)

Fisheries and aquaculture-related news and resources:

- [Global Fishing Watch expanding surveillance system to include light, increasing ability to detect illegal fishing-related activities](#)
- [US House of Representatives passes bill to make major changes to federal fisheries policy](#)
- [New study finds that many destructive high-seas fisheries only profitable because of government subsidies](#)
- [Study finds livestock farming less energy-intensive on average than most forms of aquaculture and deepsea fisheries](#)

All sorts of other news and resources:

- [UN annual report on sustainable development goal progress calls for political commitments, financial investment, and innovative technology to meet ocean goal](#)
- [WMO and UNESCO issue report card for world's ocean observing systems](#)
- [Coral reefs prevent US\\$4.3 billion in flood damages annually](#)
- [New global, satellite-based coral reef monitoring system coming on-line](#)
- [Single company owns half of marine genetic patents](#)
- [Citigroup limits financing for mines dumping tailings at sea](#)
- [Public private partnerships are being used in marine conservation](#)
- [US NOAA soliciting ideas for North Atlantic ocean exploration expeditions](#)

Also MPA News has [updated MEAM's Skimmer on ocean plastics](#). Read about new ocean plastics research since November 2017.

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