



# Protecting our oceans – A Global South perspective on sustainable use

**2 December 2022**  
2 pm to 6 pm CET (UTC+1)

## Free online seminar

Every year, about 10 million tonnes of plastic waste end up in the ocean. Oceans are now considered some of the most polluted places in the world. Over-fertilisation and over-fishing are pushing our oceans to the brink of destruction. Yet healthy oceans are essential for our survival on this planet, as a source of food, a climate regulator and a vital space for biodiversity. The need for action is enormous.

In our seminar, internationally renowned speakers will present realistic approaches to fundamentally improve the state of the world's oceans, with a focus on the Global South and in the context of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030).

## Speakers include:

- ▶ **Introduction – What is “sustainable use” of the ocean?**  
Dr Simon Jungblut, marine biologist (University of Bremen), member of German Ocean Decade Committee of the UN Decade of Ocean Science
- ▶ **Sustainable Fisheries in the Global South – Developing new prospects for local fishermen**  
Dr Werner Ekau, fisheries biologist, member of German Ocean Decade Committee of the UN Decade of Ocean Science
- ▶ **Lessons on Mangroves – Combining educational work and reforestation in Benin**  
Marijana Toben, founder of the Bremen Association for Mangrove Protection
- ▶ **Sustainability – Mobilising the untapped economic potential of the ocean**  
Prof Dr Raimund Bleischwitz, scientific director at the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research, Bremen
- ▶ **Bahari Huru (Free Ocean) Theatre Project – Educating Kenyan coastal communities on ocean conservation**  
Caroline Ngorobi, producer of the theatre company Jukwaa Arts, Mombasa

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ticks differently. We know and name crises and conflicts. But we do not stop at analysing the status quo. We also ask questions about the future. Where are the solutions for a problem? Who are the actors seeking those solutions – and implementing them?

Climate change and environmental degradation demand answers – for the survival of mankind and the well-being of the earth. Journalists and the media have a responsibility to ask for these answers and to show what needs to be done and what is feasible to do.

