

Social Aspects of Marine Protected Area Management – Building Effective and Equitable Ocean Conservation

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Social Aspects of Marine Protected Area Management Online Seminar - [Center for Protected Area Management at Colorado State University](#) and the [Blue Nature Alliance](#)

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OCTO Webinar - [Assessing and Improving Social Equity in Marine Conservation: Introducing a New IUCN Guidebook](#)

Presented by: Nathan Bennett of WWF and the IUCN People and Ocean Specialist Group; Mark Andrachuk of Reconnect Consulting; Stacy Jupiter of the Wildlife Conservation Society; and Laure Katz of the Blue Nature Alliance

[The Gladding Memorial Award - Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute](#)

The Gladding Memorial Award (GMA) supports meaningful fisher participation in regional fisheries management by providing full travel funding for exceptional fishers from across the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean to attend the annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute conference, ensuring their knowledge, experience, and conservation leadership are represented alongside scientists and managers.

[Fisheries for Fishers Initiative](#)

The Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute Fisheries for Fishers Initiative is founded on the principle that fishers must be engaged and empowered to be part of the process of managing marine resources.

[UN SDG 14: Life Below Water](#)

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Excellent Examples of Co-Management:

<https://nunatsiavut.com/department/lands-natural-resources/co-management/>

Co-management between the Nunatsiavut Government and the Canadian Government.

<https://imappivut.com/about/>

Imappivut (Our Oceans) is a Labrador Inuit marine planning initiative guided by Inuit knowledge and interests to protect and manage coastal and marine areas, supporting the Nunatsiavut Government's Imappivut Marine Plan and contributing to the proposed Inuit Protected Area/national marine conservation area.

www.kuahawaii.org

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) is a backbone organization that supports grassroots growing through shared responsibility in Hawai'i.

<http://rapanui.gov.cl/parque-rapa-nui/administracion.html>

<https://www.instagram.com/koro.nui.vaikava?igsh=MW10OGxkb2RjemFqZg%3D%3D>

Co-management between the Rapa Nui Indigenous Peoples and the Chilean National Forestry Corporation (CONAF).

<https://www.facebook.com/vision.kanak.ocean>

Led by the Customary Senate and the 8 customary areas, with the support of Conservation International, "The Kanak Vision of the Ocean" is a project aimed at strengthening the involvement of customary authorities in the protection of the ocean.

About the Presenters:

Lihla Noori

Organization: [The Blue Nature Alliance](#)

Biography: Lihla is the Capacity and Learning Lead for Blue Nature Alliance, she brings over 20 years of experience in conservation capacity building, partnership development, and philanthropy for the most part across the Pacific and the Caribbean - now in her current role expanding to Latin American and Africa— with a focus on scaling durable MPA support systems, leveraging regional and global partnerships, and investing in innovative approaches and knowledge resources.

Additional Links:

Blue Nature Alliance Engagements: <https://www.bluenaturealliance.org/locations/>

More about Lihla: <https://www.bluenaturealliance.org/about/leadership/lihla-noori/>



Kira Sullivan-Wiley

Organization: [Pew Charitable Trusts](#)

Biography: Kira is part of the Blue Nature Alliance Science and Knowledge Team, and supports the Capacity & Learning branch that Lihla is Lead on. Beyond the Alliance, she is an environmental social scientist at the Pew Charitable Trusts, supporting their conservation work on human well-being. This includes exploring how large-scale conservation activity might engage with—and support—local communities for their mutual benefit.

Additional Links:

More about Kira: <https://www.pew.org/en/about/experts/kira-sullivan-wiley>

Will Heyman

Organization: [Sustainable Marine Solutions](#)

Biography: Will Heyman is a marine conservation scientist with 30+ years of international and domestic experience across NGOs, academia, and the private sector, recognized globally for leading the creation of over 20 marine reserves, publishing 60+ peer-reviewed articles, and using a cooperative, ecosystem-based approach to building sustainable marine and coastal ecosystems while engaging fishers, managers, scientists, and communities.

Additional Links:

More about Will and his publications: [Research Gate](#)

Audrey Ramsey

Organization: [Center for Protected Area Management](#)

Biography: Audrey Ramsey is the Training Specialist and Marine Program Lead at the Center for Protected Area Management, with extensive experience designing and delivering international capacity development programs for marine and terrestrial protected areas. She specializes in participatory learning, social-ecological approaches, and interpretive techniques for public engagement, with a focus on advancing equitable and effective conservation through innovative educational resources and global learning networks. Passionate about connecting people to the ocean, Audrey is also a self-proclaimed orca nerd.

Additional Links:

More about Audrey & Connect: www.linkedin.com/in/audrey-ramsey-orca



Advancing Social Equity in Marine Conservation

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/marine-science/articles/10.3389/fmars.2021.711538/full>

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IUCN Guidebook for Assessing and Improving Social Equity in Marine Conservation:
[Guidebook for assessing and improving social equity in marine conservation | IUCN Library System](#)

