

# Ocean Knowledge Action Network

Connecting people to co-design science for a sustainable ocean

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The Ocean Knowledge Action Network (Ocean KAN) is a unique and innovative global network of networks, bringing together scientists from natural and social science disciplines, lawyers and policy makers, stakeholders, and funders to stimulate the collaboration and knowledge exchange that is needed to find new ways of co-creating ocean science for a sustainable future.

## KNOWLEDGE

### Vision

The Ocean KAN aims to share knowledge

- that is personal and experiential
- in real time
- from person to person
- with a strong focus on co-design

...starting with the knowledge that Ocean KAN members have and need.

### Implementation

#### Ocean KANopy



We work with our partner Acter Global to co-design an online ocean workspace where members can exchange knowledge directly.

#### Dissemination and outreach

- Journal articles
- Special issues
- Podcasts
- Sessions and side events at conferences
- Webinars
- Blogs

#### Exchange

- Hosting a series of network weaving training sessions
- Inner Circle meeting
- Sharing knowledge across Decade Programmes
- Toolkit for film-making, sharing your conservation story

## ACTION

### Vision

The Ocean KAN organises and engages in several types of activities to put knowledge into action. We particularly focus on:

- Co-design of science
  - e.g., Marine life science, blue economy & blue finance, fisheries, marine protection, ocean observation
- Inclusiveness
  - Engagement
  - Anti-colonial practices
- Capacity Sharing

### Implementation

To turn knowledge into action, we:

- Collaborate on research grants in the public and private sector
- Lead the communities of practice of the Decade programme Marine Life 2030
- Host side events at science meetings and large conventions



Member of the Ocean KAN Development Team

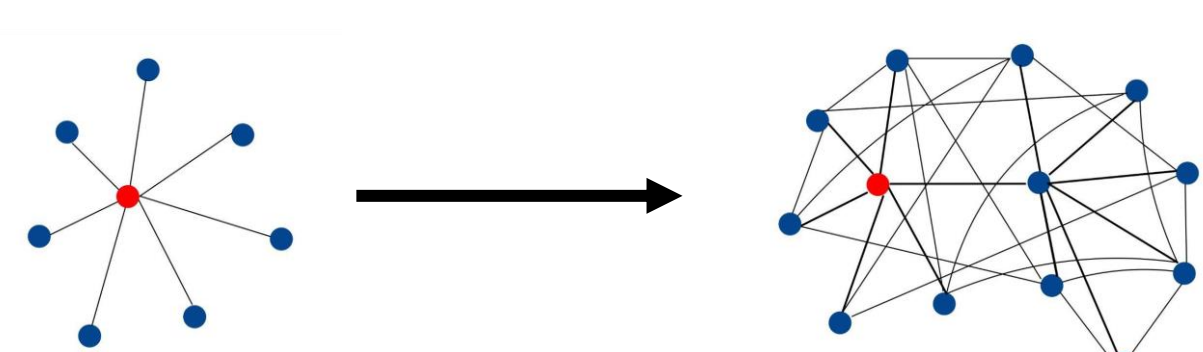


## NETWORK

### Vision

Our aim is to build a network that is:

- trusted and trustworthy
- self-organizing and bottom-up
- empowered
- cross-cultural, cross-disciplinary, cross-sectoral, multi-lingual
- inclusive
- global



Next step: Moving from a hub-and-spoke network to an interconnected web-like network.

### Implementation

We work with on-the-ground collaborators, international science networks, social and transdisciplinary networks, private sector partners, and UN Decade programmes.

We...

- listen to members and collaborators
- convene regular meetings to build trust
- ask members to interview each other
- support members in their initiatives
- provide members with tools to
  - connect with each other directly (e.g. through partner interviews)
  - lead projects
- co-design the Ocean KANopy

#### Our on-the-ground collaborators



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