

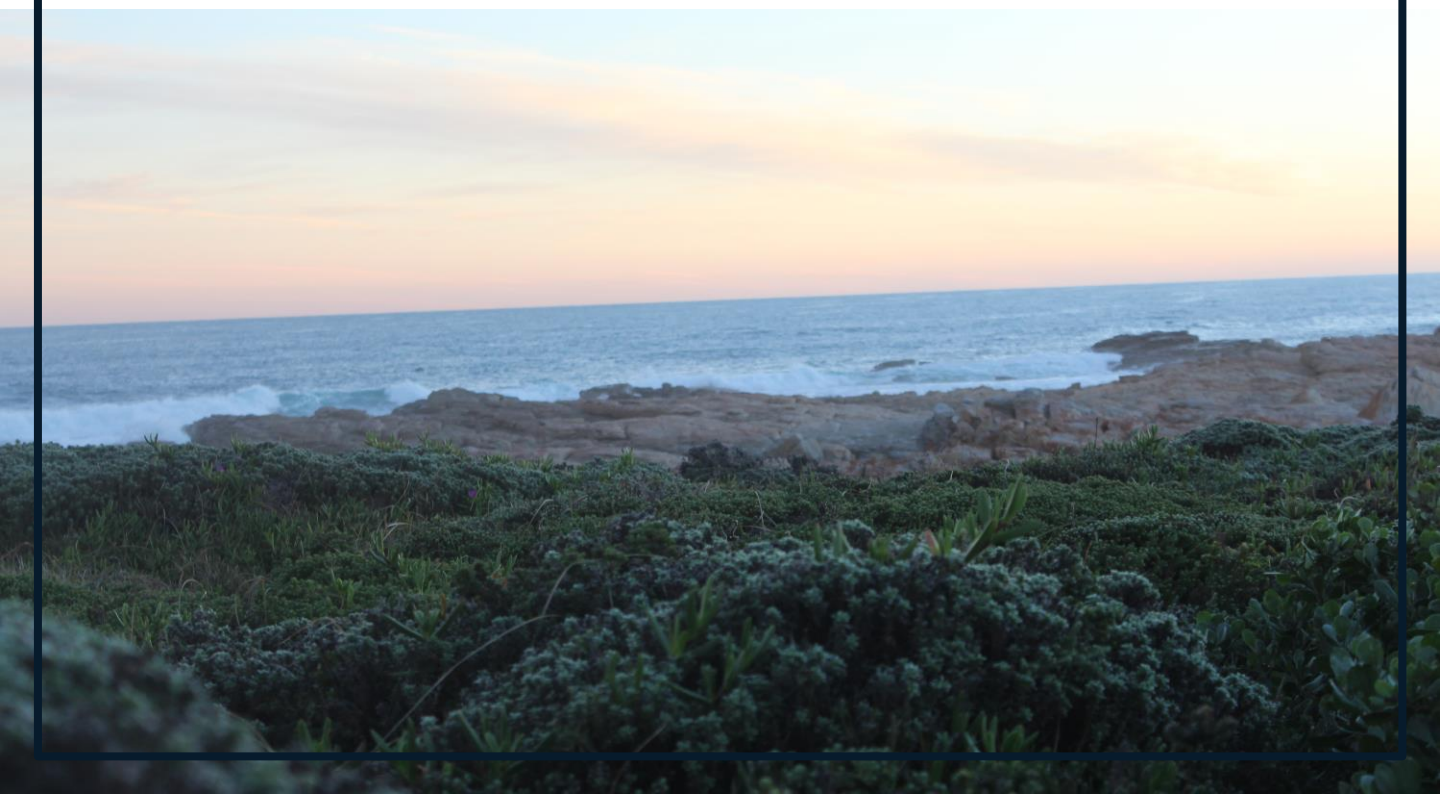
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Welcome Back Newsletter

The Institute for Coastal and Marine Research (CMR) wishes all of its members a happy and prosperous 2020! We hope all of you had a wonderful summer break, and that you've returned with renewed energy.

The first month of 2020 has come and gone, and what a busy time it was... We are excited to share news about our first workshop and international conference for the year, and we are pleased that there are a number of other announcements of importance for a few of our members. Please enjoy the first newsletter for the year!





CMR-SASUF Workshop

The CMR has been collaborating with researchers from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden since 2017, focusing on aquaculture development. The SASUF (South Africa-Sweden University Forum) and the Erasmus Mundus + Exchange Programme provided ideal opportunities for staff and students to travel both ways to facilitate the development of projects and to build capacity and expertise in this field. The exchange programme came to an end during July last year, but SASUF funding has allowed the CMR to host two workshops for further collaboration. The first seminar series and proposal writing workshop was held from 13-14 May last year, and focused on sustainable aquaculture development for coastal communities and food security. Dr Susanne Lindegarth, Dr Elisabeth Jönsson Bergman and Mr James Hinchcliffe from the University of Gothenburg participated in this first workshop.

The CMR hosted a second SASUF workshop from 14-16 January at the Nelson Mandela University InnoVenton facilities. This event brought some previous workshop participants and potential new collaborators together to work on **rural, community-driven, small-scale aquaculture solutions for food security**. The CMR hosted Dr Elisabeth Jönsson Bergman, Dr Henrik Sundh and Dr Markus Langeland from the University of Gothenburg. This workshop was attended by 21 researchers and senior students. The CMR held smaller, focused meetings to discuss the development of specific aquaculture projects on 13 and 17 January.



Transformed and Transformative Ocean Governance Conference

The aim of this conference was to provide a forum for a wide range of ocean experts and stakeholders to engage with the latest developments impacting on **ocean governance from development, ecosystem-based and human-rights-based approaches**, before starting to reflect and give direction on what transformed and transformative ocean governance means and implies.

Hosts were the CMR, SARChI Law of the Sea and Development in Africa, SARChI Marine Spatial Planning, One Ocean Hub, and the International Ocean Institute. This conference took place from 22-24 January 2020. The conference was hosted at the Nelson Mandela University's North Campus Conference Centre, with the cocktail function on the first day taking place at the Ocean Sciences Campus. Professor Avinash Govindjee, as the Acting DVC: Research, Innovation and Internationalisation, opened the conference. A total of 90 people representing seven countries, attended this event.

The CMR was delighted to have a fantastic group of international presenters – all experts in their ocean governance-related fields:

- Professor Christina Hicks – Lancaster University
- Dr Wesley Flannery – Queen's University Belfast
- Mr Paul Holthus – World Ocean Council
- Dr Kimberley Peters – University of Liverpool
- Dr Daniela Diz – University of Strathclyde
- Professor Philip Levin – University of Washington
- Professor Kevern Cochrane – Rhodes University
- Dr Peter Jones – University College London
- Professor Patrick Vrancken – Nelson Mandela University
- Professor Amanda Lombard – Nelson Mandela University
- Dr Bolanle Erinsho – University of Cape Coast Ghana
- Professor Lena Gipperth – University of Gothenburg

The organising committee and a few student helpers are in the photograph below:



Dr Dylan McGarry and Ms Taryn Pereira Kaplan co-chaired the **civil society panel** discussion. This panel was made up of Ms Sherelee Odayar (South Durban Community Environmental Alliance & goundWork), Mr Khalid Mather (WildOcean), Mr Christian Adams (Small Scale Fisher Representative) and Dr Kira Erwin (Urban Future Centre). Ms Claire Roussell did a fantastic **graphic harvesting** job, where she summarised each talk and discussion through artwork and text.

The SABC covered this event and a segment was aired on SABC news the week after the conference. Two articles also appeared in local newspapers:

- Sufficiency should underpin oceans management model – *The Herald*, 23 January (Guy Rogers)
- Human Health linked to state of oceans – *Weekend Post*, 25 January (Guy Rogers)

The conference was run as a single-use plastic free event. A representative for the **Giving them Wings** foundation had an exhibit at the conference, detailing their school outreach programmes and environmental education activities. In an attempt to offset carbon footprints for travelling to the conference, delegates were urged to donate funds towards this foundation to assist them in planting trees and gardens around underprivileged schools.

The CMR's TTOGC webpage will be updated very soon, with a link to all presentations, the graphic harvesting artworks, videos from the live stream and other conference documentation. Keep an eye on this link: <https://cmr.mandela.ac.za/Events,-Initiatives-and-News/Transformed-and-Transformative-Ocean-Governance-Co>





SARChI Law of the Sea and Development in Africa

SARChI Marine Spatial Planning



Acknowledging Accolades

Professor **Hennie van As** from FishFORCE at the Ocean Sciences Campus and the Department of Public Law was recently appointed as the **Regional Coordinator** for the **Global Access to Justice Project**. This project covers Africa from south of the Sahara and the Indian Ocean Small Island States, and is not restricted to developed countries. This project aims to collect information on the different justice systems in operation, and will analyse the legal, economic, social and psychological obstacles that make it difficult or impossible for many to make use of the legal systems in place. This project will have a comprehensive approach to access problems and will analyse multiple aspects. Because of the project's multifaceted approach and broad geographical reach, the project has the potential to be the largest survey ever conducted on the access to justice. We congratulate Professor Van As with this position, and we wish him all the best with this challenging but exciting endeavour. More information can be accessed at this link: <http://globalaccesstojustice.com/>



The CMR also extends congratulations to the Department of Zoology's Senior Lecturer, Dr **Gavin Rishworth**, for being selected as an **Affiliate of the African Academy of Sciences** from 2020-2025. Of the 300 applications received, Dr Rishworth is one of three South Africans to be included in the list of 40 from the African Continent. This is also the first time that someone from the Nelson Mandela University is selected for this programme. This fifth cohort of Affiliates will receive professional development support in the processes of writing grants, publishing, science communication, the ethical conduct of research, intellectual property issues, collaborative research, scientific leadership, entrepreneurship, mentoring and networking. For more information on this programme, please see this link: <https://www.aasciences.africa/news/forty-promising-african-early-career-scientists-selected>

2019 CMR Report

Last year was the CMR's busiest to date, and we look forward to sharing our activities with all our members in one, consolidated document. The CMR's 2019 report to the University will be prepared in a different format this year, and a **glossy version** only will be published. This 2019 report will place more emphasis on CMR-coordinated events, projects, initiatives and research, as well as where the CMR played a strong supporting and participatory role in certain activities. Work done by the four Research Chairs that fall under the CMR, as well as the two Units (MAPRU and RDU) will also be reported on. The CMR is a cross-Faculty Institute, and would also like to highlight the transdisciplinary work done in the ocean and coastal sciences fields, as coordinated by the University's seven Faculties. Unlike in the past, the CMR will not be reporting on the work done or events attended by individual CMR members – these will be captured in the other relevant Departmental/Faculty reports. The CMR will send an email to members soon, requesting inputs under specific headings. Photographic submissions of field work, field sites and the coastal environment, are welcome.



2019 Research Outputs

The Department of Research Support & Management launched a user-friendly **online submission system** to facilitate the capturing of research publications and conference proceedings from 2019. This is a friendly request to all CMR academics, researchers and postgraduate students to ensure that all outputs are submitted ahead of the deadline at the end of February. Please contact the Office for Research Support & Management if any assistance is required. The CMR has copies of the documents and links, and these can be sent via e-mail if requested.

Housekeeping

The CMR Office welcomes Mrs Zureena Bloew to our Team. Zureena has been appointed as the CMR's **Financial Assistant** to work on financial, auditing and contracting queries and projects.

CMR members are kindly reminded to include the CMR in all affiliations and addresses. This is particularly important with regards to academic publications. Please use the full **Institute for Coastal and Marine Research** title.

Information on CMR membership and templates for documents and presentations are available at: <https://cmr.mandela.ac.za/Members-Page>



Thank You

If you have any news or exciting events to share, please contact us for circulation to our mailing list, or inclusion in the next newsletter.

Kind regards,

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