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Social Aspects of Marine Protected Areas Online Seminar

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Program Dates: November 2024 – March 2025

Program Cost: \$1,500 USD

Location: Online

For more information, visit our website: <https://warnercnr.colostate.edu/cpam/social-aspects-of-mpas-online-seminar/>

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Global currents, local impact: Navigating the social aspects of marine conservation

The Blue Nature Alliance and Colorado State University's Center for Protected Area Management have partnered to offer the Social Aspects of Marine Protected Areas Online Seminar with goals to support global collaboration and strengthen capacity sharing to support on-the-ground practitioners to reach their goals for marine conservation.



Over this 14-week program, participants from around the world will explore:

- A high level overview of social aspects of marine protected areas and important components to consider in management.
- The human connection to marine protected areas and the role that it plays in marine management as it relates to livelihoods, governance, values, human wellbeing as well as ocean sustainability.
- A range of case studies and knowledge presented from on the ground practitioners and academics from around the world sharing their experiences and examples of management in their areas.

Program Topics

- Social, ecological, and cultural dynamics of marine environments as socio-ecological systems and the importance of integrating multiple knowledge systems.
- Effective and equitable institutional management through building strong team dynamics, institutional structures, and funding strategies.
- Governance and politics in marine spaces, focusing on collaborative management, stakeholder and right-holder mapping and engagement, and navigating applicable regulatory environments.
- Balancing conservation with social justice aims - understanding the importance of considering historical context, human rights, and social equity in marine protected areas.
- Planning and managing conservation efforts that balance diverse values to achieve co-benefits.
- Human interactions with marine environments, mitigating conflict and building effective compliance.
- Social impacts, wellbeing, and livelihoods - the importance of human wellbeing, managing social impacts, and developing strategies to engage with local communities on livelihood concerns.

Program Format

- 14-weeks of virtual asynchronous content, estimated 4 hours of content per week.
- Live online sessions held at the end of each module to foster connections with other participants from around the globe.
- Part 1 (modules 1-3): November 6th - December 18th, 2024.
- Participants will then have a period to reflect over the end of the year from December 19th, 2024 - January 14th, 2025
- Part 2 (modules 4-7): January 15th - March 12th, 2025

