

## SOME DATES AND IDEAS FOR ACTION IN 2010

Please note that this document is being regularly updated. Would you have any specific event to add, please contact the World Ocean Network secretariat ([secretariat@worldoceannetwork.org](mailto:secretariat@worldoceannetwork.org)).

### JANUARY

January 31 – February 2

**Choose the Right Fish** campaign at [Seafood Summit, Challenging Assumptions in a Changing World](#), Paris Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel and Conference Centre, Paris, France.

### FEBRUARY

February 4-6

**Delhi Summit on Sustainable Development;** UNESCO-TERI Special Event to celebrate International Year of Biodiversity on February 4.

### MARCH

March 11

**Choose the Right Fish** campaign will be launched in Italy by Acquario di Genova, Genoa.

March 18

**Choose the Right Fish** campaign will be launched in France by Nausicaá, Boulogne sur Mer.

March 25-27

**International Conference on Climate Change and Indian Lakshdweep islands.**

March 21 – April 1 **Antropicosta IberoAmérica 2010**, São Paulo, Iguape, Cananéia, Brasil.

### APRIL

April 27-30

International Conference **50 Years of Education and Awareness Raising for Shaping the Future of the Oceans and Coasts** *Sharing lessons learned and proposing long-term projections, Saint Petersburg, Russia.*

### MAY

May 3-7

**Fifth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands** Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, Improving Governance: *Oceans, Climate, Biodiversity: From Copenhagen 2009 to Nagoya 2010*, UNESCO, Paris, France.

*Major themes:*

*Ensuring survival: Oceans, Climate and Security;*

*Preserving Life: Marine Biodiversity, Networks of Marine Protected Areas, and Celebrating the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, Toward Nagoya 2010--Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties COP-10;*

*Improving Governance: Achieving Integrated, Ecosystem-Based Ocean and Coastal Management at National and Regional Levels and in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, World Ocean Network will organise sessions about the importance of mobilizing the public and the private sector.*

*World Ocean Network will support the organisation of the Global Conference and will hold sessions about the importance of mobilising the public and the private sector for global ocean stewardship.*

May 8

Mid-term meeting of the **International Aquarium Forum** (IAF) founding committee hosted by the 4<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of the World Ocean Network, Nausicaá, Boulogne sur Mer, France.

- May 9-12** **Fourth International Meeting Acting together for the future of the Blue Planet** including **the first World Ocean Academy**, Boulogne sur Mer, France.  
*As a follow up of the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, the meeting will be held in link with 2010 International Year of Biodiversity: "Biodiversity is life. Biodiversity is our life."  
Participants will evaluate past and underway education and outreach activities on sustainable use of the ocean and draw up a joint action plan to further mobilize citizens and the civil society in the different regions of the world.*
- May 17-21** **Fourth Brazilian Congress of Oceanography, IV Congresso Brasileiro de Oceanografia** (CBO 2010), Rio Grande, Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil.
- May 22** **International Day for Biological Diversity**. *Biodiversity is life. Biodiversity is our life.*  
*On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, French IUCN committee will organise Fête de la Nature (May 19-23) with a special focus on seas and oceans. World Ocean Network will promote and participate in the event.*  
*Programme with National Museum of Natural History in India.*
- May 24-28** **Second National Congress of Marine Sciences, II Congreso Nacional de Ciencias del Mar del Perú**, Universidad Nacional de Piura, Peru.
- May 25-28** **Thirteenth Congress of Marine Sciences, XIII Congreso de Ciencias del Mar 2010**, Ciudad de Concepción, Chile.

## JUNE

- June 3-5** **ECSITE annual conference**, DASA, Dortmund, Germany. *In collaboration with ECSITE and Nausicaá, World Ocean Network will participate in the session "The Political Power of Science Centres, Museums and Aquariums" to describe successful advocacy initiatives such as achieving official designation of World Oceans Day, empowerment of young generation through youth parliaments and forums.*
- June 5** **World Environment Day**  
*"Week for Sea, Islands," Vietnam, June 1-8.*
- June 8** **World Oceans Day**  
In conjunction with The Ocean Project, World Ocean Network will promote the theme for 2010 about the ocean's services to man in link with the International Year of Biodiversity.  
**Visit www.worldoceannetwork.org to register your event, share celebration ideas, and use World Oceans Day tools.**  
*Some national and regional ocean related official events:  
"Journées de la mer," France, a celebration of the sea, June 4-8,  
The Coral Triangle Initiative has announced it will participate in World Oceans Day,  
In association with society of Environment Education & Development (SEED) in India.*
- June 21-25** **UNICPOLOS**, 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, New York, USA.  
*World Ocean Network will promote public education and information to become part of international ocean governance decision making processes.*

## SEPTEMBER

- September 7-10** **California and the World Ocean 2010 Conference**, Hyatt Regency San Francisco, USA.

## OCTOBER

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- October 2-5** **ASTC Annual Conference and Exhibit Hall**, Ho'okele-To Navigate: Science Centers as Wayfinders to New Horizons, Honolulu, Hawaii.  
*The conference will discuss the theme of "proactively addressing critical societal issues locally and globally where science understanding and public engagement are essential."*
- October 3-10** **Congress of the European Union of Aquarium Curators** (EUAC) hosted by the Cretaquarium, Heraklion, Creta.
- October 18-29** **10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity**, Nagoya, Japan.  
*World Ocean Network will promote public education and mobilisation to become part of biodiversity conservation decision making processes.*
- October 27-31** **37<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Underwater Pictures**, Marseille, France.  
*The World Festival of Underwater Pictures (FMISM) promotes the wealth of the underwater world whilst at the same time creating public awareness about marine environment and cultivating public wish to live in harmony with the sea.  
World Ocean Network will co-organise an Ocean International Public Debate.*
- October** **2<sup>nd</sup> Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands – English Channel and North Sea Approach**, Boulogne sur Mer, France.  
*The objective of the Forum is to promote exchanges and to organise meetings between coastal and marine environment scientists and stakeholders relevant to the integrated coastal and marine management process within the English Channel and the North Sea Region.  
It will be organised jointly by the French Agency for Marine Protected Areas and World Ocean Network.*

## NOVEMBER

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- November 8-12** **Sixteenth National Congress of Oceanography, XVI Congreso Nacional de Oceanografía**, Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

### Register at

### 4<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of



*Acting together for the future of the Blue*

The World Ocean Network's communications effort about the ocean, climate change and related issues is carrying out within the framework of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands Programme of Work 2009-2012 *Advancing the Global Oceans Agenda through Public Education and Outreach* with support by Global Environment Fund and Lighthouse Foundation. More info on UNFCCC related activities on the COP15 [blog](#) and in the [newsletter](#).

In Europe, a joint action on climate change, engaging the public of science centres, aquariums, and museums – *Do you commit to action on climate change? I do.* - will diffuse information and promote activities connected to climate change throughout 2010.