

Ocean Literacy: The Foundation for the Success of the Ocean Decade

CALL FOR CHAPTERS

We invite scholars, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers in aquatic/marine science, education, and environmental studies to contribute chapters to an upcoming book entitled "*Ocean Literacy: The Foundation for the Success of the Ocean Decade*." This collaborative effort aims to shed light on the critical intersection of Ocean Literacy and the initiatives driving positive change during the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (Ocean Decade). The editors will entertain a variety of abstracts but are especially interested in chapters examining the intersection of Ocean Literacy with [Ocean Decade Outcomes](#) and [Challenges](#), Challenge 10 in particular. Information about Ocean Literacy can be found [here](#). Authors should include evaluation and/or social or natural science research (qualitative and/or quantitative) methods and results in the abstract.

BOOK OVERVIEW

The book seeks to provide a comprehensive exploration of:

- Ocean Literacy and its significance in fostering the wise use and conservation of marine ecosystems and/or their watersheds.
- Local, regional, national, and/or international initiatives and actions undertaken during the Ocean Decade to promote sustainable practices and Ocean Literacy.
- Ocean Literacy and Ocean Decade efforts, including interventions to safeguard marine ecosystems.
- Existing frameworks for Ocean Literacy pertaining to education, outreach, monitoring, protection, and/or advocacy.
- International and national governance structures influencing Ocean Literacy and marine conservation.
- Strategies to improve the communication of complex ocean-related issues.

KEY THEMES

Potential chapters could include how Ocean Literacy is integral to the following topics:

1. The importance of the ocean to life on Earth.
2. Watershed, estuarine, coastal, and/or marine natural and social sciences.
3. Indigenous knowledge and/or traditional ecological practices.
4. The ocean/climate nexus.
5. The role of Ocean Literacy in enhancing education, outreach, or communications.
6. Innovative technologies for ocean exploration and conservation.
7. Community engagement and stakeholder involvement in ocean initiatives.
8. Legal and governance frameworks influenced by Ocean Literacy.
9. Transdisciplinary approaches to address challenges in the watershed, estuarine, coastal and/or marine environments.
10. Case studies on successful Ocean Literacy programs, projects, and interventions.
11. Our collective relationship with the ocean in reciprocity – the practice of exchange for mutual benefit.
12. Other related topics.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Prospective authors are invited to submit a **500-word abstract** outlining the proposed chapter, along with a **potential chapter title** and **outline**, and **brief author(s) bio(s)**. Abstracts should clearly state the chapter's objectives, methodology, and connection to Ocean Literacy and /or Ocean Decade Challenge 10: Change humanity's relationship with the ocean.

IMPORTANT DATES

Important Dates for an expected 2025 publication include:

- **February 2024: Call for chapter proposals open.**
 - Include draft title, abstract (≤500 words), and outline of proposed chapter.
- **Friday, 15 March 2024: Title, abstract, outline submission – deadline.**
- **Friday, 5 April 2024: Notification of editors decision of acceptance/rejection.** Authors begin writing chapters.
- **Friday, 6 September 2024: Draft chapter submission – deadline.**
- **Friday, 8 November 2024: Final manuscript submission – deadline.**

Submit inquiries and abstracts to the Co-Editors:

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Benefits of Participation – Contributors will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to a collection of syntheses of Ocean Literacy and the Ocean Decade.
- Contribute to the global dialogue on Ocean Literacy and our collective relationship with the ocean.
- Contribute to a comprehensive exploration of Ocean Literacy frameworks.
- Collaborate with experts in the field.

We look forward to your valuable contributions to "*Ocean Literacy: The Foundation for the Success of the Ocean Decade.*" Together, let's create a resource that inspires Ocean Literacy and informs actions for a healthier and more sustainable ocean environment.

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