

Agenda

International Blue Carbon Scientific Working Group (IBCSWG) Meeting and Workshop
Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Royal Society of Edinburgh
November 10, 2021 @ 9am-5pm GMT+1

8:30 - 9am: *Tea, biscuits and covid testing*

9 - 9:15am: Welcome and Opening (15 mins)

- Welcome
Dr. Emily Pidgeon (Conservation International) and Dr. Steve Crooks (Silvestrum), IBCSWG co-chairs
Prof. William Austin (University of St Andrews), Scottish Blue Carbon Forum

9:15 - 10:00am: Session One (45 mins) – UNFCCC COP26 Blue Carbon Outcomes

Moderators: Dr. Emily Pidgeon (Conservation International) and Dr. Steve Crooks (Silvestrum)

- Overview of UNFCCC and Blue Carbon to date
- Synthesis of COP26 from COP attendees - Prof. Daniel Murdiyarto (Center for International Forestry Research), Prof. Catherine Lovelock (University of Queensland), Prof. Carlos Duarte (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology) and Prof. Margareth Copertino (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande)
- Priorities and action items for the IBCSWG from COP discussions and outcomes

10:00 - 10:30am: *Break*

10:30am - 12pm: Session Two (1.5 hrs) – Priority Blue Carbon Activities for 2022

Moderator: Dr. Lola Fatoyinbo (NASA)

1. *40 mins:* [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) and a designing a Blue Carbon program, Dr. Emily Pidgeon (Conservation International) and Dr. Kirsten Isensee (IOC-UNESCO)
[New Call for Action](#): Proposal is due at the end of January
2. *20 mins:* Blue Carbon training course - Dr. Jennifer Howard (Conservation International)
3. *30 mins:* Forming a Kelp subgroup - Dr. Emily Pidgeon (Conservation International), with virtual presentation from Dr. Albert Pessarrodona (University of Western Australia)

12 - 1pm: *Individually Boxed Lunch*

1 - 2pm: Session Three (1 hr) – Seagrass subgroup

Moderator: Prof. Dan Friess (National University of Singapore, subgroup chair)

- *45 mins:* Seagrass group progress and discussion of priorities - Prof. Dan Friess (National University of Singapore, subgroup chair) and Dr. Clint Cameron (Charles Darwin University)
- *15 mins:* Seychelles' Seagrass and NDCs - Tom Hickey and Stacy Baez (The Pew Charitable Trusts)

2 - 4:30pm: Session Four – Updates from Working Group Members (10 mins each)

Moderator: Prof. Dorte Krause-Jensen (Aarhus University)

- Prof. Boone Kaufman (Oregon State University) - Role of conservation and restoration of Indonesian mangroves meeting their NDCs
- Prof. Carlos Duarte (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology) - Seagrass discovery and Blue Carbon futures
- Dr. Oscar Serrano Gras (Centre for Advances Studies of Blanes, Spanish National Research Council) - Blue Carbon achievements (science and policy) in Australia over the past decade
- Prof. Daniel Murdiyarso (Center for International Forestry Research) - Blue Carbon and Net Zero Emission – an Indonesian context

3 - 3:30pm: Afternoon Break – tea and biscuits

Moderator: Prof. William Austin (University of St Andrews)

- Dr. Carmen Leiva-Duenas (Aarhus University) - Eelgrass Blue Carbon work from Denmark
- Prof. Catherine Lovelock (University of Queensland) - Australian Methodology
- Dr. Steve Crooks (Silvestrum) - Seascape Carbon Initiative
- Dr. James W. Fourqurean and Dr. Bryce Van Dam - Making the case for considering air-water CO₂ exchanges in Blue Carbon accounting

4:30 - 5:00pm: Closing