



1. Marine Studies



INVITATION: Working Group

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Working Group Session

You are cordially invited to the 1st 2026 series of CGS-facilitated Catalytic Niche Area Working Group meetings for Marine Studies. The theme for series 1 is “Advancing Multi-, Inter- and Transdisciplinarity in Catalytic Niche Area Research”. In this series, we will anchor our 2026 approach by reaffirming the commitment to expansive conceptualisations of, and multidisciplinary avenues of participation into, the catalytic niche areas. Our framing for this session is: Re-thinking Ocean Knowledge: Transdisciplinary, Social and Decolonial Pathways to Marine Sustainability.

Readings:

- Frazão Santos, C., Agardy, T., Aheto, D. et al. (2023) Advancing interdisciplinary knowledge for ocean sustainability. *npj Ocean Sustain* 2 (18). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s44183-023-00026-6>
- Andrews, E.J., Daly, J., Nyiawung, R.A., Parlee, C.E., Bundy, A. (2025) A systematic scoping review of social sciences and humanities to contribute to ecosystem-based management. *ICES Journal of Marine Science* 82 (5). <https://doi.org/10.1093/icesjms/fsaf055>
- Mooshammer, H. (2025) Decolonising Ocean Matter. *Ocean and Society* 2. <https://doi.org/10.17645/oas.9397>

Discussion prompts:

- What assumptions about knowledge and expertise does each article challenge?
- How might your own disciplinary perspective add value to current marine sustainability research?
- What next steps could this reading inspire for transdisciplinary projects or collaborations in marine studies?
- How does marine research shift when oceans are treated as social–ecological systems rather than purely natural systems?
- Which disciplines and professional domains are currently underrepresented in marine research at UNISA?

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11:00 – 12:00

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