

Empowering Community Voices in Marine Conservation

This session aims to provide a platform for discussions around how to empower communities to own and manage marine conservation efforts. The session will present new research into constraints facing communities within MPAs (reviewed through a gendered lens) and will discuss recommendations for community-focused programming, and potential mechanisms to support communities to access sustainable blue economy opportunities.

Presenting new research on gender and the blue economy

Allowing an exchange of key challenges and solutions

Highlighting positive examples from OECMs and LMMAs

Developing recommendations for community initiatives

Bringing together community leaders from across the region

This session will be impactful for:
NGOs working with communities (including MPA co-managers)
Community conservationists
Private sector actors in the blue economy
Donors and development partners

Thursday 2nd October 2025 14:00 - 17:30

Room: Boni

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An interactive workshop
featuring expert presentations
and facilitated group
discussions.