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CCF Council Meeting 14th June 2021

Reports from CCF Groups



CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATION FORUM MARINE GROUP

REPORT TO CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATION FORUM COUNCIL MEETING, June 2021

Co-ordinating team

We still have a small co-ordinating team: Sue Wells, Hazel Thornton, Berry Mulligan and Katy Walker. Recently, we have also worked closely with Cambridge University Marine Conservation Society (CUMCS). We would like to have one or two more people who could share the work involved in organising events, maintaining the mailing list, maintaining our page on the CCF website and generally networking. We can be contacted at: CCFMarine@gmail.com.

Activities

During COVID restrictions we communicated remotely but have organised limited events. Since our last report to Council in June 2020, CCFMarine has been involved only in the organisations of World Ocean Day 2021, but we have continued to support and promote the very good programme of on-line events that CUMCS has organised over the year.

With CUMCS, we celebrated World Oceans Day as an online event consisting of a series of short talks. Over 50 participants attending to listen to our five speakers. In line with this years' theme, "The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods", we explored the challenging issue of the urgency to protect 30% of the ocean, whilst ensuring that coastal communities and economies dependent on the marine environment recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Speakers represented different regions and issues and presented their work and ideas followed by an open discussion. Speakers included:

- **Dom Andradi-Brown** (Senior Marine Scientist, WWF- US): Meeting the 30X30 target for the oceans within the context of emerging blue economies and recovery from the pandemic
- **Todd Steiner** (Executive Director, Turtle Island Restoration Network): Cocos-Galapagos Swimway: Creating a new paradigm for protecting highly migratory endangered species - a unique opportunity to create one of the world's first bilateral no-take marine protected areas to safeguard the migratory pathways of endangered and iconic marine species including leatherback sea turtles, scalloped hammerhead sharks, and green sea turtles.
- **Claudia Guerrero and Maria Arteaga** (Field technician and Seascape Coordinator, Centro de Estudios Marinos and Fauna & Flora International): Honduras: The blue economy as a mechanism for economic and ecological recovery in artisanal fishing communities in the context of Covid-19 and natural disaster
- **Alice Pires** (Senior Programme Implementation Manager, Rare's Fish Forever programme): Mozambique: A participatory and inclusive Managed Access and Reserve approach to designing, establishing and enforcing managed access areas, balancing human use with effective protection in the context of Green/Blue recovery efforts
- **Tammy Davies** (Senior Marine Science Officer, BirdLife International): The proposed North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Seamount Marine (NACES) MPA: Opportunity in the high seas - the important seabird foraging hotspot now being considered for protection by OSPAR

During the second half of 2021, we will be planning talks, events and socials for this year and next, either online or in the DAB, as post COVID-19 arrangements evolve.

Women in Conservation Leadership Network

CCF's Women in Conservation Leadership Network (WICL) has continued to grow, with more than 800 members in the facebook group and newsletter list.

Since the last update in January 2021, our activities have remained online due to the pandemic. The main focus of our activity was around International Women's Day in March 2021, which we celebrated through a social media campaign "Women Who Conserve", running for the whole month of March. Women were invited to contribute a photo and quote about what inspires them to work in conservation, used to create a series of profiles highlighting and celebrating their work. The campaign was also used to launch our new twitter account @Women_Conserve (https://twitter.com/Women_Conserve).

Information on relevant events and news continues to be shared through our newsletter and facebook group, links for which can be accessed through the CCF page. Plans for the rest of 2021 include another network social, as well as engaging with dialogue and initiatives taking place around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. A number of ideas have also been developed by an active sub-group of the CCI MPhil in Conservation Leadership programme.

In 2021 the steering group for the network is being co-chaired by Bryony Morgan (TRAFFIC) and Rosie Trevelyan (Tropical Biology Association); the other members are Victoria Price (Vision Wild), Emma Burt (RSPB), Helen Anthem (FFI), Prerna Bindra (University of Cambridge), Kit Stoner (Bat Conservation Trust), Evelyn Britez Navarro and Jessa Belle Garibay (both CCI MPhil in Conservation Leadership). The group can be contacted on women.leadership@cambridgeconservationforum.org.uk.

Management and Restoration Group (MARG)

MARG has held no field visits this year, as last, as none could be arranged due to Covid-19. However, we have had a number of interesting invitations and suggestions, including some that are walkable from Cambridge city centre. So, we hope we may be able to arrange at least one MARG field meeting this year.

Roger Mitchell