

ICES AND BLUEMISSIONAA NATURE RESTORATION WEBINAR

Recovery & Restoration - Policy needs from Science

10:00–15:30 CEST, Tuesday 8 April 2025

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Morning Session (10:00–12:30)

Convener: **Meri Kallasvuo**, Research Programme Director at Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) and Strategic Research Council Finland

Time (CEST)	Event details	Speakers
10:00–10:20	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Introduction to ICES, BlueMissionAA and their synergies.</i></p>	<p>Colm Lordan, Chair of ICES Advisory Committee (ACOM)</p> <p>Valerie de Liedekerke, Head of Ocean Policy & Stakeholder Engagement at the Atlantic International Research Centre</p> <p>Harald Hasler-Sheetal, ICES Professional Science Officer</p>
10:20–10:50	<p>Keynote presentation</p> <p><i>Marine and coastal restoration in international policy and law</i></p>	<p>Daniela Diz, Associate Professor at the Lyell Centre, Heriot-Watt University, UK</p>
10:50–12:00	Thematic Session*	
	<i>Marine Restoration Under the EU Nature Restoration Law</i>	Maddalena Visser , Nature Conservation Unit, EU Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV)
	<i>Native oyster reef restoration: learnings from experiences in a wide variety of European countries.</i>	Hein Sas , Head Secretary and Board member of the Native Oyster Restoration Alliance (NORA)
	<i>Restoring the deep: the LIFE ECOREST project</i>	Jordi Grinyo Andreu , PostDoctoral Researcher, Institut de Ciències del Mar, Spain
	<i>Restoration of Norway's kelp forests</i>	Kjell Magnus Norderhaug , Principal Scientist, Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway
12:00–12:30	Q&A	
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break	

Afternoon Session (13:30–15:30)

Convener: **Marie-Julie Roux**, Research Scientist at Maurice Lamontagne Institute, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Mont-Joli, Canada, ACOM Vice-Chair, ICES

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13:30–14:00	Findings from ICES/BMAA Workshop on Nature Restoration and Recovery (WKREST)	WKREST co-chairs: Ellen Kenchington , Daniël van Denderen , and Jan Hiddink
14:00–14:30	Keynote Presentation <i>Virginia's Underwater Prairies: Threats and Restoration Success</i>	Chris Patrick , Associate Professor & Director of the SAV Restoration & Monitoring Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, William & Mary, US
14:30–14:45	Teaser Presentations on ongoing activities	
	<i>CLIMAREST - Solutions for coastal restoration and climate resilience</i>	Ida Breathe Øverjordet , Senior Research Scientist at SINTEF Ocean, Norway & project coordinator of CLIMAREST
	<i>Implementing KPIs in multi-faceted EU Projects – Application within the PHAROS Project</i>	Alex Ziemba , Advisor and researcher at Deltares, the Netherlands
	<i>REDRESS - Deep sea habitat restoration to rebuild European seas,</i>	Cristina Gambi , Researcher at the Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy & Scientific Project Manager of REDRESS
	<i>BioProtect - Ambitions and Impact</i>	Sophie Jensen , Research scientist and Project Manager at Matís, Iceland
14:45–15:15	Q&A	
15:15–15:30	Closing remarks <i>Synergies between FEISA and nature restoration, and next steps.</i>	Colm Lordan , Chair of ICES Advisory Committee (ACOM) Marie-Julie Roux , Research Scientist at Maurice Lamontagne Institute, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Mont-Joli, Canada, and ICES ACOM Vice-Chair

Please submit your questions via the chat box, and our speakers will address them at the end of their session.

NOTE. The seminar will be recorded and made available to participants. After the event, attendees will receive an email with a link to express their interest in participating in potential future ICES Workshop and/or Working Group on Nature Restoration.

*Regarding the Thematic Session (10:50-12:00), the key topics are as follows:

- Ecosystem-Based Management: Integrating restoration into broader marine spatial planning
- Restoration as a Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Measure: Blue carbon and coastal resilience
- Socio-Ecological Considerations in Marine Restoration: Engaging stakeholders and local communities