



“Promoting Ocean Literacy for Sustainable Development in the Western Pacific”

Scoping Workshop for the WESTPAC Intersessional Task Force on Ocean Literacy

9-10 October 2025, Online

Provisional Agenda

When: Day 1: 9 October 2025, 13:00 – 16:00 (Bangkok/Hanoi/Jakarta, UTC+7)
Day 2: 10 October 2025, 09:00 – 12:00 (Bangkok/Hanoi/Jakarta, UTC+7)

Where: Online via Zoom

Language: English

Event page: <https://ioc-westpac.org/event/scoping-workshop-on-ocean-literacy/>

Workshop Objectives:

- Introduce the WESTPAC Task Force on Ocean Literacy and its expected role in the region.
- Showcase Ocean Literacy efforts in the Member States: practices, policies, lessons and learnt.
- Identify regional challenges and opportunities, and foster collaboration to advance Ocean Literacy in the Western Pacific.

Day 1: 13:00 – 16:00, 9 October 2025, Thursday

Time (UTC+7)	Agenda Item	Facilitator/Speaker
13:00 – 13:15	Setting the Context: Welcome & Opening Remarks Introduction to the Ocean Literacy Task Force and its Expected Role	Aileen Tan Shau Hwai , Chairperson of WESTPAC
Session 1: Informing Collective Progress		
13:15 – 13:20	Insights on Ocean Literacy: Ocean Literacy in Member States	<u>Moderator:</u> Shengle Yin

	(Each speaker will be allocated 15-min presentation followed by a 3-min Q&A session and a 2-min transition period)	
<u>Time and Titles:</u>		<u>Speakers:</u>
13:20 – 13:40	Building Ocean-Literate Communities: Integrating Science, Education, and Policy through BRIN	Syarifah Aini Dalimunthe , <i>National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) (Indonesia)</i>
13:40 – 14:00	Coordinating Ocean Literacy for Sustainable Development: Indonesia's Leadership in the Western Pacific	Ferdiansyah , <i>Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture Affairs (Indonesia)</i>
14:00 – 14:20	Ocean Literacy and Community-Based Disaster Preparedness: Experiences from the South Lebak Mitigation Group (GMLS), Indonesia	Anis Faisal Reza , <i>Gugus Mitigasi Lebak Selatan (GMLS) (Indonesia)</i>
14:20 – 14:40	Ocean Literacy in Malaysia – Challenges and Pathways Forward	Mahadi Mohammad , <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) (Malaysia)</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Some Activities to Improve Ocean Literacy in Russia	Polina Lobanova , <i>Saint-Petersburg State University (Russia)</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Ocean Literacy and Sustainable Ocean Stewardship in Sri Lanka	K.H.M.L. Amaralal , <i>National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) (Sri Lanka)</i>
15:20 – 15:40	Inspiring the Next Generation: Building Ocean Literacy through Science and Education in Thailand	Suchana Chavanich , <i>Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)</i>
Session 2-1: Brainstorming and Co-Development of Workplan		

15:40 – 16:00	Moderated Discussion for Day 1 Wrap-up of Day 1	<u>Moderator:</u> Shengle Yin & Norhanis Binti Mohammad Razalli
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Day 2: 09:00 – 12:00, 10 October 2025, Friday

Time (UTC+8)	Agenda Item	Facilitator/Speaker
09:00 – 09:15	Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Agenda for Day 2	<u>Moderator:</u> Norhanis Binti Mohammad Razalli
Session 1: Informing Collective Progress (Continued)		
09:15 – 09:20	(Continued) Insights on Ocean Literacy: Ocean Literacy in Member States <i>(Each speaker will be allocated 15-min presentation followed by a 3-min Q&A session and a 2-min transition period)</i>	<u>Moderator:</u> Norhanis Binti Mohammad Razalli
<u>Time and Titles:</u>		<u>Speakers:</u>
09:20 – 09:40	China's Ocean Literacy Journey: Practices, Efforts, and Regional Cooperation for the West Pacific	Danfeng Weng, Third Institute of Oceanography (China)
09:40 – 10:00	Raising Awareness of Marine Ecological Disasters among the Chinese Public	Qicheng Meng, Second Institute of Oceanography (China)
10:00 – 10:20	Status and Challenges of Ocean Literacy Dissemination in Japan	Sachiko Oguma, Sasakawa Peace Foundation (Japan)
10:20 – 10:40	Coastal Development and Ocean Pollution in Malaysia: An Overview	Mohamed Redza Mohamed Zakaria,

		<i>Universiti Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
10:40 – 11:00	From Citizens to Seatizens	Anna Oposa , <i>Save Philippine Seas (SPS) (Philippines)</i>
11:00 – 11:20	A Brief Review of Ocean Literacy in the U.S.	Abigail Sisti , <i>NOAA National Ocean Service (NOS) (USA)</i>
Session 2-2: Brainstorming and Co-Development of Workplan		
11:20 – 11:50	Moderated Discussion • What can we take for the next steps? • Actionable suggestions	<u>Moderator:</u> Shengle Yin & Norhanis Binti Mohammad Razalli
11:50 – 12:00	Wrap-up for the workshop and summary of action points Closing Remarks	Shengle Yin Wenxi Zhu <i>Head of WESTPAC</i>