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UNOC3 GREEN ZONE CONFERENCE

**What dialogue for a sustainable future?
Strengthening Ocean Health through Scientific
Cooperation, Capacity Building, and the Science-
Policy Interface**

Showcasing examples of French and Costa Rican projects, the event will explore how universities contribute to ocean governance by bringing scientific expertise to public policy and strengthening the science-policy interface. Beyond engaging youth and training future leaders, universities co-develop science-based solutions through local to international cross-sectoral collaborations rooted in real-world challenges. The event will start with an opening session on Costa Rica's unknown treasures.



From 13 to 17

**A buffet will be
served at 13**

@ Théâtre de Valrose

**Keynote opening on
Costa Rica treasures**

**Free access,
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Preliminary programme

1 PM – 2 PM | Welcome Reception

A buffet will be served.

2 PM – 3 PM | Opening Remarks and keynote

Keynote speech: Jorge Cortés-Núñez, Marine Scientist, Universidad National de Costa Rica
“Costa Rica: A Marine and Unknown Country”

3 PM – 4 PM | Roundtable Discussion

Theme: *The Role of Universities in Strengthening Science–Policy Dialogue on Ocean Conservation*

This session will bring together speakers from diverse backgrounds (natural sciences, humanities, institutional actors, and resource managers) to explore how academic institutions contribute to marine conservation through interdisciplinary research, science-policy engagement, and international collaboration. Panelists will share concrete experiences from collaborative projects, before opening up with the audience and identifying possible pathways to strengthen cooperation for ocean protection.

Moderators: Cécile Sabourault, UniCA Vice President for International Relations, and Clara Descamps, UNOC Project Manager for UniCA

Panelists:

- Julien Andrieu, ODYSSEE Graduate School Director, ESPACE, UniCA
- Sergio Cambroner, IMEV, Sorbonne Université (tbc)
- Julien Dellaux, LADIE, UniCA (tbc)
- Representative from Costa Rican universities (tbc)
- Parc National de Port Cros (tbc)
- Région Sud Decentralized cooperation (tbc)

4 PM – 4:30 PM | Audience Q&A

Open discussion with the audience and collective synthesis.

4:30 PM – 5 PM | Closing Remarks

Summary of key messages and next steps for future collaboration.

