



UNOC3 GREEN ZONE CONFERENCE

6 JUIN 2025 • 1 > 5 PM

**UNIVERSITE COTE D'AZUR,
Théâtre du Grand Château, Campus de Valrose, Nice**

What dialogue for a sustainable future?

**Strengthening Ocean Health through Scientific
Cooperation, Capacity Building, and the Science-Policy
Interface**

Taking place just after the One Ocean Science Congress and ahead of the UNOC Official Diplomatic Conference, this event will serve as a bridge between the scientific and political dimensions of UNOC3, through the lens of the role universities play in connecting knowledge and action. 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.

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PROGRAMME

1 PM – 2 PM | Welcome Reception

A buffet will be served.

2 PM – 3 PM | Opening session

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 ECOSEAS lab Director, Université Côte d’Azur (UniCA) and **Clara Descamps**, UNOC3 Project Manager for UniCA

Panelists:

- **Andrieu Julien**, ODYSSEE Graduate School Director, ESPACE, UniCA
- **Barcelo Alain**, Scientific strategy manager, Port Cros National Park (tbc)
- **Cambronerio Sergio**, IMEV, Sorbonne Université (tbc)
- **Dellaux Julien**, LADIE, UniCA
- **Elizalde Cécile**, Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation Directorate, Decentralized Cooperation Departement, Region SUD
- **Ulate Naranjo Karol**, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA)

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.



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