

COLLECTING ECOP DATA

since the ECOP Programme began in 2021, global and regional surveys have served to understand the needs, challenges and barriers ECOPs are facing.



THE LATEST ECOP SURVEYS

were distributed via the regional nodes in Africa, Asia and Canada from January - May 2022 to build on the knowledge gained through the first global ECOP survey in 2020, which had 1344 respondents. As the first ECOP survey indicated, there are significant challenges and barriers that relate specifically to geographical region, which confirms the importance of regional nodes.

HIGHLIGHTING SYNERGIES

These surveys also recognize global, regional and local gaps and opportunities for communities of ECOPs to collaborate and work towards UN Ocean Decade challenges together.



THE ECOP PROGRAMME REPRESENTS
A COLLECTIVE VOICE FOR
EARLY CAREER OCEAN PROFESSIONALS
AND A CALL FOR MORE INCLUSIVE AND
INTER-GENERATIONAL HIGH LEVEL
DECISION MAKING



ECOPS ARE A DIVERSE,
GLOBALLY DISTRIBUTED COMMUNITY
WITH A SHARED EXPERIENCE,
UNITED BY THE OCEAN



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ECOP
Early Career
Ocean Professionals

THE ECOP PROGRAMME IS
AN OFFICIAL UN DECADE OF OCEAN
SCIENCE PROGRAMME DESIGNED
TO EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION
OF OCEAN LEADERS



Photo: Shawn Wolfe Ocean Image Bank



AFRICA

58% Male
42% Female

Rank	Priority
1	A clean Ocean
2	A healthy and resilient ocean
3	A productive Ocean
4	A predicted Ocean
5	A safe Ocean
6	An accessible Ocean
7	An inspiring and engaging Ocean

Region	Percentage
Southern Africa	36%
Eastern Africa	29%
Entire Africa	11%
Western Africa	14%
Northern Africa	10%

Barrier	Percentage
Harassment	10%
Difficulty in work/family balance	15%
Unfavourable gender perspective on marine science	15%
Others	2%
Gender inequality	28%
Lack of training/mentorship	65%
Covid-19	45%
Inadequate Funding	82%
Low income	50%
Lack of jobs	80%

ASIA

51% Male
48% Female
1% Prefer not to say

Response	Percentage
Yes	53%
No	47%

What is one word that comes to mind when you think about ECOPs?

opportunities

collaboration

network

ocean

conservation

researcher

communication

youth

hope

energy

climate

different

responsible

career

students

interdisciplinary

survivability

sustainability

doctoral

future

young

research

financial

ambition

oceanography

passion

innovation

networking

information

control

oceans

enhancement

relating

working

explore

potential

about ECOPs?

Activity	Not at all important	Slightly important	Neutral	Important	Very important
Scholarships & Research	5%	10%	20%	25%	40%
In Person Conferences	5%	10%	20%	25%	40%
Internships	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%
Start-ups/NGOs	5%	10%	20%	25%	40%
Virtual conferences	10%	15%	20%	30%	25%

CANADA

70% Female
28% Male
2% Non binary

Duration of Residence	Percentage
Less than one year	19%
1-5 years	20%
6-10 years	33%
11-15 years	14%
More than 15 years	14%

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