



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development



ECOP
Early Career
Ocean Professionals

2022-2023 ECOP China Report



Prepared by
Chunhua Jiang, ECOP Asia Intern
&
Raphaël Roman, ECOP Asia Coordinator

Released on 20 June 2023

Thanks go to all our partners for all their support in 2022-2023, especially our funding partners:



unesco

Intergovernmental
Oceanographic
Commission



Norad



www.ecopdecade.org

2022-2023 ECOP China Report Contents

Introduction.....	2
Survey Demographics.....	2
Fig. 1 Nationality (% participants).....	3
Fig. 2 Current Country of Residence (% participants).....	3
Fig. 3 Geographical distribution of respondents in China.....	3
Fig. 4 Number of respondents in the top five provinces.....	4
Fig. 5 Gender composition (% participants).....	4
Fig. 6 Willingness to become an ECOP member (%).....	4
Fig. 7 Sector representation (% of respondents who chose this option out of the number of respondents).....	5
Fig. 8 Highest level of education (% respondents).....	5
Fig. 9 Number of years involved in a marine field/sector (% respondents).....	6
Fig. 10 Chinese ECOPs' level of knowledge with the UN Ocean Decade (% respondents).....	6
Fig. 11 Ocean Decade Outcomes that align with the expertise of Chinese ECOPs.....	7
Identifying the Needs and Barriers of Chinese ECOPs.....	7
Fig. 12 Barriers Chinese ECOPs face in contributing to the UN Ocean Decade: a comparison of results between the (a) 2022 ECOP China survey and (b) 2021 ECOP Asia survey.....	9
Fig. 13 Barriers Chinese ECOPs face in participating in the ECOP Programme.....	9
ECOP China Community.....	10
Team Building, Partnerships and ECOP China Ambassadors.....	10
Fig. 14 Triangle Structure of the ECOP China node.....	11
Fig. 15 Online kick-off meeting of the ECOP China team (June 10 th).....	11
Fig. 16 Promotion of the ECOP Programme at the Fourth Microplastic Conference in Shanghai (June 5-8, 2023).....	12
Fig. 17 Photos of Chinese ECOPs at the Fourth Microplastic Conference in Shanghai (June 5-8, 2023).....	12
Fig. 18 Pictures of the beach clean-up activity on World Oceans Day (June 8 th).....	12
Prospects for ECOP China.....	13
Acknowledgement.....	14
Appendix – 2022 ECOP China Questionnaire.....	14

Introduction

The ECOP China node has been under development since mid-September 2022. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress made in establishing the ECOP China node and to present the results of a bilingual (Chinese/English) questionnaire survey (see **Appendix**), which was conducted over a period of three months, from November 5th, 2022 to January 10th, 2023. The survey was designed to assist the [ECOP Programme](#) in gaining a more comprehensive understanding of the priorities and challenges confronting Chinese ECOPs.

Based on the results of the first ECOP Asia survey¹, which was circulated in the Spring of 2021 ([link](#)) and only made available in English, the ECOP Asia team identified a “lack of community and network” as the most pressing issue facing Chinese ECOPs. As a result, the ECOP Programme recruited an ECOP Asia intern from China to support the formulation of a strategy aimed at creating a vibrant and dynamic ECOP community in the country. To achieve this goal, the following steps were proposed:

- 1) Create a membership database that includes all Chinese ECOPs who express interest in the Programme,
- 2) Build relationships with national ocean stakeholders to foster collaboration and exchange of ideas,
- 3) Circulate the ECOP China Survey to gain a better understanding of the needs and barriers faced by Chinese ECOPs,
- 4) Create an ECOP China Network Community (e.g., on WeChat) to facilitate communication and collaboration among members,
- 5) Organize an ECOP China team for the development of the national ECOP node for China.

These steps are intended to promote the development and sustainability of the ECOP community in China, and to address the challenges faced by Chinese ECOPs by providing a platform for information sharing, collaborative knowledge production, professional development opportunities, mentorship, and networking. Through these efforts, the ECOP China node aims to start their work in 2023 and expand throughout the course of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) (hereinafter referred to as the “UN Ocean Decade”).

Survey Demographics

Among the 75 participants of the survey, 98.7% were Chinese nationals (**Fig. 1**) and 92% were residing in China (**Fig. 2**). They represented 19 provinces or municipalities directly under the Central Government, as well as the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions (**Fig. 3**). The majority of respondents were located in coastal cities in the east, with high concentrations in Shanghai, followed by Shandong, Guangdong, Beijing and Fujian provinces (**Fig. 4**).

¹ These results can be consulted in the 2022 Intermediary Report from the ECOP Asia node: <https://www.ecopdecade.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/ECOP-Asia-Intermediary-Report-public-version2.pdf>

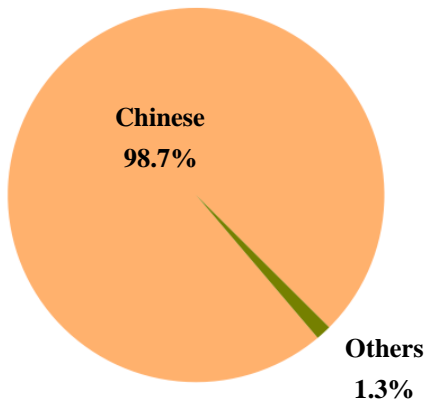


Fig. 1 Nationality (% participants)

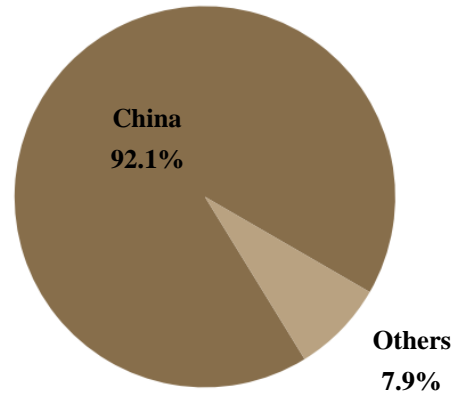


Fig. 2 Current Country of Residence (% participants)

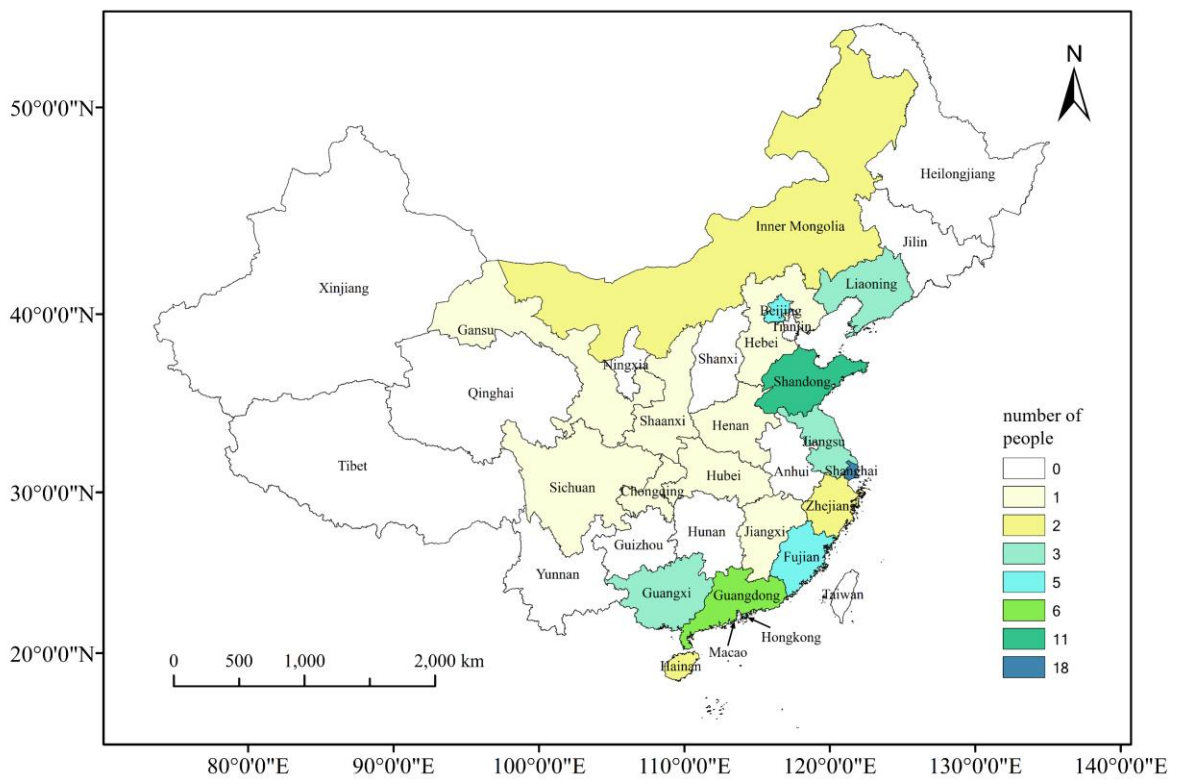


Fig. 3 Geographical distribution of respondents in China

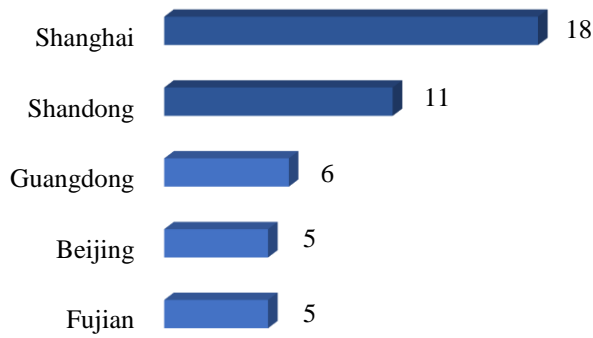


Fig. 4 Number of respondents in the top five provinces

With regard to gender representation, the survey results show a higher proportion of female (57.9%) than male (42.1%) participants (Fig. 5). Regarding the willingness to become a member of the ECOP Programme, with the exception of one individual, 89.5% of respondents are willing to join while 9.4% wished to first gain more information about the ECOP Programme (Fig. 6).

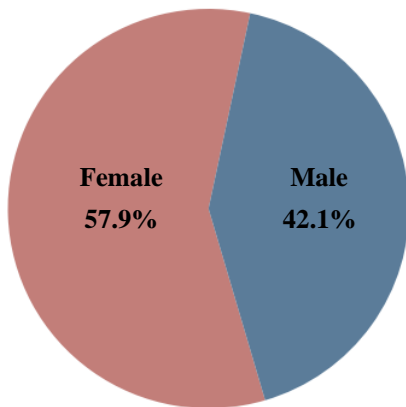


Fig. 5 Gender composition (% participants)

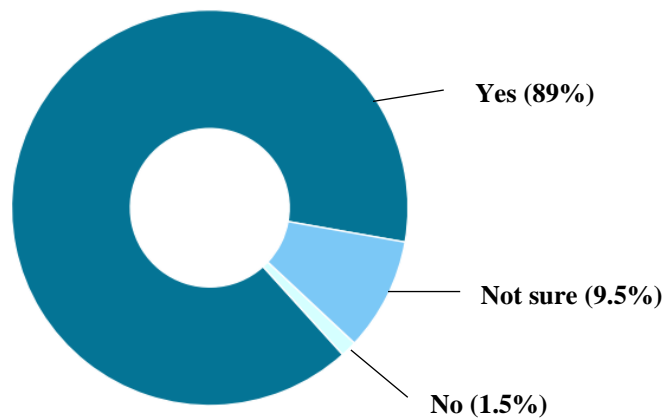


Fig. 6 Willingness to become an ECOP member (%)

ECOP respondents are engaged in a variety of ocean- and freshwater-related disciplines and sectors, with the vast majority hailing from academia or research institutions, as depicted in Fig. 7. Over half of the respondents are involved in marine science (54%), followed by marine/environmental non-profit organizations or NGOs (27.6%), marine culture and education (e.g., ocean literacy, science communication) (22.3%), and marine management and policy (20%). A smaller proportion of respondents have expertise in freshwater conservation (14.5%), ocean engineering (5%), investment/philanthropy (4%), as well as other important fields, including blue carbon, climate change, and finance.

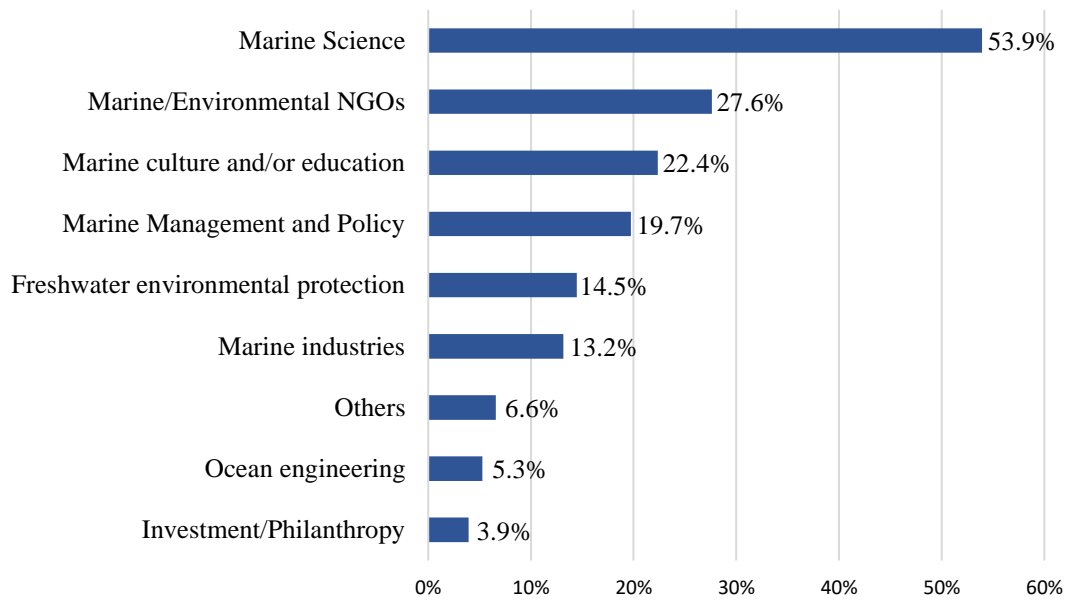


Fig. 7 Sector representation (% of respondents who chose this option out of the number of respondents)

The survey also collected information on the educational background of the respondents. All ECOPs except one have at least completed an undergraduate degree by the time of the survey (**Fig. 8**). Specifically, the highest level of education achieved was, by decreasing order, undergraduate (38.2%), master (32.9%), and PhD (27.6%), with one respondent holding a junior college degree. No respondents reported a lower level of education.

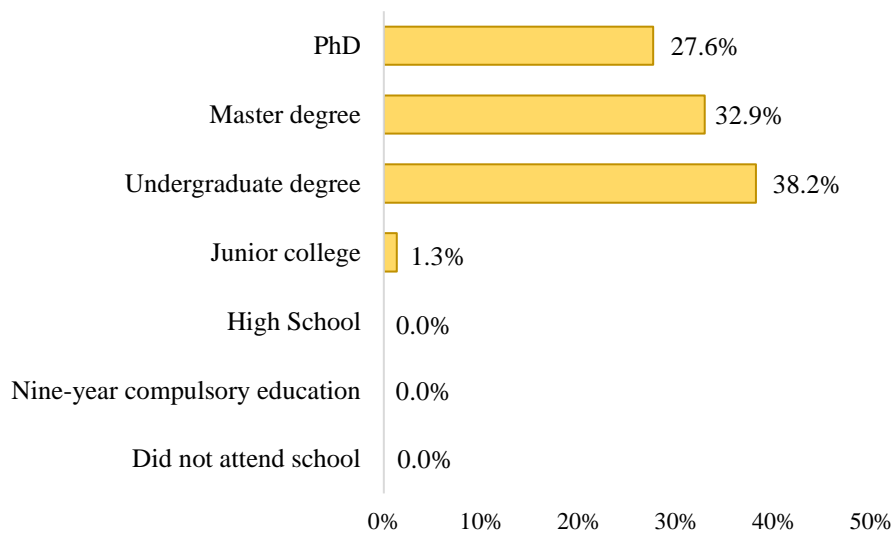


Fig. 8 Highest level of education (% respondents)

When it comes to the length of experience ECOPs have in a marine field or sector, **Fig. 9** shows that the majority has only been recently involved in such fields or sectors, with 30.3% and 29% of respondents indicating less than 1 year and between 1-3 years of experience, respectively. On the other hand, a little more than a fifth of respondents (21%) have been involved in a marine field/sector for the past 4 to 6 years, while an even smaller number (7.9%) reported engagement for over 10 years (**Fig. 9**).

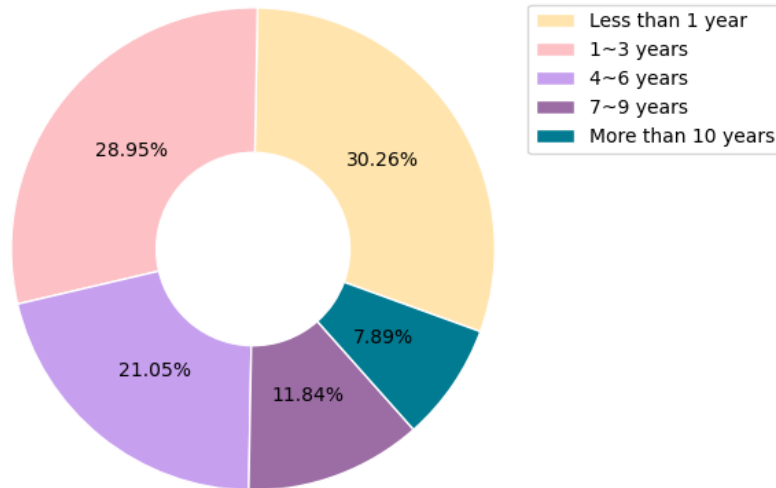


Fig. 9 Number of years involved in a marine field/sector (% respondents)

Connecting to Ocean Decade Outcomes

When queried about their familiarity with the UN Ocean Decade, 44.7% of the respondents indicated that they read about it but had not engaged in Ocean Decade related activities and/or projects (**Fig. 10**). 22.4% of the respondents had heard of the UN Ocean Decade, but had not sought to acquire further knowledge about it. A minority of respondents (17.1%) had a thorough understanding of the Ocean Decade and had previously participated in related activities, while 15.8% had never heard about it before (**Fig. 10**). This survey highlights the disparities in levels of awareness and engagement with the UN Ocean Decade among the surveyed Chinese ECOPs.

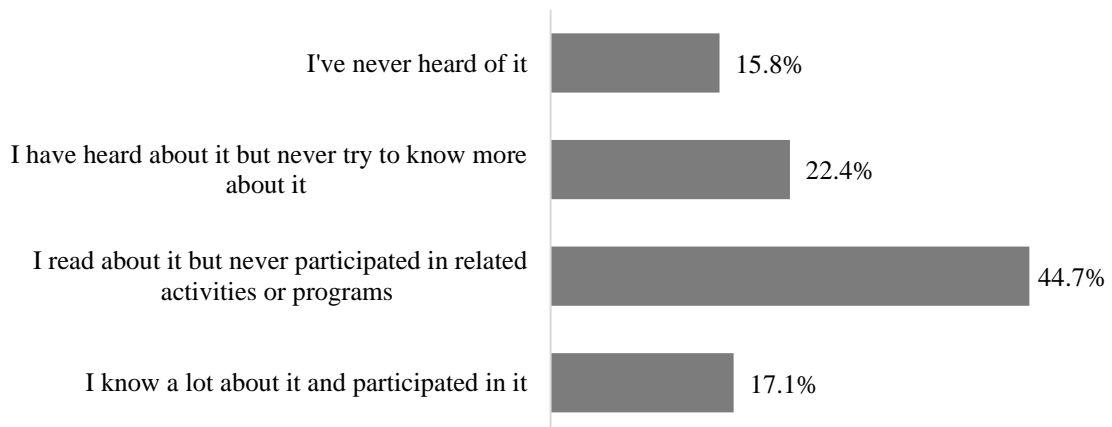


Fig. 10 Chinese ECOPs level of knowledge with the UN Ocean Decade (% respondents)

In addition, a majority of respondents were engaged in or working towards more than one Ocean Decade Outcome². As shown in Fig. 11, the highest level of engagement was observed in Outcome 2: "A healthy and resilient ocean" (53.8%), followed by an equal distribution (38.5%) across Outcomes 4, 6 and 7: "A predicted ocean", "An accessible ocean" and "An inspiring and engaging ocean". 30.7% of respondents focused on achieving Outcome 1: "A clean ocean", while 15.4% were targeting Outcomes 3 and 5: "A productive ocean" and "A safe ocean".

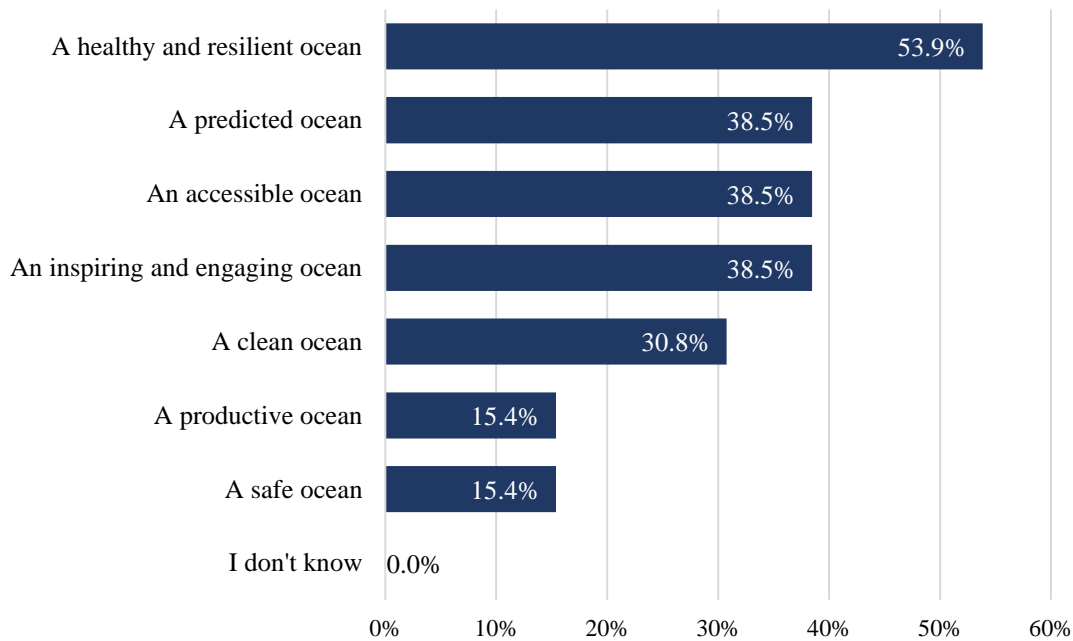


Fig. 11 Ocean Decade Outcomes that align with the expertise of Chinese ECOPs

Identifying the Needs and Barriers of Chinese ECOPs

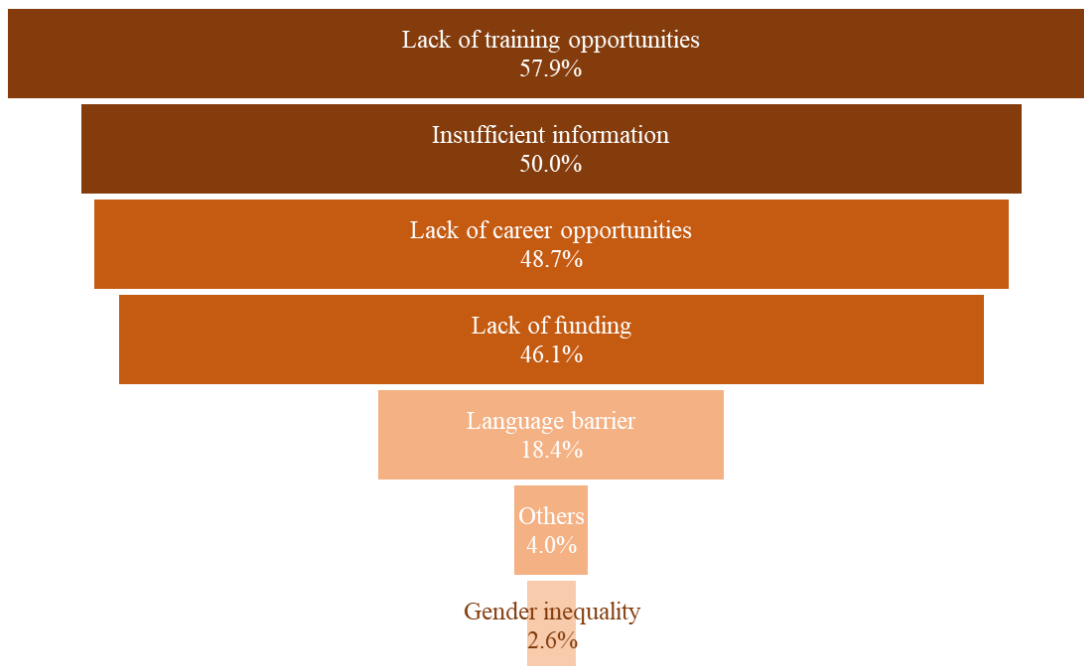
When asked what barrier(s) constrain ECOPs from participating in and contributing to the UN Ocean Decade, Fig. 12a shows that a lack of training options (57.9%), insufficient information (50%), a lack of career opportunities (48.7%) and funding (46%) are considered to be the biggest challenges facing Chinese ECOPs. In addition, 18.4% of respondents recognized language barriers as a problem, and a few felt that other reasons, including gender inequality (2.6%) and a lack of time, also limited their participation in the UN Ocean Decade.

Previous findings from the 2021 ECOP Asia survey, which were broken down by country in the [2022 ECOP Asia Intermediary Report](#), revealed that a lack of community and networking opportunities was by far the greatest limitation that Chinese ECOPs faced (89.5% of respondents selected that option) (Fig. 12b), followed by a lack of funding (68.4%), lack of career opportunities (36.8%), lack of training opportunities (21.1%), language barrier (15.8%) and gender inequality (5.3%) (Fig. 12b).

² To learn more about the seven Ocean Decade Outcomes, please refer to the summary of the "Implementation Plan", published in 2021 and available in several languages, including Chinese: <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000376780>

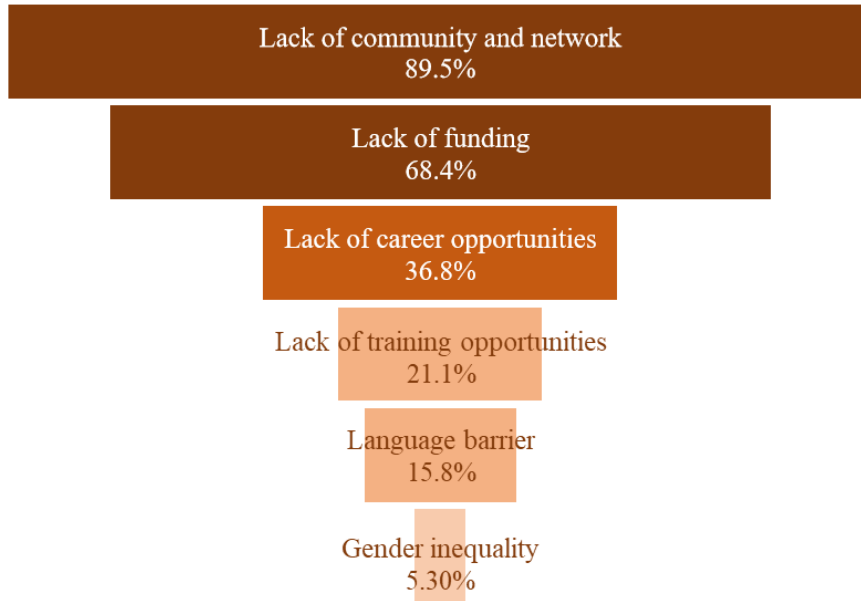
When comparing both questionnaires, the lack of funding and career opportunities were consistently ranked as top concerns by Chinese ECOPs (selected by more than one third of respondents), with language barriers remaining a non-negligible challenge for engagement with the global Ocean Decade community (Fig. 12).

On the other hand, the need for training opportunities (e.g., webinars, workshops, courses, etc.) was much more preponderant in the 2022 ECOP China questionnaire, ranking as the number one priority (Fig. 12a). This could be explained by the fact that the majority of respondents were relatively new to the ocean space, indeed, 60% had been involved in a marine field/sector for less than 3 years (Fig. 9). In a similar vein, this demographic characteristic may also explain the need for greater and more inclusive access to information about the UN Ocean Decade framework, endorsed Actions, and how to participate and get involved (50% of ECOPs selected the option “Insufficient information”) (Fig. 12a). This perceived lack of information may also be accentuated by the relative absence of Ocean Decade related content translated in Chinese³, and by the restrictions that Chinese ECOPs face when connecting to popular communication platforms used in the West (e.g., YouTube, Twitter, etc.).



(a) 2022 ECOP China survey results

³ One important document that was translated to Chinese in 2021 is the Summary of the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan, see: https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000376780_chi



(b) 2021 ECOP Asia survey results for China

Fig. 12 Barriers Chinese ECOPs face in contributing to the UN Ocean Decade: a comparison of results between the (a) 2022 ECOP China survey and (b) 2021 ECOP Asia survey.

Factors constraining the participation of young Chinese marine professionals in the [ECOP Programme](#) can provide important feedback to the ECOP Coordination Unit. As indicated in **Fig. 13**, over half of the respondents were unsure whether and how they could participate in the ECOP Programme, either due to a lack of channels to receive relevant information (63.2%), insufficient knowledge about how to participate (59.2%), or unclear understanding of the purpose and significance of participating in the ECOP Programme (51.3%). In addition, around 41% of respondents pointed out the lack of information available in Chinese as a hindrance to their participation in the Programme, while a minority (7%) cited personal constraints, such as lack of time, as the principal reason for not engaging (**Fig. 13**).

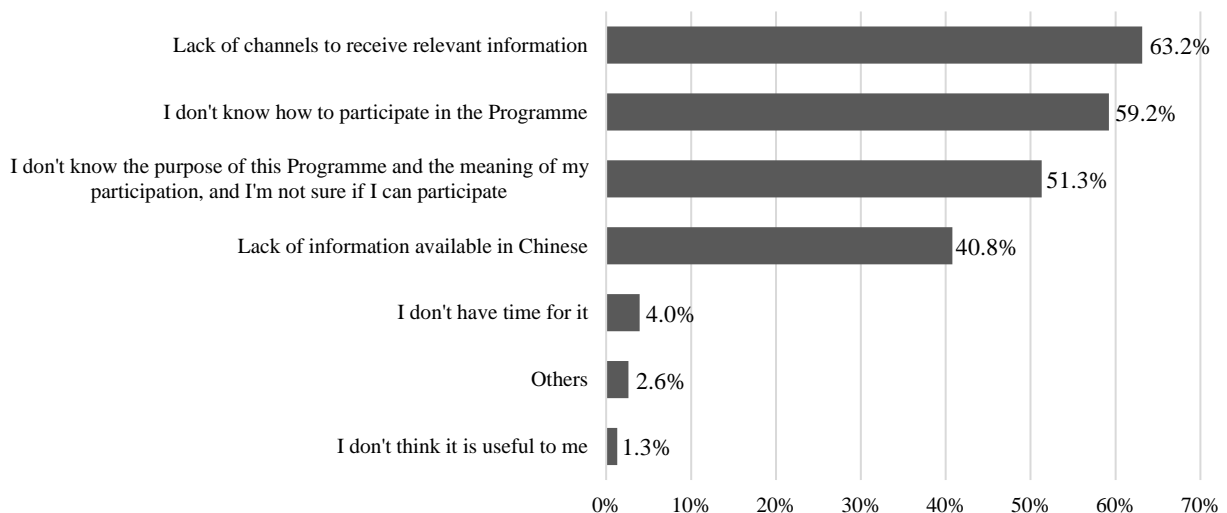


Fig. 13 Barriers Chinese ECOPs face in participating in the ECOP Programme

ECOP China Community

Based on the results of the two surveys mentioned in this report, we have made several efforts to address the issues of a lack of ocean-related communities and networks for ECOPs in China, and a lack of channels to receive relevant information about the UN Ocean Decade and the ECOP Programme.

Before circulating the 2022 ECOP China survey, we gathered anecdotal evidence from individual interviews with 10 Chinese ECOPs. The interviews revealed that ECOPs primarily obtained information about the UN Ocean Decade, SDGs and other high-level, international socio-environmental ambitions through WeChat, a versatile social media platform, as well as through the official websites of Chinese organizations.

The language barrier and lack of information available in Chinese was another important challenge deserving special attention. As a result, in late November 2022, a WeChat group called 'ECOP China Network' was created, and by June 2023, there were more than 210 group members. It has been an active and eclectic group, with ECOPs belonging to different ocean sectors and bringing a variety of perspectives and interests. Weekly posts include national and international job postings, training opportunities, career advices, updates from the ECOP Programme and cutting-edge conferences, among other things.

In addition, ECOP China has been building bridges with several key ocean stakeholders in China, such as research institutions, Ocean Decade coordinating bodies (e.g., [Decade Collaborative Center on Ocean-Climate Nexus](#), Decade Implementing Partners (DIPs), National Decade Committee), and local, national and governmental organizations. Through their assistance, the ECOP China Survey and other ECOP Programme-related information were widely promoted and disseminated, either via email or WeChat public accounts. This stakeholder engagement process will benefit more Chinese ECOPs, by enhancing opportunities for collaboration and leadership, and by building up their capacity to contribute to the Ocean Decade.

Team Building, Partnerships and ECOP China Ambassadors

The structure of the ECOP China node has taken shape since June 1st 2023, and will consist of a Coordination Team, Ambassador Team and Advisory Committee (**Fig. 14**). The Coordination Team will be responsible for daily affairs, including communications, trainings and management of human resources.

The Ambassador Team will be run by Chinese ECOPs whenever they have opportunities to attend public events and introduce the ECOP Programme to potential ECOPs and other audiences.

The Advisory Committee of the China node will be composed of mid-career and senior representatives from key ocean institutions in China. They recognize ECOPs' values and are willing to provide guidance and resources to enhance the capacity of Chinese ECOPs.

The first online gathering of the current core team members of ECOP China was held on June 10th (**Fig. 15**).

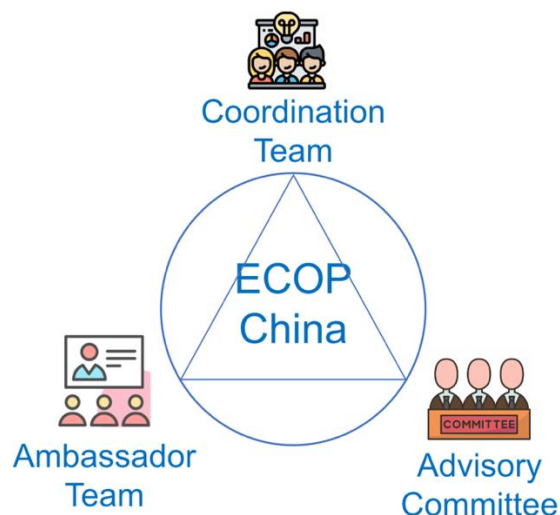


Fig. 14 Triangle Structure of the ECOP China node.



Fig. 15 Online kick-off meeting of the ECOP China team (June 10th)

The core ECOP China team (Fig. 15) has played a key facilitating role in establishing and consistently expanding domestic partnerships. Through the ECOP China network and partnerships with other national stakeholders, more Chinese ECOPs will obtain opportunities to improve their academic capacities and leadership skills, and elevate their knowledge of the UN Ocean Decade. One successful example is the recent sponsorship of three Chinese ECOPs to attend [the Fourth National Environmental Microplastic Pollution and Prevention Conference](#) (hereinafter referred to as the “the Fourth Microplastic Conference”) in Shanghai, from June 5-8 2023, which was kindly offered by the Institute of Plastic Cycling and Innovation from East China Normal University, in addition to covering promotional material fees (Figs. 16, 17). During the conference, one core team member of the ECOP China node gave a presentation to introduce the ECOP Programme (Fig. 16b), while many new Chinese ECOPs and future ocean leaders joined the WeChat group and took pictures with the ECOP Programme banner (Fig. 17). On June 8th, during the [2023 UN World](#)

2022-2023 ECOP China Report

[Oceans Day](#), some Chinese ECOPs participated in a cooperative beach clean-up activity at Chongming Island, Shanghai, in collaboration with the [Shanghai Society for Oceanology and Limnology](#) (Fig. 18).



(a) Stickers of the ECOP Programme



(b) One Chinese ECOP introducing the ECOP Programme at the conference

Fig. 16 Promotion of the ECOP Programme at the Fourth Microplastic Conference in Shanghai (June 5-8, 2023)



(a) Chinese ECOPs gathering around the ECOP Programme banner



(b) A new Chinese ECOP taking photos with the ECOP Programme banner

Fig. 17 Photos of Chinese ECOPs at the Fourth Microplastic Conference in Shanghai (June 5-8, 2023)



(a) Activity location



(b) Chinese ECOPs cleaning the beach

Fig. 18 Pictures of the beach clean-up activity on World Oceans Day (June 8th)

Prospects for ECOP China

Since mid-September 2022, a national registry of Chinese ECOP members has been curated. As of June 14th 2023, the registry has grown to include 126 members, including 122 ECOPs of Chinese nationality and 4 foreign nationals residing in China (from Pakistan, the Republic of Korea and Zimbabwe). Out of the 126 ECOPs who registered, 8.7% (n=11) are currently studying or working abroad, most of them in Europe (Germany, UK), Japan and the USA. Members of the ECOP China registry are primarily involved in academia, pursuing marine-related research in different Chinese regions. We expect this national database to keep growing throughout 2023, with a focus on filling sectoral gaps, so as to include more ECOPs outside of academic and research circles (e.g., private businesses, NGOs, government agencies, entrepreneurs, etc.). Cross-pollination between sectors, generations and geographies is at the heart of the UN Ocean Decade. We hope that this fledgling ECOP community in China will constitute a model to follow, not only for other countries in Asia but also for budding ECOP groups all around the world.

Another area of growth is the ECOP China WeChat group, which is composed of more than 210 members from various sectors of the ocean space. This WeChat community has substantially improved information dissemination and communication, providing a more efficient platform for the sharing of knowledge, ideas and opportunities for career development. We plan to leverage the WeChat platform further in 2023, increasing domestic engagement while solidifying bridges with Ocean Decade coordinating bodies in China, especially with the [Decade Collaborative Center on Ocean-Climate Nexus \(DCC-OCC\)](#) and national Decade Implementing Partners (DIPs), such as Peking University and the Administrative Centre for China's Agenda 21. Until now, the WeChat group has been voluntarily managed by our former ECOP Asia intern in China, under limited capacity. In order to keep this nascent ECOP community engaged and further enhance interactions and the flow of information between members, we plan to appoint new group managers or owners in 2023, with the assistance of our domestic partners. ECOPs would be an ideal choice, especially individuals willing to develop their communication and community engagement skills. Beyond simply managing this WeChat group, we expect them to take on the role of liaison agents between the ECOP Programme, ECOP China and domestic partners, including coordinating the design, publication, and translation of materials related to the UN Ocean Decade.

Finally, the national ECOP node for China is taking shape and is expected to be launched later in 2023. To become official, their first step will involve creating content for a bilingual (Chinese/English) web page on the ECOP Programme website. This new web page will provide an informative platform for Chinese ECOPs around the world, as well as for partners based in China and other stakeholders interested in engaging with our ECOP China community. The web page will contain a variety of resources and materials, including the vision and objectives of the ECOP China node, contact details, highlights (e.g., upcoming events, webinars and other activities facilitated and organized by ECOP China), reports and other relevant publications, communication channels and groups for Chinese ECOPs (e.g., WeChat), and useful links to the websites of other Ocean Decade related partners and coordinating bodies in China (e.g., NDC, DCC-OCC, etc.).

As a self-regulating national node, ECOP China will be free to pursue any initiatives and projects fitting the needs and preferences of their network. The ECOP Programme and its regional node in Asia will assist with guidance and in-kind support at any step of the process if needed. Currently, some activities that have been proposed include, *inter alia*, academic salons among ECOPs, webinars about scientific tools, videos and



blog posts introducing ocean-related institutions and labs across China, online lectures given by scholars, and NGO-related webinars and workshops.

Throughout 2023, additional resources and support will be continuously provided to empower Chinese ECOPs. This will include an increase in training opportunities, dissemination of promotional information from the ECOP Programme and Ocean Decade coordinating bodies, and provision of career development opportunities. These efforts are aimed at promoting the growth and development of the ECOP China community, and enhancing the professional skills and capacities of its ECOPs.

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Evgeniia Kostianaia, the Global ECOP Programme Coordinator, and Natalie Fox, the ECOP Programme Communications Manager, who provided invaluable assistance and guidance throughout the whole process. We are also grateful to Dr. Fangli Qiao, Ms. Minsi Guo, Ms. Aya Khalil, Dr. Minghan Dai, Dr. Pengbin Wang, Dr. Lin Wang and Ms. Kai Qin for their generous help and feedback.

Appendix – 2022 ECOP China Questionnaire

Note: The questionnaire was created and on [wjx questionnaire platform](#) and circulated in domestic and international social media channels. Asterisks (*) identify mandatory questions.

👋 This online survey is brought to you by the Asian node of the Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) Programme, which was endorsed by the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development in 2021. The ECOP Programme aims to empower ECOPs with meaningful networking and professional development opportunities to engage with each other and with local to global institutions through the framework of the “Ocean Decade”. Our vision is to elevate and strengthen the diverse perspectives of new generations of ocean professionals in a collective voice, ensuring that knowledge is transferred across generations, disciplines, industries and cultural contexts, to promote ocean sustainability for “The Ocean We Want”.

🌏 In Asia, we strive to co-design and co-organize trainings, workshops, webinars and symposia to meet the needs of ECOPs in the region. Focusing on our ECOP community in China, this survey will help us enhance our understanding of national differences in the priorities and challenges that ECOPs face. Our plan is to establish a national ECOP hub called: “ECOP China” and to assign positions of leadership to interested and motivated ECOPs, connecting them with high-level officials to help decide future Ocean Decade activities and events in China. ECOP China will also build bridges with other national nodes in neighbouring countries and across the world, allowing the transfer of knowledge, ideas and technologies beyond national borders. Finally, we hope to find new sustainable sources of funding to support your studies, career development and innovative ideas, in a collaborative effort to restore a healthy and productive ocean.

★ We would highly appreciate your participation in this survey, which should take between 5-10 minutes to complete. Responses given to this survey will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. We will make sure to report results, insights and impacts back to you!

For any inquiries on the survey and our Asian ECOP node, contact us: asia@ecopdecade.org.

1. Which gender do you identify with? *
 - Female
 - Male
 - Prefer not to answer
2. What is your nationality? *
 - Chinese
 - Other _____ (Please fill in the blank)
3. What is your current country of residence? *
 - China (Jump to Q4)
 - Other _____ (Please fill in the blank)
4. City? *

(Choose the city)
5. What sector are you involved in? (Multiple choices)
 - Marine Science
 - Ocean engineering
 - Marine Management and Policy
 - Marine industries
 - Marine culture and/or education
 - Marine/Environmental NGOs
 - Investment/Philanthropy
 - Freshwater environmental protection
 - Other
6. What is your highest level of education achieved/completed?
 - Did not attend school
 - Nine-year compulsory education
 - High School
 - Junior college
 - Undergraduate degree
 - Master degree
 - PhD
7. How many years have you been working/involved in a marine field?
 - Less than one year
 - 1~3 years
 - 4~6 years
 - 7~9 years
 - More than 10 years
8. Which one best describe your understanding of UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)?
 - I know a lot about it and participated in it
 - I read about it but never participated in related activities or programs
 - I have heard about it but never try to know more about it
 - I've never heard of it
9. In Which of the UN Ocean Decade Outcomes is your primary area of involvement? (Multiple choices)
 - Outcome 1: A clean ocean where sources of pollution are identified and reduced or removed



- Outcome 2: A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored and managed
- Outcome 3: A productive ocean supporting sustainable food supply and a sustainable ocean economy
- Outcome 4: A predicted ocean where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions
- Outcome 5: A safe ocean where life and livelihoods are protected from ocean-related hazards
- Outcome 6: An accessible ocean with open and equitable access to data, information and technology and innovation
- Outcome 7: An inspiring and engaging ocean where society understands and values the ocean in relation to human well-being and sustainable development
- I don't know

10. What barriers constrain your ability to contribute to the Decade? * (Multiple choices)

- Lack of funding
- Lack of training opportunities
- Lack of career opportunities
- Gender inequality
- Language barrier
- Insufficient information
- Other

11. What barriers constrain your participation in the ECOP Programme? * (Multiple choices)

- I don't know the purpose of this Programme and the meaning of my participation, and I'm not sure if I can participate
- I don't know how to participate in the Programme
- Lack of channels to receive relevant information
- Lack of information available in Chinese
- I don't think it is useful to me
- I don't have time for it
- Other

12. Are you willing to register as an ECOP? *

- Yes, I am (Jump to Q13)
- No, I'm not (Jump to Q14)
- I'm not sure. I want to know more about it (Jump to Q13)

13. Any other comments or thoughts you would like to share with ECOP China? (Optional)

14. Why don't you want to become an ECOP?

- I don't self-identify as an ECOP
- I'm not interested in it at all
- I have different career plans. I don't need information or opportunities related to ECOPs and the UN Ocean Decade
- I think that ECOP China is not mature enough. Maybe I will participate in the future
- This Programme doesn't meet my current needs
- Other

