**WP 5&6 Progress Report**

**Work Package** 5 and 6 - Communication, Outreach and Community Engagement

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**Reporting Period:** [1st January - 1st November 2024]  
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### **1. Work Package Updates**

Please provide one or two key outcomes during the reporting period. Include information about tasks completed/in progress, milestones reached, and any delays or deviations from the plan.

* **Key outcomes:**
  + OBPS Workshop VIII organization and contribution to sessions
  + Participated in multiple OBPS Workshop VIII sessions
    - Advancing Biology and Ecosystem Ocean Observations and Forecasting: 2 sessions (different time zones; 15 October 2024)
      * Explored biology and ecosystems, biodiversity, climate Essential Variable Frameworks.
  + Participated in the development, publication of several Vision 2030 Ocean Decade Challenge White Papers
    - Challenge 2:
      * Muller-Karger, F. E., Hwai, A. T. S., Allcock, L., Appeltans, W., Barón Aguilar, C., Blanco, A., Bograd, S. J., Buttigieg, P., Costello, M. J., Darnaude, A., Dupuis, B., Evaux, L. M., Friedman, K., Goodwin, K., Jungbluth, S., Leinen, M., Levin, L., San Diego-McGlone, M. L., Mtwana Nordlund, L., Mahapatra, P., Martone, R., Ndah, A. B., Pearlman, J., Pendleton, L., Pelletier, D., Rogers, A. D., Relano, V., Seeyave, S., Sequeira, A., Soares, J., Stiasny, M., Taylor, S., Vavia, A. (2024) Ocean Decade Vision 2030 White Papers – Challenge 2: Protect and Restore Ecosystems and Biodiversity. Paris, UNESCO-IOC.
      * Marine Life 2030 Vision 2030 White Paper draft sent as a 1000 words Food for Thought manuscript to the ICES Journal of Marine Science
  + Participated in several sessions of the Ocean Decade Conference, Barcelona (8-12 April 2024)
  + Participated in monthly teleconferences and the in-person meeting of:
    - Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON)
    - Marine Life 2030, including quarterly meetings with endorsed projects, and participation in OBON webinars and ensuing discussions
  + Website admin tasks: contact made with potential volunteer (Isa Elegbede)
  + NewsFlash: continue to be released on bi-monthly basis. Slight increase in registered audience,

### **2. Issues**

Detail any significant issues encountered during the reporting period. Include potential impacts and any mitigation strategies.

* **Issue 1:** Shared stories for the NewsFlash remain hard to collate - may want to think of actions for how best to communicate to the ocean community to share their stories?
  + **Impact:** [High/Medium/Low]
  + **Mitigation Strategy:** [Actions Taken or Planned]
* **Issue 2:** [Description]
  + **Impact:** [High/Medium/Low]
  + **Mitigation Strategy:** [Actions Taken or Planned]

### **3. Key activities planned**

List up to four key activities planned for your work package

* **Task 1:** Continuing engagement with Ocean Decade programmes:
  + - Marine Life 2030
    - OceanPractices
    - other
  + **Next Steps:** plan for participation in UN Ocean Conference and science meetings in Nice, 2025
  + **Budget required:** Travel support (number of persons from OBPS TBD)
* **Task 2:** OBPS Workshop VIII proceeding report to be done
  + **Potential Benefit:** [Benefit Description]
  + **Next Steps:** [Actions to Leverage Opportunity]
* **Task 3:** OBPS Workshop organization practice (started by Pauline)
  + **Potential Benefit:** value for next years of workshop organizations
  + **Next Steps:** [Actions to Leverage Opportunity]
* **Task 4:** [Description]
  + **Potential Benefit:** [Benefit Description]
  + **Next Steps:** [Actions to Leverage Opportunity]