

Call for Papers
NESS Workshop:
Ecosystem based Transformative Ocean Governance: Nordic Experiences and Challenges

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The ocean is one and without any borders, making ocean governance an issue of collective action, mostly involving several jurisdictions but to a high degree (60% of the ocean) outside national jurisdictions. The challenge is to manage and use the ocean and its ecosystems, in ways that keep our oceans healthy, productive, safe, secure and resilient, both across borders and in time. With an expected global population in 2050 of about 10 billion there is increasing pressure on the marine ecosystems from the economic development of maritime sectors, (shipping, fisheries, offshore oil and gas production, offshore renewable energy, cruise tourism, coastal tourism and deep seabed mining). But as a growth in the *Blue economy* is requiring a healthy ocean conservation and precautionary management must be an

The opposing uses of the ocean increases the need for realizing and communicating the ecosystem services that have societal and ecological value (coastal protection, CO2 storage and biodiversity) over space and time. The continuous tension between exploitation and conservation asks for specific governance arrangements, institutions and management constructions to govern and manage the “Limits to Blue Growth” of the blue realm.

This theme welcomes papers about governing people influencing the status of the ocean ecosystems but also the distribution of the power over these resources as well as issues of legitimacy and equity in maritime planning and policies. Of particular interest are papers focusing on the possibilities of transforming institutions, principles and practices. We foresee papers addressing issues such as: *What are relevant drivers and constrains for such transformation? Whom are the key actors in the transformation of ocean governance? Examples of best practices etc.?*