



UNOC3 GREEN ZONE CONFERENCE

JUNE 6 2025 • 1 > 5 PM

**UNIVERSITE CÔTE D'AZUR,
Théâtre du Grand Château, Valrose Campus, 28 avenue Valrose, Nice**

What dialogue for a sustainable future?

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

Taking place right 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

Opening remarks: Erwin Franquet, Vice-President for Socio ecological transition, Université Côte d'Azur (UniCA)

Keynote speech: Jorge Cortés-Núñez, Marine Scientist, Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR)
“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.

Panelists:

- **Cécile Sabourault**, Vice-President for International Relations, ECOSEAS, UniCA
- **Barcelo Alain**, Scientific lead, Port-Cros National Park
- **Cambronero Sergio**, IMEV, Sorbonne Université (SU)
- **Fernández-García Cindy**, CIMAR, Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR)
- **Ulate Naranjo Karol**, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA)

4 PM – 4:20 PM | Presentation (in French, visio)

Elizalde Cécile, Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation Directorate, Decentralized Cooperation Department, Region SUD

4:30 PM – 5 PM | Audience Q&A

Open discussion with the audience and collective synthesis

5 PM | Closing Remarks

Summary of key messages and next steps for future collaboration



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