



Seminar

Blue carbon – what scope for mitigation projects currently?

organized within the framework of the COP21

9 June 2015, 9h – 17h

Haardt Meeting room, Aquarium de la Porte Dorée

293, avenue Daumesnil - 75012 Paris

Coastal ecosystems play a key role as major carbon sink but this function has only recently received attention in negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Given the existing scientific body of knowledge, the scope for scaling-up projects to achieve significant mitigation policies, the extent of political support and the existing institutional frameworks, what projects can be currently implemented in blue carbon and to which extent such projects are relevant alternative tools for climate change mitigation? Can we develop a country-taxonomy to prioritise action and which precise factors should be considered to develop such taxonomy? Should blue carbon mechanisms be used as a means of identifying priority targets to support avoided emissions or for ecosystem restoration? Which international and national mechanisms can best support blue carbon to develop solutions in the short-term? What are the synergies and trade-offs between blue carbon and climate change adaptation? Under which conditions are there synergies between climate change adaptation programs and the protection and restoration of blue carbon habitats, such that undesired side-effects are avoided? Are there any other obstacles that might hinder the integration of adaptation and mitigation actions on blue carbon? What are the options for a more balanced distribution of funding between adaptation and mitigation funds in developing countries, given that blue carbon mitigation mechanisms are just being developed and that there are synergies between coastal mitigation and adaptation programs? Should marine-specific governance and socio-economic factors play a role on the prioritisation of the allocation of funds? Should such information instead, be collected ex-post once an area has been selected for project implementation and following which procedure? If the latter, should there be any need in sum, to foster worldwide data collection ex-ante on marine-specific governance and socio-economic factors on a global scale to inform blue carbon project appraisal? The UMR Amure, Center for the Law and Economics of the Sea, University of West Brittany in Brest, with the support of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Aquarium de la Porte Dorée seeks to address some of these questions through the organisation of this seminar to feed in UNFCCC COP21 negotiations.



Welcome address

9h – 9h30: Arrival of participants, coffee

9h30 – 9h45: Welcome address, Xavier Sticker, Ambassadeur français Délégué à l'Environnement, French ministry of foreign affairs and international development

9h45 – 9h50: Objectives of the workshop, Laura Recuero Virto, chief economist, French ministry of foreign affairs and international development

9h50 – 10h00: Welcome and introduction, Denis Bailly, Directeur adjoint, UMR-AMURE, Centre de Droit et d'Economie de la Mer, Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest

Session 1: Blue Carbon Science

Chair: Carlos M. Duarte, Tarek Ahmed Juffali Research Chair in Red Sea Ecology

10h – 10h30: The Science of Blue Carbon, Steven Crooks, Climate Change Director, ESA PWA

10h30 – 10h50: Discussion

Coffee break

10h50 – 11h05

Session 2: Blue Carbon Protocols

Chair: Jean-Louis Weber, Senior Advisor Economic Environment Accounting at European Environment Agency

11h05 – 11h35: Blue carbon protocols, Iginio Emmer, Principal, Silvestrum

11h35 – 11h55: Discussion

Session 3: The Economics of Blue Carbon

Chair: Ophélie Darses, Adjointe au chef de bureau des Biens publics globaux, Commissariat général au Développement durable, Ministère de l'Écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie

11h55 – 12h15: Linwood Pendleton, International Chair of Excellence LabexMER, UMR-AMRE, Université de Bretagne Occidentale and Senior Scholar, Duke University's Nicholas Institute

12h15 – 12h25: Laura Recuero Virto, chief economist, French ministry of foreign affairs and international development

12h25 – 12h45: Discussion



Lunch break

12h40 – 14h

Session 4: Non-Carbon Ecosystem Services: Blue Carbon Co-Benefits

Chair: Nicolas Pascal, Programme director, Criobe

14h20 - 14h40: Non-Carbon Ecosystem Services: Blue Carbon Co-Benefits, Tundi Agardy, Director, Marine Ecosystem Services (MARES) Program at Forest Trends Association

14h40 – 15h10: Discussion

Coffee break

15h10 – 15h30

Session 5: Blue Carbon Policy and Looking to the Future

Chair: Lisa Svensson, Ambassador for Oceans, Seas and Freshwater, Swedish Ministry of Environment (tbc)

15h30 – 16h00: Blue Carbon Policy and Looking to the Future, Dorothée Herr, Marine Programme Officer, UICN

16h10 - 16h45: Panel Discussion with all Speakers: Looking to the future: mangroves, sea grasses, and salt marshes: What are the Issues?

Conclusion and follow-up

16h45 – 16h55: Conclusion and follow-up, Denis Bailly, Directeur adjoint, Unité Mixte de Recherche, Centre de Droit et d'Economie de la Mer, Université de Bretagne Occidentale

16h55 – 17h00: Follow-up, Laura Recuero Virto, chief economist, French ministry of foreign affairs and international development

Practical information

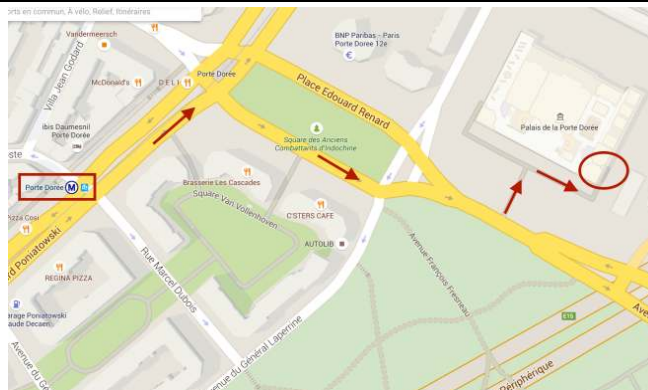
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