



## THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE (IOI) WAS FOUNDED IN 1972

by Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese (1918-2002) as an independent, non-governmental, non-profit, knowledge-based institution which focuses on sustainable governance of the ocean

and its resources so that future generations can share in their benefits. The respect for common goods, the peaceful and sustainable use of ocean services and resources, the common heritage of the high seas and the need to support and empower people and countries in managing their relations with the ocean in a sustainable manner remains the ethical and moral foundation of the IOI.

## THE MISSION OF THE IOI

is to ensure the sustainability of the Ocean as “a source of life”, and to uphold and expand the principle of the common heritage as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

## THE IOI GLOBAL NETWORK

In order to achieve its stated mission and goals, the IOI works through a global network of Centres and Focal Points which is administered through the Headquarters based in Malta and which acts as the secretariat for the IOI Governing Board. The IOI Board sets out the broad activities and programmes of the IOI based on a strategy for action. The IOI network also benefits from close support and collaboration from its Training Partners and the Alumni of IOI training programmes over the years.



## IOI TRAINING CENTRES

are responsible for organising and providing the hallmark ocean governance training programmes of the IOI. They are supported in their work by dedicated IOI Centres in the geographical vicinity. The IOI benefits from the support of more than 30 IOI Centres and Focal Points in different locations globally as well as through collaboration with strategic training partners.

## TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Since its foundation, IOI has trained young practitioners, particularly from developing countries and countries in transition, and contributes towards a growing global network of trained and empowered leaders fully conversant with the latest developments in Ocean Governance. Course participants acquire the knowledge, skills and essential attitude for effective ocean governance. They are empowered to apply contemporary approaches to coastal and ocean management, with an emphasis on the moral, ethical and legal values in Ocean Governance (equity and peaceful uses of the ocean). The portfolio of IOI training programmes is complemented by several online Seminars for the general public as well as for IOI Alumni and by the Open Online Course: **“One Planet – One Ocean”**: <http://www.oceanmooc.org>

IOI TRAINING PROGRAMME PORTFOLIO	
• Post Graduate Degree: Master of Arts in Ocean Governance; with the Faculty of Laws of the University of Malta	Malta
• Ocean Governance: Policy, Law & Management	Canada
• Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic & Caspian Seas	Malta
• Ocean Governance Training Programme for Africa	South Africa
• Sustainable Development & Governance of the Caspian Sea	Turkmenistan
• Ocean Governance for the Western Pacific Region	PR China
• Regional Ocean Governance Framework, Implementation of UNCLOS and its Related Instruments in the SE Asian Seas & the Indian Ocean	Thailand

## THE IOI OCEAN ACADEMY: OCEAN KNOWLEDGE FOR ALL

An online IOI Ocean Academy Course is designed to upgrade Ocean literacy and provide an understanding of regionally and locally relevant Ocean information at an appropriate level. The IOI Academy Courses are tailored to the interests of laypersons and have the following format:

- ✓ 20-hour modules delivered online
- ✓ In local languages
- ✓ Free-of-charge for participants
- ✓ Ocean knowledge that is locally relevant
- ✓ Overseen by the IOI and implemented by local experts

A rich roster of programmes is available year-round and more information is available through: <https://www.ioinst.org/ioi-ocean-academy-1/>

## IOI PUBLICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The IOI promotes its training and capacity development activities by producing and disseminating publications as a further core activity of IOI and by partnering with international, regional, national and local institutions and governments, as well as public and private institutions working in the field of Ocean Governance.

The **World Ocean Review** series was launched in 2010 and is a result of cooperation between the publishing house mareverlag, the Cluster of Excellence "The Future Ocean" based in Kiel and the IOI. The purpose of these periodic publications is to present scientifically robust knowledge in a form accessible to any reader. Free copies are available online through:



<http://worldoceanreview.com/en/order>



The **Ocean Yearbook**, produced since 1978, is a collaborative initiative of the IOI and the Marine and Environmental Law Institute at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. It presents leading-edge articles, reports and reference materials devoted to the issues and concerns affecting the world's oceans.

The IOI reports annually on its activities through the publication of its **Annual Report** available for download through the IOI website.

## IOI WORKS WITH ITS PARTNERS AND NETWORKS TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS

IOI enjoys special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and consultative status at some of UN's Specialized Agencies. The IOI further maintains a number of MOUs and benefits from strong collaboration with key partners in the field of ocean issues, capacity development and education in this thematic area.

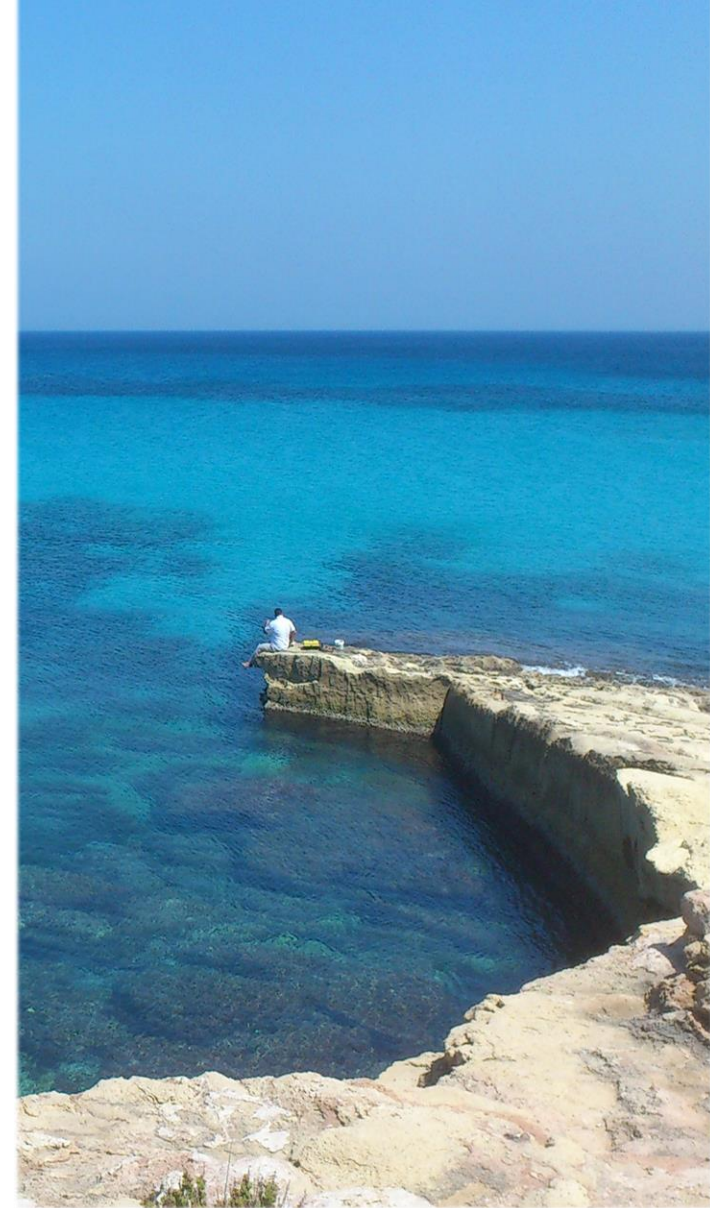
## IOI PROGRAMMES ARE FINANCED BY DONORS AND THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORS

Major financial support comes from the Ocean Science and Research Foundation (OSRF); the IOI also receives additional financial contributions for its projects and in-kind support through other partners which is substantial in terms of quality and quantity and complements the financial resources for IOI to deliver its programmes and fulfil its mission.

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