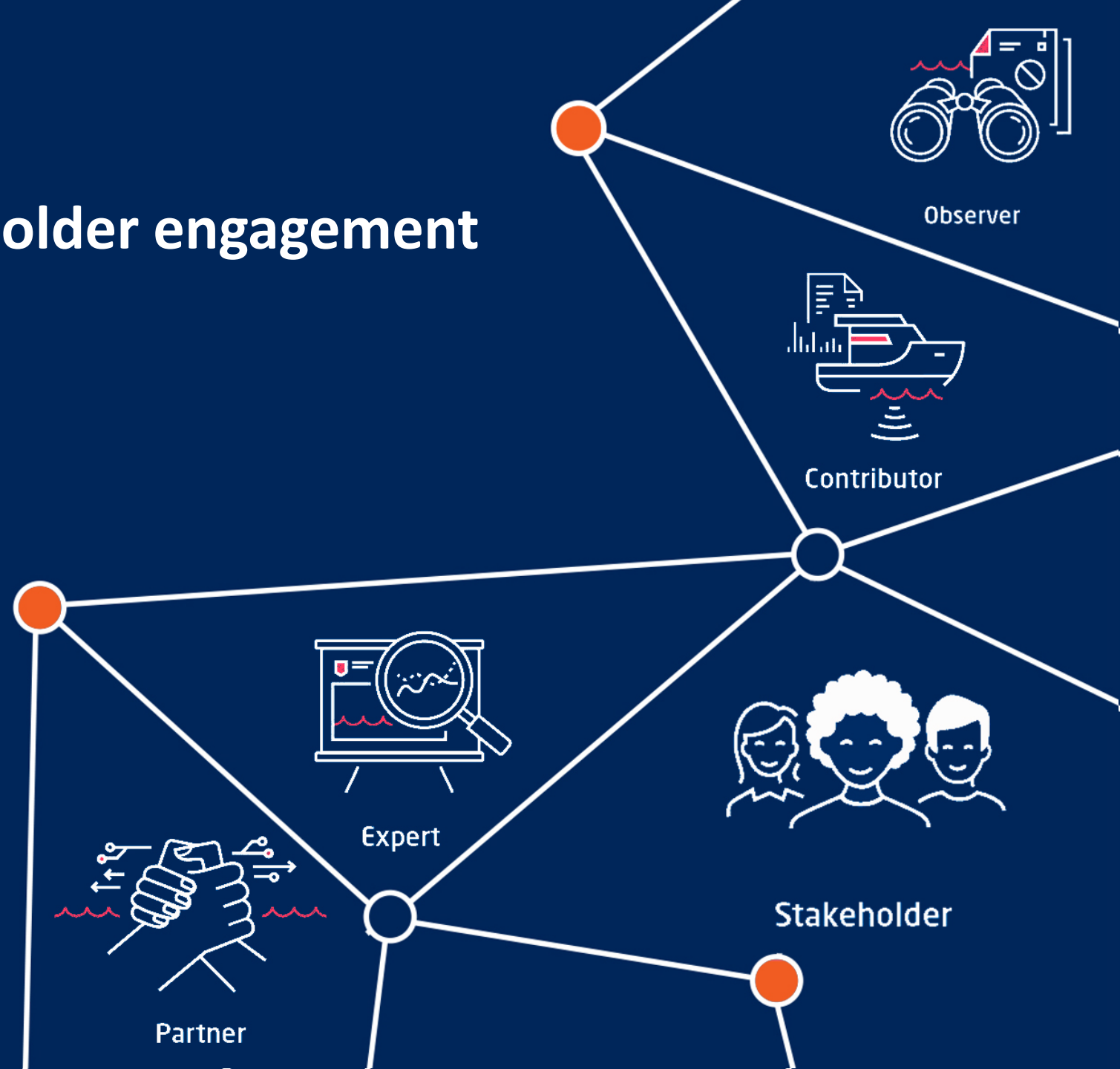


WGENGAGE

Working Group on Stakeholder engagement 2026



Science for sustainable seas



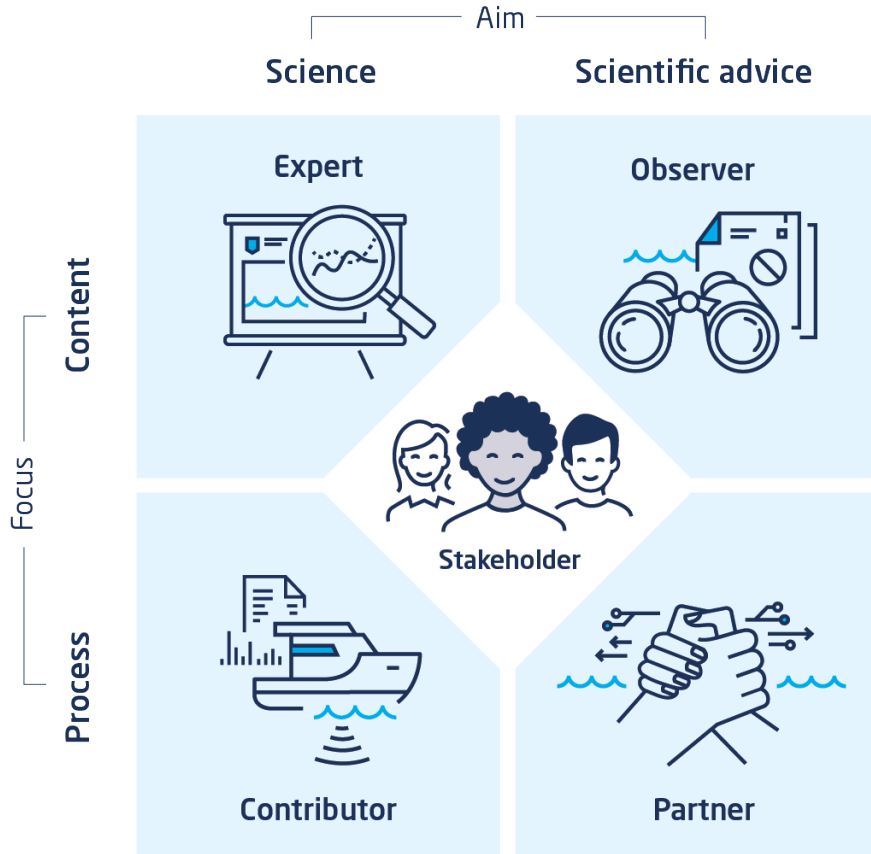
WGENGAGE: Facts & Figures

- **Collective intelligence for science and advice**

- 55 members
- 15 countries
- Multi-cultural and multi-profile:
 - Researchers 80%
 - Industry 6%
 - EU Advisory Councils 4%
 - Government and EU bodies 6%
 - NGOs 2%
 - International organizations 2%
- Kick-off in March 2025
- 3 meetings: 1 hybrid, 2 online



What for? To support the implementation of the ICES Stakeholder Engagement Strategy



- A **diverse** and **representative** pool of **competent**, **reliable** and **committed** stakeholders engage with ICES.
- Able to contribute effectively based on a **clear understanding of the process** and what is **expected** from them.
- ICES delivers better science and advice by **integrating essential knowledge** and providing arenas for **meaningful dialogues**.
- The engagement process is fully **traceable**. Monitoring and evaluation outcomes inform decision-making and organizational learning.

ICES Stakeholder Engagement Strategy. Version 01. ICES Guidelines and Policies. 12 pp.

<https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.21815106>

Action plan (40 tasks). Short term priorities: 9

ToR 1. Advance the scientific knowledge

N	Activity	What for
1	Synthesize frameworks for engagement	Mobilize knowledge already available
2	Manuscript that reports on WGENGAGE roadmap	Sets agenda for WGENGAGE work in a public way
5	Develop framework to measure effectiveness of engagement	Support engagement in other ICES WGs

ToR 2: Monitor the Strategy implementation

N	Activity
1	Providing training to Chairs for ensuring enhanced awareness and responsibility when referring to stakeholder input.
5	Develop proxy metrics to insert quality considerations for meaningfulness and impact of contributions
6	Establish Baseline to then assess the performance of the Stakeholders' engagement strategy.
8	Feedback forms to assess the efficiency of engagement to be provided to all attendees to the meetings.

ToR 3: Resources

N	Activity
1	Develop and conduct training session for WGENGAGERS on SKILLS to facilitate dialogue engagement and dialogue
2	Develop a toolbox for improving stakeholder engagement. Develop a Toolbox for stakeholder engagement for Chairs and Participants

Adding value

- ICES contribution to the KM-GBF:
 - KM-GBF Target 1 is about inclusion and participatory approaches.
 - Target 2 (restore 30% of all Degraded Ecosystems) & Target 3 (Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas) essentially linked to engagement.



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GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

[GBF HOME](#) // TARGET 1

Target 1

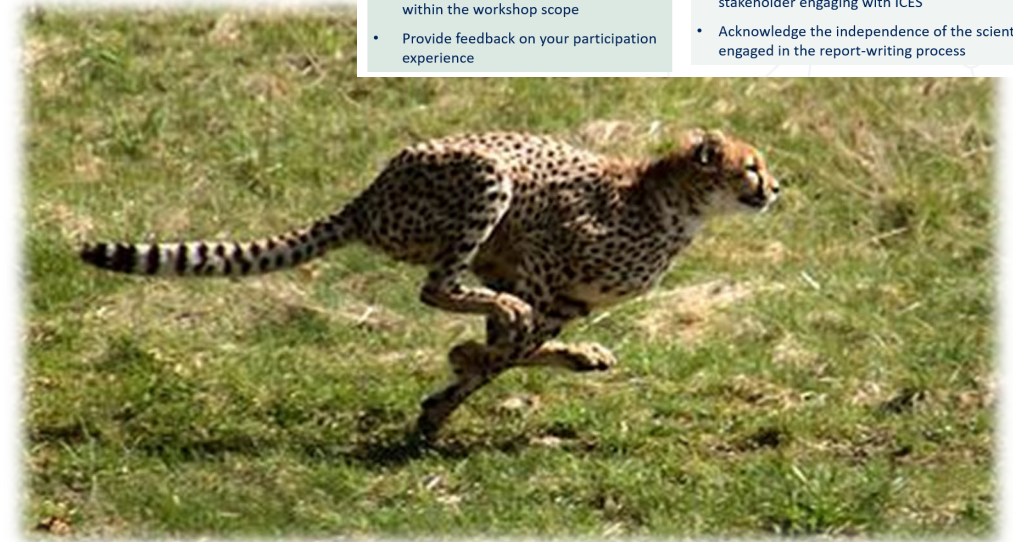
Plan and Manage all Areas To Reduce Biodiversity Loss

Ensure that all areas are under participatory, integrated, and biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management processes addressing land and sea use change, to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity, close to zero by 2030, while respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.



WGENGAGE take home messages

Slow by design. Strong by outcome



Welcome to the Workshop on xxxxx



Contributor

You have been invited to:

- address [select what applies, perfect if you make it specific, e.g. what question, issue] research questions and/or policy issues.
- To gather [select the ones that apply] insights, set preferences, explore communication tools or data formats, facilitate dialogue, raise awareness, build consensus, exchange knowledge.

Rights

- Share evidence, express your views & opinions and engage in debates
- Ask for clarification and further explanation, as well as suggest ideas within the workshop scope
- Provide feedback on your participation experience

Responsibilities

- Abide by ICES Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct
- Contribute to ensuring the transparency of the process
- Be mindful of the plurality of views & values of stakeholder engaging with ICES
- Acknowledge the independence of the scientists engaged in the report-writing process

Agility in action when challenges arise

Example: quick guide for Workshop invite

What is next?

- WGENGAGE online meeting January 28th 2026
- WGENGAGE in real life meeting May 2026
- How to engage with engage?: join the WG, reach out with specific needs

We honor the people, groups, and communities contributing to the process.

We welcome questions, suggestions, comments and challenges.

We encourage you to **engage with WGENGAGE** to make it a vibrant, plural and thriving group!

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