

**IUCN** **World Oceans Day** **WorldFish**

**Webinar on  
World Oceans Day 2020  
Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean**

**Tuesday, 9 June 2020  
at 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Jointly organized by  
IUCN Bangladesh and  
WorldFish Bangladesh

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**Panel Discussants**

- Dr. Shireen Akhter  
Vice Chancellor  
University of Chittagong
- Dr. Md. Rashed Talukder  
Chairman, Department of  
Oceanography, SUST
- Dr. Abdul Wahab  
Team Leader  
ECOFISH II Project
- Ms. Maeve Nightingale  
Senior Programme Officer  
Coastal and Marine, IUCN Asia
- Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad  
Chief Technical Advisor  
SUFAL
- Mr. Muqeed Majumder Babu  
Chairman  
Prokriti O. Jibon Foundation
- Mr. Kamruzzaman  
Shadhin  
Visual Artist
- Mr. M. Anisul Islam  
Director  
CNRS

**Moderator**

- Mr. Raquibul Amin  
Country Representative  
IUCN Bangladesh

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## Transformative changes sought for conservation of oceans, marine resources

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Speakers at the discussion highlighted the challenges and opportunities of the actions taken by both state and non-state actors in Bangladesh to conserve oceans and marine resources through education, communication and grassroots action.

Raquibul Amin, country representative of IUCN Bangladesh, moderated the discussion.

During her discussion, Dr. Shireen Akhter, vice chancellor of University of Chittagong, said research must continue and increase interdisciplinary action in context of ocean.

She reiterated that the Bay of Bengal plays a vital role in the economy and the survival of Bangladesh, and since oceans are playing such a big role, the government is trying to engage youth through seminars and scholarships to incentivise them to join research and conservation of oceans.

Dr. Md. Rashed Talukder, chairman of Department of Oceanography, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology said the oceanography curriculum must be diverse and inter-disciplinary which will give students an opportunity to play important part in conservation after their graduation.

Maeve Nightingale for Coastal and Marine Programme of IUCN Asia also pointed out that the curriculum is being followed should be well integrated and deal with the current issues with a multi-disciplinary approach.

Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, chief technical advisor of SUFAL project under the Bangladesh Forest Department said, "There is a need to assess the current condition of our marine ecosystems, combining data from different institutions and creating a detailed database."

He also said that for the proper management and conservation of ocean, it is highly important to set up an inter-agency collaboration.

Muqeed Majumder Babu, chairman of Prokriti o Jibon Foundation emphasized on the need to awareness and proper dissemination of knowledge among all stakeholders about the importance of ocean, biodiversity and marine resources.

He said media has an important part in this process. He also highlighted the need to stringent monitoring by proper authorities.

Alifa Binte Haque, marine researcher and lecturer of Dhaka University said, "Artisanal fishers who practice sustainable fishing techniques should be subsidized, instead of industrial fishing companies, whose methods often lead to over harvesting."

She emphasised on the active involvement of local communities in marine conservation narratives, action plans, policies and framework".

Anisul Islam, director of Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS), also discussed about two economic models usually followed to provide alternative livelihood for coastal communities and indicated the success of hilsa conservation.

He emphasised on proper governance in this regard in ensuring alternative livelihood.

Kamruzzaman Shadin, who is a communication artist and engaged in raising environmental awareness among local communities through art, brought in fresh insights to the age old conservation paradigms.

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He emphasised on sustainable marine resources management through marine reserve. He also highlighted the conservation efforts in the marine protected areas where WorldFish is working through ECOFISH II project with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The recommendations will be shared with the government later on for implementation.

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## **Raising awareness to conserve ocean stressed**

By Staff Correspondent

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Speakers in a webinar on Tuesday emphasized to raise awareness among mass people to conserve ocean, said a press release.

IUCN Bangladesh and WorldFish Bangladesh jointly organized the event marking the World Ocean day. Biodiversity conversations expert, activist, Scientist, teachers took part in the event.

Dr. Abdul Wahab, Team Leader, ECOFISH-II took part in the discussion. He talked about how USAID Bangladesh supported ECOFISH-II project's comprehensive activities contributes conserve biodiversity, fish, crustaceans and megafauna in the Cox's Bazar–Teknaf coastal waters, lower Meghna river/estuary and Nijhum Dwip Marine Protected Areas.

Raquibul Amin, Country Representatives of IUCN Bangladesh moderated the event while, Dr. Shireen Akhter, Vice Chancellor, University of Chittagong, Dr. Md. Rashed Talukder, Chairman, Department of Oceanography, SUST, Ms. Maeve Nightingale, Senior Programme Officer, Coastal and Marine, IUCN Asia, Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, Chief Technical Advisor SUFAL, Alifa Bintha Haque, Project Team leader, Save Our Seas Foundation, Muqeed Majumder Babu, Chairman, Prokriti O Jibon Foundation took part in the discussion. Among of others Kamruzzaman Shadhin Visual Artist, M. Anisul Islam, Director CNRS also took part in the event.

During the event the panelist answers the question of viewers on the various aspects on ocean & it's biodiversity conservation The discussion was focus on the activities that can be taken by government, policymakers & relevant stakeholders.

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