

GOVERNANCE OF THE HIGH SEAS: AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH

Summary Document

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MARINA INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

This one-day workshop was organised by World Ocean Network as part of the Marina Project on May 29th, 2018. The purpose of this dialogue was to engage all relevant stakeholders and discuss how the governance of the high seas can be improved by Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI).

The workshop focuses on the governance of the high seas as the topic emerged at the international level with the start of negotiations at the United Nations in September 2018 and the strong involvement of the European Union.



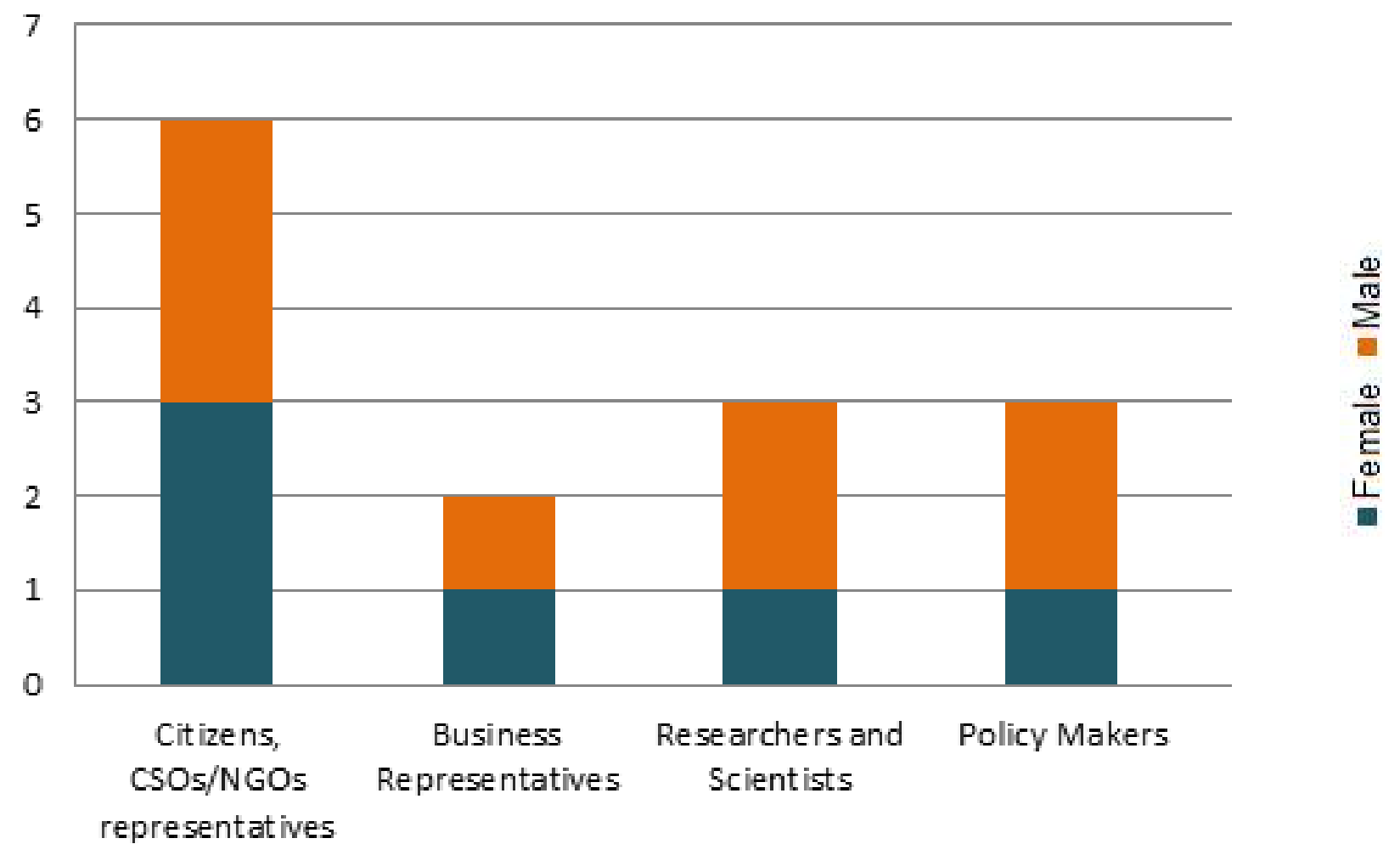
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WHAT RRI ACTIONS ARE NEEDED FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE OF THE HIGH SEAS?

SDD METHODOLOGY

Structured Democratic Dialogue (SDD) is a methodology that enables a representative group of stakeholders to listen to each other on issues of common concerns and transcend their boundaries of knowledge and culture to generate consensus on organisational and inter-organisational strategy.

14 representatives of all sectors participated in the workshop:



The outcomes of the workshop were an integrated roadmap of recommendations based on the RRI dimensions: public engagement, science education, open access, gender equality, ethics and governance. The participants of the workshop produced a total of 41 actions and 17 of them were part of the final roadmap:

RESEARCH

- census comprehensive data
- improve knowledge sharing
- develop Environmental Impact Assessment

6 actions - 13 votes



AWARENESS

- raise awareness to all stakeholders
- communicate role/scope/zone of high seas
- observatory to compile and disseminate information

3 actions - 10 votes



STRENGTHEN EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING BODIES

- encourage collaboration
- respect regional and sectorial approach
- better implementation of existing international agreements

6 actions - 27 votes



SUPPORT BBNJ NEGOTIATIONS*

- foster contribution of all stakeholders
- use Antarctic system as a model

2 actions - 8 votes

*Negotiations on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) will start in September 2018 at the United Nations