

Raw list of comments from participants

Ocean management structured discussion hosted by the McGuinness Institute, Tuesday 27 May 2014

Question 2b: What **processes** might best inspire and inform progress towards this goal?

Goal: A management framework that is collaborative, integrated and durable, based on a collective commitment to a healthy and productive ocean.

Comment
Moving towards ecosystem-based fisheries management. Managing for ecosystem resilience and production (natural capital) - Blanket rights to fish.
Open forums; frameworks for discussion; research funding (open not constrained).
Have a process to seriously monitor our processes and progresses and internal reporting of our international agreements - from CBD agreements and negotiations to positions NZ has ACTUALLY taken in global forums.
Crown-funded long term ecological research programme that is publicly available online (we don't have private funding like other countries, we need govt lead).
"Kickstarter"-like online process that connects "social" with "science", similar to "petrie-dish" in the US. But for the ocean space - to help fund small projects, possibly met with funding from Crown? (Petrie-dish is an online crowd-funding platform to raise \$ for health research in US and has now developed to fund wider projects)
Integrating stakeholders to a common goal of sustainable resource use.
Share international expertise by hosting research symposium/conference/project activities to engender takeup by NZers... Talking up our role helps with political and public adoption. IPS/IGPS good at this.
Stakeholder-based: based on trust, respect, credibility, relationships to create shared objectives, and a political mandate.
Progressing lessons already learnt.
Requires integration of research/progress/instruments and institutions.
Need more long-term clarity in science priorities to create a forward looking research community. With this need more security of funding (beyond term of a government)
We need a political champion to drive integration/national policy. Oceans needs to be promoted an an area for prioritisation by government. A Minister for the Oceans?
Shift in management approach: shift from biological focus to biological and social focus --> ecosystem approach.
LAWF seemed productive. Perhaps a similar forum could be adopted.
The Dataversity Group is already bringing as many groups (MPI, NIWA, DOC, RCs, DCs) together as possible to set data standards, and create a "Biodiversity Stack" - standardised data and metadata.

Place questions in a wider social context: science and policy do not exist in a vacuum. Get rid of vs in many regards, including social vs science. Bring social scientists and humanites thinkers into debate and add FLEXIBILITY.
Engagement of all New Zealanders and Maori in particular.
A public conversation needed - create a space for a shift in thinking.
Don't reinvent the wheel - we had a RM Act process that came up with a durable system yet now it's being dismantled.
To be collaborative etc... The <u>historical data</u> needs to be incorporated. Social and biodiv.
1) Stocktake of what we know about the oceans. 2) Decide what we need to know to manage the oceans. 3) Commit to oceans research = more \$.
One of the best ways towards collaboration is getting all the interested parties (scientists, industry, NGO's, government) in the same room to discuss the issues. The challenge is then to move the discussion towards an agreement on knowledge gaps, user conflicts, shared interests and requirements. Disseminating this agreement into recommendations that can be used to make real change and be discussed by the broader public to ensure what is agreed reflects what the public wants.
Learn from past public policy (e.g. Mike McGinnis)
Use research by Mike McGinnis and his Oceans Policy and Oceans Governance Policy research work. And other previous research e.g. IPS - Institute of Policy Studies at Victoria University.
Processes to allow inter-agency collaboration and understanding. Inter-agency information sharing and information sharing between industry and government.
Need to <u>inform</u> all sectors of society about the issues around <u>use</u> of marine resources, e.g. few people know that petroleum is used for more than 6000 products used in everyday life (petrol uses <50% of the oil we use); marine reserves encourage public use, which has negative impacts on biodiversity.
Societal education is <u>essential</u> . We know <u>a lot</u> about the oceans but society doesn't know it.
Process of coastal planning and EEZ planning to give effect.
LAWF was a process that excluded <u>lots</u> of people and organisms.
Public discussion. Interaction with media: raising general public consciousness and engagement and ownership of the decisions and objectives.
"Belief-based vs. evidence-based" --> everything else follows from this.
Education: looking wider, think about things in a more global way: our actions affect the WORLD. Make our young people AWARE of this global way of thinking, not an insular regional, small town way of looking. If something is far away and OTHER, they have no reason to care or act.
Undertanding what processes inform our actions, and the will to "conserve" --> value systems.
Need to influence society's values and learn default position of assuming the public does have potential to understand issues and act responsibly.
Start on the bottom with Envriometnal Education Residents' groups identifying indicators for a healthy ocean and work up.
Investigation into market-based instruments in EEZ, and investigation into property rights in territorial sea as a way to use the market to overcome the 'central planning' issues of government/direction.
Working with industry in positive collaborative way (shared funding, technology and skills) for mutually agreed goals the integrate use (extraction) and sustainability. Can't ignore cultural and moral/ethical considerations = managing humans to manage the environment
Creating a public vision of a desirable ocean. Story telling

Real conversations that are then listened to and taken notice of. These conversations need to be visible. Need a way of meaningfully linking research and politics.

Either a place or maybe a space for conversations

We must create a new mindset and cultures that prohibits a 'vs' process. Changes are needed at every level, but until the inherent disparity is no longer enabled, change won't occur

Value=more than price tag (intrinsic value linked to wilderness value). The whole conversation is about what do we as a collective see as important? (economics, science, ecosystems etc)