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One Ocean report launch

The McGuinness Institute hosts the One Ocean report launch and discussion.

The McGuinness Institute has launched its report *One Ocean: Principles for the stewardship of a healthy and productive ocean*. The report is now online on the *Project One Ocean* [webpage](#), with bound copies becoming available early next month (available for purchase now) through the Institute's [online store](#).

On Tuesday evening, 26 March over 70 scientists, public policy experts, academics, MPs and other interested parties came together at the McGuinness Institute in Wellington for the release of *One Ocean*.

Institute CEO Wendy McGuinness, Institute patron Professor Lionel Carter and author James Tremlett each gave a presentation and invited guests to share their thoughts. This led to rigorous discussion of issues surrounding New Zealand's oceans.



McGuinness says: ‘The ocean domain is large and complex, and developing a responsive public policy framework to guide decision-making is difficult. Pressures on the New Zealand marine estate are increasing, so there is a critical need for a well-designed package of instruments to govern ocean use and protection.’

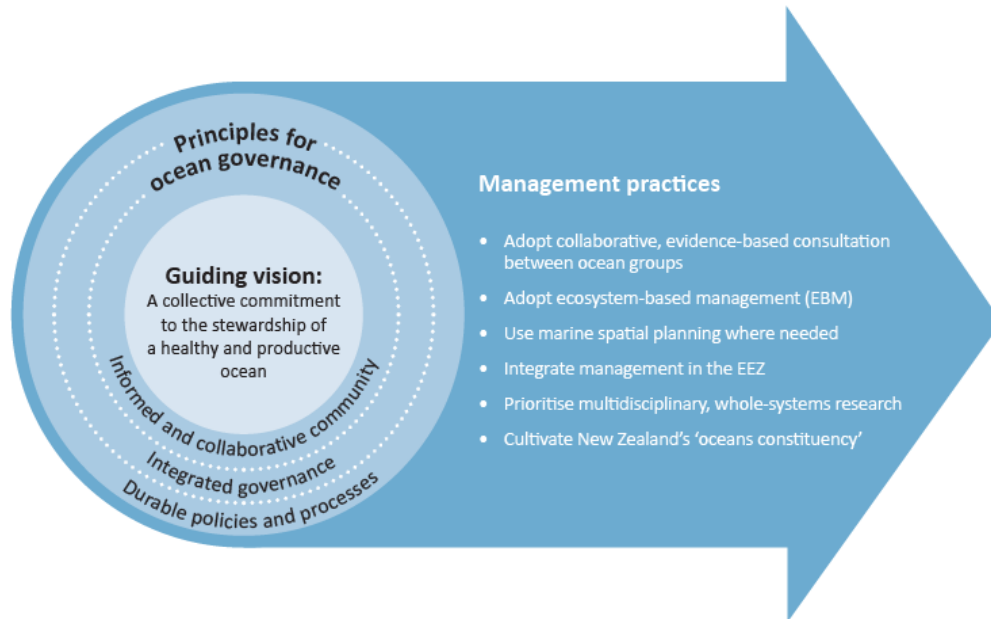
She further states: ‘The launch was a rare occasion to have public servants, MPs, NGO representatives, Navy officers, academics, scientists and youths all in the one room, and the questions and discussion that ensued reaffirmed the importance of working either individually or collectively to achieve similar long-term goals.’

Tremlett states: ‘This event showed the willingness of so many of New Zealand’s professional marine community to collaborate on managing our impacts on the oceans and their commitment to engaging with the public. Stewardship of the oceans can be written into policy, but in order to be durable or effective it must be grounded in a deep cultural appreciation of the relationship between New Zealand and the sea.’

One Ocean discusses the role of the oceans in New Zealand’s culture, economy and natural environment. It explores possible solutions to the challenges currently facing the management of human activities in New Zealand’s marine space and recommends pragmatic steps towards the wise use and conservation of our seas (see Figure 9 on the following page).

The *One Ocean* report is the major work in the Institute’s *Project One Ocean*, which aims to explore how New Zealand might best manage its oceans.

Figure 9 Framework for One Ocean: Collaborative governance within the community of ocean users, government, conservationists and the public



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About the McGuinness Institute: The McGuinness Institute is a non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis. We endeavour to undertake research that is independent, innovative and relevant in an educational, professional and ethical manner.

Links of interest:

McGuinness Institute website:

<http://www.mcguinnessinstitute.org>

Project One Ocean webpage:

http://www.mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/Projects/One_Ocean/One_Ocean_Homepage.aspx

McGuinness Institute online store:

<http://mcguinnessinstitute.bigcartel.com/>

Attachments:

1. *One Ocean: Principles for the stewardship of a healthy and productive ocean* (PDF)
2. Figure 9. Relationship between the guiding vision for New Zealand's oceans, principles for governance and specific recommended management practices

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