

## Ocean S&T Spotlight

### Beta Testers Needed!

ORCA's new website is almost ready for launch! We're building an online hub for ocean science and technology in Canada, which will be a central point of information sharing and provide a collaborative space for joint efforts. We need your help to ensure that the website is clear and easy to use. You don't need a lot of computer experience, we're looking for a wide variety of testers! If you're interested in testing the website please contact the [ORCA Secretariat](#) by **Friday 21 February** to get involved!



### Canadian Ocean Literacy Survey still open!

Contribute to the national conversation on ocean literacy! The Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition has launched a [survey](#) to gather perspectives and experiences from the community.

Findings from the survey, together with results from the ocean literacy mapping process, will contribute to the development of goals and recommendations for improving ocean literacy in Canada, and will help Canada prepare to engage with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

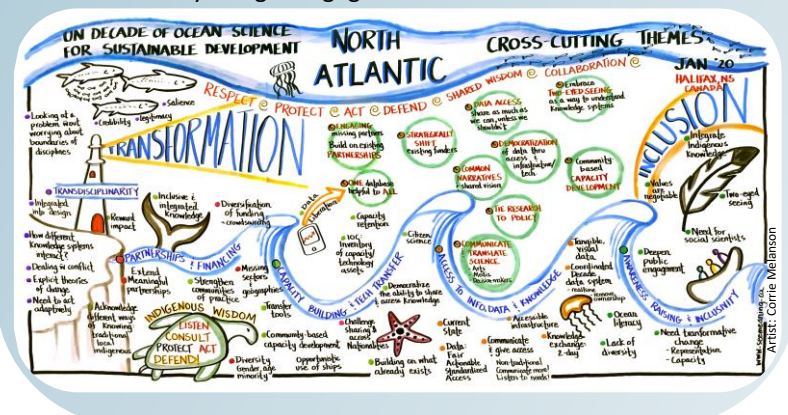
## Update on the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science

The **North Atlantic Regional Workshop** to support the United Nations (UN) Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development convened January 6-10 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This event brought together over 150 ocean stakeholders from 14 different countries representing all ocean sectors to discuss potential partnerships and prioritize activities for the North Atlantic Ocean. Regional workshops are being held in every major ocean basin around the globe and their outcomes will inform the Implementation Plan for the UN Decade.

Plenary and working group discussions were organized around the six societal outcomes of the UN Decade: a clean ocean, a healthy and resilient ocean, a predicted ocean, a safe ocean, a sustainably harvested ocean, and a transparent and accessible ocean. In addition, five cross-cutting themes that are applicable to all six societal outcomes were identified and discussed in detail: capacity exchange and technology transfer; partnerships and financing; access to information, data, and knowledge; awareness raising and inclusivity; and transdisciplinarity.

A Highlights Report from the Workshop will be available very soon and a longer Summary Report will be available in the coming months on the [UN Decade website](#).

Stay tuned for more information about how the ORCA community can get engaged in the UN Decade.



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