

WHY THE SEAS AIN'T MORE BLUE ELSEWHERE

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The course of life reflects a combination of education, decisions, opportunities and dedication. That is not different for those of us opting for a career in marine sciences. In addition, scientific endeavour is firmly embedded in society, hence socio-cultural factors play a crucial role in our lives. But above all, marine scientists love their job. They have the chance to be intimately associated with the ocean, a major component of planet earth. Unfortunately, man is increasingly influencing the dynamics of the ocean. That's a pity, because the ocean remains largely unexplored and hence management is not for the uninitiated.

I will present a local and global perspective on my close association with the oceans.