



#WOMEN4OCEANS

Annual Report 2021

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WHY WOMEN4OCEANS

The Ocean is in crisis. Climate change, excessive and destructive fishing and pollution are all taking their toll on the ocean's ability to sustain earth's life support systems. Whilst there are many initiatives geared at tackling these issues, Women4Oceans is unique in that it focuses on the intersection between gender, equality and ocean health. W4O advocates for a system change where harnessing our diverse perspectives will ensure change on the water happens quickly and fairly.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to secure healthy oceans for the sake of human survival and human-wellbeing, and as a moral duty to all living beings. We do advocacy work across a range of pertinent ocean issues, from climate change, overfishing and pollution, to emerging threats such as deep-sea mining. We believe that in order to accelerate ocean solutions, we must promote the diversity of people working around the world for the ocean. In particular Women4Oceans connects and amplifies the work of women around the world.

OVERVIEW

Women4Oceans was founded by ocean advocate Farah Obaidullah and was officially established as a non-profit organization (Stichting Women4Oceans) in the Netherlands on January 10th 2017. The Women4Oceans Board of Directors can be found at women4oceans.org

Women4Oceans is active on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn & Twitter @Women4Oceans.

Women4Oceans comprises a directory where women can be found by search term (e.g. ocean policy, plastics, fisheries etc), name, city and country. This facilitates collaborates and makes ocean women around the world more visible.

ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH FUNDING IS USED

- **Campaigning and Lobbying**
- **Communications (Awareness Raising, Video Production)**
- **Support and Empowerment**
- **Training/Mentoring**
- **Administration**

2021 ACTIVITIES

W40 was run entirely by volunteers. In 2021 we had one full time volunteer and two incidental volunteers and one intern for a period of a couple of months.

In 2021 W40 began focusing more of its attention to the new threat to the ocean that is deep-sea mining. To this end:

- Women4Oceans partnered with DAN (Divers Alert Network) Europe for their European Sustainable Tour. As part of the tour W40 helped raise awareness on the threats to the ocean, including the emerging threat of deep-sea mining. Here is a [blog contribution](#) to the tour on behalf of W40 and the DSCC. The DAN tour included an electric vehicle that toured Europe. This vehicle (as well as the website) displayed the W40 logo along with other partner organisations.
- Women4Oceans was invited to [speak at the COP26](#) in Glasgow. Farah Obaidullah chose to dedicate this session on deep-sea mining in partnership with the Deep-Sea Conservation Coalition.
- Women4Oceans joined the Stop Ecocide Campaign and signed on to their manifesto. Farah Obaidullah was invited [to speak](#) on deep-sea mining at a march that was held in The Hague organised by the Stop Ecocide Campaign.

Most of the time available in 2021 to W40 was dedicated to the production of the book: The Ocean and Us. Coordinating over 35 experts, editing and identifying new authors for the book. The book serves as a one-stop shop on ocean issues. We will be publishing with Springer-Nature. The book covers everything from pollution and overfishing to climate change, ocean governance and our human interaction with the ocean. You can learn more at: theoceanandus.com

Growth in 2021

New members to the W40 Directory: 40 professional ocean women

Total members of W40 community: Approx: 5000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Women4Oceans has no operational budget. We received a limited number of donations from individuals. This money together with personal funds from Farah Obaidullah was used to execute activities including events, travel and communications.

Amounts in Euro:

Income		Expenses	
Donations	1310.54	Administration costs	465.53
Grant		Expenses	120.35
Fundraising		Fees	0
Total	1310.54		585.88