



#WOMEN4OCEANS

Annual Report 2022

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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 collaboration 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**

2022 ACTIVITIES

In 2022 W4O continued campaigning on the new threat to the ocean that is deep-sea mining and finalized the manuscript of the book: The Ocean and Us.

Highlights (links can be found on women4oceans.com/news):

- W4O was invited as one of just 4 NGOs to speak at the session on the Law of the Sea at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. See full intervention [here](#).
- Media on deep-sea mining: KALW radio, Grist, ENDS Europe.
- W4O was invited to speak at the Annual Conference on Aquatic Welfare.
- W4O was invited to speak at the energy conference in Frankfurt on the threats of deep-sea mining and the fact that we don't need to mine the deep-sea for the energy transition.

In partnership with the Water Bear Network, W4O released a short film highlighting one of our members and her incredible work to save sawfish. See the film [here](#).

Women4Oceans is a part of two consortiums tendering for separate projects funded by the EU aimed at achieving gender equality and fair representation in the ocean space. We expect to know if the tenders are successful in early 2023.

In 2022 Farah Obaidullah finalised the manuscript for the book: The Ocean and Us. The book serves as a one-stop shop on ocean issues. The publisher is 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 and order at: theoceanandus.com

Growth in 2022

New members to the W4O Directory: 21 professional ocean women

Total members of W4O community: Approx: 5000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Women4Oceans was able to secure a small grant from EarthPercent. In addition W4O 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	1203.42	Administration costs	337.94
Grant	11319.9	Expenses	2167.46
		Fees	10164
Total	12523.32		12669.4