

Session 2: The Old Man* and the Sea: Ocean missions between conquest and saving the ocean

Key points from the discussion

1. Missions within the ocean are necessarily complex, they influence and relate to a very heterogeneous set of actors, due to the large system they are taking place in. Actors are heterogeneous in many respects: wealth, capabilities, culture and particularly power, therefore:
2. any definition of missions requires democratic and broad participatory procedures to allow representation of all those different perspectives, they have to be inclusive. However,
3. for this formulation a need of solid empirical data is necessary. Data on the ecology and the environment, but also in particular in economic and social data.