



## UNESCO/NIVA seminar: The effects of fragmented environmental law on sustainable development - Marine perspectives

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**Date:** Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Location:** Oslo Science Park, Gaustadalléen 21, 0349 Oslo

Fragmented environmental legislation, vertical and horizontal inconsistencies, and a weak rule of law highly affect our pathway towards a sustainable development of our marine resources and environment. This concern has been raised globally in the process towards the new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and some solutions proposed in SDG 14 - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources. On the EU level the Marine Strategy Framework Directive is an attempt to ensure larger consistency in environmental law for European seas, building upon the parallel EU Water Framework Directive. Yet for a number of sectors, such as aquaculture, fragmented law and governance still pose considerable challenges.

This side event of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2016, organized as a seminar, will gather experts to discuss the effects of fragmented environmental law, to share experiences from different areas of marine and coastal environmental and natural resources law and from selected European countries, and to discuss potential avenues to tackle identified challenges.

The seminar is organized in conjunction with the release of a book published by Routledge in May 2016, entitled '[Environmental Law and the Ecosystem Approach: Maintaining Ecological Integrity through Consistency in Law](#)' by Froukje M Platjouw, alumni of Univ. of Oslo, currently at the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA).

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**The seminar is free of charge and open to the public. Please register [here](#) by June 13th**

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# Programme

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**Chair:** Sindre Langaas,  
Research Manager, Section for Water and Society, NIVA

- 9.00-9.30**      **Registration, coffee/tea**
- 9.30-9.40**      **Welcome**  
Greta Bentzen, Managing Director, NIVA
- 9.40-9.50**      **UNESCO and marine environmental law**  
Torill Engen Skaugen, The Norwegian UNESCO Commission
- 9.50-10.15**    **Key Norwegian laws regulating marine conservation and use**  
Lars Andreas Lunde, State Secretary, Ministry of Climate and the Environment
- 10.15-10.45**   **Keynote on the effects of fragmented legislation on the aquaculture sector**  
Dave Jackson, Inspector of Fisheries, Marine Institute, Ireland
- 10.40-11.10**   **The Norwegian administrative system in aquaculture – Challenges due to fragmented management**  
Ingunn Elise Myklebust, Professor of Law, University of Bergen
- 11.10-11.30**   *Break*
- 11.30-12.00**   **Environmental law and the ecosystem approach – Maintaining ecological integrity through consistency in law**  
Froukje Maria Platjouw, Research scientist, NIVA
- 12.00-12.30**   **The Swedish Environmental Code - Designed for consistency and coherence**  
Lena Gipperth, Professor of law, University of Gothenburg
- 12.30-13.00**   **Panel discussion**
- 13.00-14.00**   *Lunch*