

# CENTRE FOR BLUE GOVERNANCE



## THE CENTRE FOR BLUE GOVERNANCE (CBG) AT AALBORG UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND PLANNING  
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We are a multidisciplinary social science research group focusing on the interactions between people and the sea. By addressing issues of legitimacy, democracy, and sustainability in governance, we seek to improve understanding of the strategies used by people in response to social, economic, environmental, and political change.

### RESEARCH

#### VISION

Political and environmental changes affect and alter the relationships between people and the sea.

Centre for Blue Governance (CBG) seeks to understand interconnected cultures and relationships to marine environments, space, and resources, and how political and environmental changes and their respective impacts manifest. Our centre analyses how coastal communities, governments, international organisations, and industry adapt to, seek to alter, and govern these changes.

#### WHAT WE DO

We envision that blue governance should contribute to aims of sustainability, democracy, and legitimacy. To achieve this, CBG strives to:

- › Foster a blue governance network of scholars
- › Develop methodologies and theories that bridge disciplines and institutions
- › Effectively engage with society

#### RESEARCH THEMES

The interconnected, diffuse, and overlapping ways in which natural and human processes and activities take place in marine and coastal environments pose specific and unique challenges for governance. To address the multiplicity of challenges and the limitations of existing arrangements, our research is organised in three interconnected research themes:

- › Institutional dynamics
- › Coastal communities
- › Democratic participation

### COLLABORATION

#### WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR RESEARCH

All users of the sea including those whose livelihoods and cultures depend on marine and coastal resources and access to and use of marine space, such as local communities, private industry, managers, policy makers, governmental bodies, and non-governmental organisations.

#### EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- › Coastal communities and stakeholders in maritime sectors
- › Global network of universities
- › Global and national networks of public and private institutions

### OUTPUT

#### EXAMPLE RESEARCH OUTPUTS

- › [Implementing ecosystem-based marine management as a process of regionalisation](#)
- › [Motivations for indigenous island entrepreneurship](#)
- › [Maritime and coastal cultural heritage](#)
- › [Socio-economic consequences of Brexit for four larger fishing ports and their communities](#)
- › [Midnight at the Oasis](#)



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### CURRENT PROJECTS

#### PERMAGOV

Improving the performance of marine governance.

#### EMPOWERUS

Socio-economic empowerment of coastal communities as users of the sea to ensure sustainable coastal development.

#### ECOTIP

Ecological tipping cascades in the Arctic Seas.

<https://ecotip-arctic.eu/>

#### AEGIS

Advanced Efficient and Green Inter-modal Systems.

<https://aegis.autonomous-ship.org/>

#### SAB

Sisters in the Arctic Blue

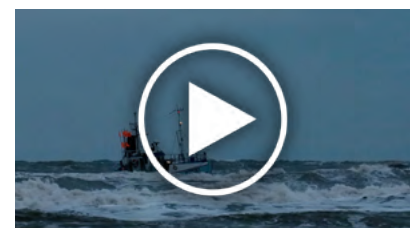
#### CLIMEFISH

Constraints and trade-offs in the climate impact of fisheries.

[VBN - AAU research portal link](#)

More at our [website](#).

### VIDEO PRESENTATION



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