

Integrated Marine Biosphere Research (IMBeR) program review

The Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and Future Earth will be conducting a program review of IMBeR aimed at evaluating IMBeR's major achievements in the last five years, and to help IMBeR to plan for its major activities in the next five years.

Integrated Marine Biosphere Research – is a large global research project which focuses on ocean sustainability in the context of global change. It aims to understand past, present and future changes to the ocean. In particular, it aims to know how we can achieve a sustainable ocean for the benefit of society: <http://imber.info/>

We would like to know your opinion about the programme, how you have been involved in it, and hear your ideas about how it may improve.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

Thanks and looking forward to hearing your thoughts about IMBeR!

Stefano Aliani and Anna Zivian - chairs of the IMBeR Review Panel

Information about you

1. Country in which you are based

2. 2. How would you describe your broad area of expertise? (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Oceanography
- Biogeochemical cycles
- Marine biology
- Law, economics and environmental policy
- Environmental modelling
- Anthropology, sociology, human geography

Other: _____

3. 3. How would you best describe your career level and occupation?

Mark only one oval.

- Early Career Researcher (Undergraduate, Masters, PhD, Postdoc)
- University (faculty or staff)
- Government
- Industry
- Non-government Organization (NGO) / Civil Society Organization (CSO)
- Consultant
- Retired
- Other: _____

4. 4. Have you ever been (or currently are) a member of the IMBeR Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) or a national IMBeR representative?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

5. 5. Have you participated in IMBeR sponsored capacity building activities and/or attended IMBeR conferences? (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Yes - IMBeR ClimEco Summer School
 Yes - IMBIZO
 Yes - IMBeR Open Science Conference
 No participation

Information about IMBeR

6. 6. IMBeR has 4 Regional Programmes (RP) and 4 Working Groups (WG). Please indicate which ones you have been involved with in the last 5 years (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- RP CLIOTOP: Climate Impacts on Oceanic Top Predators
 RP ESSAS: Ecosystem Studies of Sub-arctic and Arctic Seas
 RP ICED: Integrating Climate and Ecosystem Dynamics
 RP SIBER: Sustained Indian Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research
 WG Continental Margins
 WG Human Dimensions
 WG Integrated Ocean Carbon Research (IOC-R)
 WG SOLAS-IMBeR Ocean Acidification (SIOA)
 No involvement

7. 7. Of the IMBeR 4 Regional Programmes (RP) and 4 Working Groups (WG), please indicate which ones you would like to be involved with in the next 5 years (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

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8. 8. Have you been involved with IMECaN (a networking platform for early career marine researchers to develop collaborations) in the last five years?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

9. 9. Have you attended any other Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOP) fora?

Check all that apply.

- Yes - please indicate which under "Other" below
- No

Other: _____

10. 10. What kind of IMBeR supported projects have you been involved over the last 5 years? (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Atlantic Meridional Transect (AMT)
- Gulf of Trieste – Time-series (GoTTs)
- Integrated Arctic Observation System (INTAROS)
- Marine Ecosystem-based Management Progress Evaluation Group: tracking the global progress of EBM (MEBM-PEG)
- Marine Ecosystem Modeling and Forecasting System in the China Seas and Northwestern Pacific (MEMFIS)
- Mechanisms of Marine Carbon Storage and Coupled Carbon, Nitrogen and Sulphur cycles in response to global change (MCS-CNS)
- Negotiating Ocean Conflicts among Rivals for Sustainable and Equitable Solutions (NoCRISES)
- Importance of Physico-Chemical cycling of nutrients and carbon in Marine Transitional Zones (NUTS&BOLTS)
- Ocean Acidification and Biogeochemistry: variability, trends and vulnerability (VOcab)
- Processes and Approaches of Coastal Ecosystem Carbon Sequestration (PACECS)
- The Study of Kuroshio Ecosystem Dynamics for Sustainable Fisheries (SKED)
- None

11. Overall, what kind of IMBeR activity is the most important for you? (tick all that apply)

11. 11a. Regional Programmes (RP) and 4 Working Groups (WG)

Check all that apply.

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- None

12. 11b. IMBeR supported projects (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

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- None

13. 12. Which benefits do you think it brings to have IMBeR endorsement (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Enhanced scientific coordination and cooperation
- Enhanced communication, outreach and visibility
- Improved funding opportunities
- Strategic involvement and development
- Improved data management system
- Support in capacity development
- None

13. Please provide three words you would use to describe IMBeR

14. 13a. Word #1

15. 13b. Word #2

16. 13c. Word #3

17. 14. In what ways can IMBeR contribute to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)?

(<https://www.oceandecade.org/>) (tick all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Increasing knowledge base for socio-ecological interactions
- Increasing knowledge base for ecological impacts of anthropogenic change
- Increasing knowledge base for oceanography
- Communication
- Capacity development and training
- Networking
- Open science
- Human dimension

Other: _____

18. 15. To your knowledge, is IMBeR Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) appropriate for the topics below?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No	I dont know
Gender balance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geographic balance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Racial / ethnic balance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusion of early careers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expertise diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. 16. Briefly, how can IMBeR activities's further advance opportunities for greater marine science Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy?

The future of IMBeR: the following questions will help IMBeR plan for the next five years. Please be very concise in your responses.

17. Under the future scenario of no new funding/extra money coming to IMBeR (Situation A):

20. 17a. What would you like to see IMBER focussing on in the future?

21. 17b. How do you think this can be best done?

18. Under the future scenario of new funding/extra money available to IMBeR (Situation B):

22. 18a. What would you like to see IMBER focussing on in the future?

23. 18b. How do you think this can be best done?

19. Under the future scenario of reduction of IMBeR funding (Situation C):

24. 19a. What would you like to see IMBER focussing on in the future?

25. 19b. How do you think this can be best done?

26. 20. Do you think the internal structure of IMBER (SSC, International Project Offices, Working Groups and Regional Programmes, National Contacts) is optimal now and should be carried out into the future?

Check all that apply.

Yes

No - please indicate why under "Other" below

Other: _____

27. 21. Do you think having "dual parentage" of SCOR and Future Earth is an advantage or a disadvantage?

Check all that apply.

Advantage - specify why under "other"

Disadvantage - specify why under "other"

Other: _____

28. 22. Is there any additional information that you would like to share about your interaction to IMBeR?

Thank you very much for your time!!!



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