



**Happy holidays and all the best in 2021!**



*Photo by Eduardo Klein, Great Barrier Reef, Australia*

In 2021 online meetings became the new normal. Travel restrictions and complications imposed by COVID-19 generated a plethora of online meeting modes and platforms giving us the opportunity to continue to work remotely and bringing us closer together despite the distances.

This year, the SCOR community continued to make remarkable progress keeping engaged and in good spirit despite the challenges. Altogether, the SCOR Working Groups and large-scale projects organized more than 100 virtual meetings throughout the year and published more than 160 scientific papers. The projects continued to renew their scientific steering committees and engage new scientists in their leadership. SCOR continued to support ocean sciences through its different research projects and capacity development activities and approved three new Working Groups in globally pressing topics.

We thank you all for your commitment and dedication to advance ocean sciences globally and maintaining a live, vibrant and productive community. The SCOR community will continue to play a critical role in advancing ocean sciences and in helping achieve the goals of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

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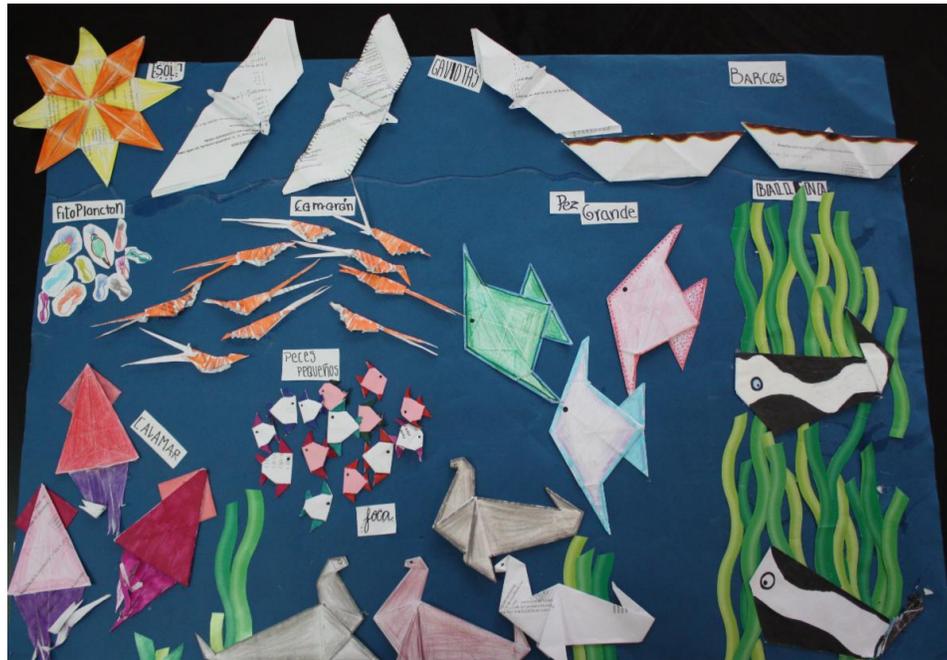
Wishing you all a happy holiday with your loved ones and hoping that 2022 will bring good news for everyone!

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**Encouraging the ocean scientists of tomorrow**

In the context of the subject of Natural Sciences, students of 7th grade of Prom 51 at the Institutos Educativos Asociados (IEA) in Venezuela were asked to develop food webs using the art of Origami. The goal was to depict different food webs in which one or more elements of the web were removed simulating overfishing of top predators, the loss of a seagrass meadow or any other human impact. The image below depicts a healthy marine ecosystem prior to the removal of any of the food web elements.

*Image: Courtesy of Ana Karinna Carbonini, Biology Teacher at IEA.*



Chumbe Island Coral Park (CHICOP) is an award-winning private nature reserve developed in 1991 for the conservation and sustainable management of Chumbe Island off Zanzibar.

CHICOP carries out environmental education activities locally and conducts outreach work within schools and local communities off Chumbe Island encouraging people to take action for a healthy and sustainable environment.

Below are some of the drawings and photos of the community artists.

*Images: Courtesy of Ulli Kloiber, CHICOP Conservation and Education Manager. All photos are copyright @CHICOP.*



Grouper by Lila Msoma Lila



Lobster by Hussein Muhsin Abdulla



Turtle by Mohd Idrisa Hifadhi



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On behalf of SCOR, thank you once again for your continuous support and wishing you all the best in this holiday season and the upcoming year!

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