



# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE ON MARINE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

*Celebrating 50 Years of MARPOL*

**(HYBRID)**

**19-20 OCTOBER 2023**



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**ORGANISED BY**

**SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES**

**COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KOCHI**

**AND**

**COCHIN UNIVERSITY MARITIME CLUB**

**SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES, CUSAT**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**

**ICAR -CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY, KOCHI**

**SOCIETY OF FISHERIES TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA), KOCHI**

**VENUE: SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES, CUSAT**





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## ABOUT SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

One of the oldest law schools in India, the School of Legal Studies (SLS) was established in 1962 as a part of Kerala University, offering postgraduate courses and research in law under the leadership and guidance of the late Prof. (Dr.) A T Markose, an internationally acclaimed jurist and academician. The Law School joined the folds of the University of Cochin in 1971, which was later reorganized and renamed as Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1986 for the promotion of graduate, post graduate studies and advanced research in various fields. The School also distinguishes itself as a premier institute offering diverse learning and research opportunities in the field of maritime law, including fisheries law, shipping law, carriage of goods by sea, etc. Over the decades since its inception, the Law School has blossomed into one of the top institutions among law schools engaged in teaching and research in India. SLS has made valuable contributions to the study and research of law in the past 54 years, fully living up to the motto of CUSAT, '*Tejaswinavadhitamastu*' meaning 'may the wisdom accrued deify us both-the teacher and the taught and percolate to the universe' in its totality.

The continuing dedication and scholarship at the School of Legal Studies attracted the attention of the Government of India, U.G.C. and the Government of Kerala. In recognition of the School's competence to do quality research, the University Grants Commission (UGC) granted the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) on "Corporate Governance and Securities Law". The School has various extension, research and social activities that are carried out through various bodies, like the Cochin University Legal Aid Clinic (CULAC), Cochin University Human Rights Association (CUHRA), Guild for Legal Research and Writing (GLOW), Nature Club, Entrepreneurship Development Club, Cochin University Maritime Club (CUMC), and Debate Club.



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## ABOUT ICAR-CIFT

The ICAR - Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), set up in 1957, is the only national centre in the country where research in all disciplines relating to fishing and fish processing is undertaken. The institute started functioning at Cochin in 1957. Research centres function at Veraval (Gujarat), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Mumbai (Maharashtra).

ICAR-CIFT is mandated to conduct basic and strategic research in fishing and processing; design and development of energy-efficient fishing systems for responsible fishing and sustainable management; develop implements and machinery for fishing and fish processing; and engage in human resource development through training, education and extension. The Institute is ISO 9001:2015 certified, and its laboratories are accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 by NABL in the field of Chemical, Mechanical and Biological testing.

The Fishing Technology Division of the Institute carries out research in the fields of fishing craft and gear materials, fishing gear technology, materials protection and pollution in coastal aquaculture environment. The Division addresses issues impacting the long-term sustainability of the fishery resources, protection of biodiversity, environmental safety, energy conservation in fish harvesting, fishery legislation, by-catch, discards and protection of endangered species, and fishery enhancement. The Division activities are geared to promote the use and development of fishing gear and practices in accordance with the guidelines in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, focusing on selective fishing gear and practices, by-catch reduction technologies, environment-friendly fish harvesting systems, energy conservation, marine litter & ALDFG; and enhancement of resources and restoration of fishing grounds.



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## ABOUT SOCIETY OF FISHERIES TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

The Society of Fisheries Technologies (India) (SOFTI) was established in 1962 as an independent non-profit making body registered under The Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies' Registration Act XII of 1955 at Ernakulum. The Society has members engaged in research, development, education and policy making related to fisheries. The Society provides a forum to promote the cause of fisheries in general and fisheries technology in particular and regularly organises national and international seminars, conferences and symposia on issues of topical interest. It also publishes a journal, 'Fishery Technology'.

## ABOUT COCHIN UNIVERSITY MARITIME CLUB

The Cochin University Maritime Club (CUMC) at the School of Legal Studies works for the conscious and continuous development of knowledge related to the maritime field. It offers a platform where students sharing similar interests can come together under one roof to exchange knowledge and ideas on topics such as maritime trade, the Law of the Seas and regulatory trends. Since its inception in 2018, the club has been trying its best to keep the students in touch with the regulatory developments in the maritime field by organising various activities such as lectures, webinars, international seminars and talks by prominent personalities. Additionally, the club has taken a leading role in publishing two books, "Ocean Governance and Shipping: Implications of COVID-19" and "Sustainable Marine Fisheries: Regulatory and Scientific Convergence," both bearing ISBNs.



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## ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

In the wake of the International Maritime Organization's commitment and long history of protecting the marine environment from the impact of shipping, the theme for World Maritime Day 2023 has been selected as 'MARPOL at 50-Our Commitment Goes On'. In harmony with these initiatives, the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) and the Cochin University Maritime Club, in collaboration with ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), Kochi and Society of Fisheries Technologists (India)[SOFTI], Kochi is organising a two-day International Maritime Conference - "International Maritime Conference on Marine Conservation & Sustainability: Celebrating 50 Years of MARPOL," on 19 and 20 October 2023 in Hybrid mode. The conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, academicians, policymakers, industry professionals, and students from a diverse range of disciplines to deliberate on pressing issues related to marine conservation and sustainability in the context of MARPOL's 50th anniversary. This interdisciplinary conference is a dynamic platform for scholars, researchers, policymakers, industry professionals, and students to convene and engage in thoughtful discourse.

At its core, this conference revolves around the maritime domain, notably maritime law and the pivotal International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). MARPOL, marking five decades of regulatory impact, anchors discussions on the legal framework governing global shipping activities and environmental protection.

Marine conservation emerges as a central theme, addressing the urgent need to safeguard our oceans and marine ecosystems. As humanity grapples with the consequences of unchecked exploitation, the conference invites dialogue on preserving biodiversity, sustainable fishing practices, and the establishment of marine protected areas.



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Additionally, Marine pollution, a critical challenge facing our seas, must be meticulously examined by delving into the multifaceted issue of pollution stemming from shipping discharges, industrial processes, oil spills, and plastics. The role of MARPOL's annexes in curbing pollution takes centre stage in these deliberations.

In addition to environmental concerns, the conference accentuates the importance of sustainable marine fisheries management. Overfishing, by-catch, and illegal fishing activities are scrutinised, alongside discussions on international agreements and governance mechanisms aimed at conserving fish stocks.

This intellectual gathering welcomes the submission of research papers, case studies, policy analyses, and innovative solutions. It seeks to foster collaboration among diverse disciplines, underscore the commitment to marine conservation, and celebrate MARPOL's 50-year legacy in steering responsible maritime practices.

Join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 as we explore the intricate interplay of maritime law, environmental preservation, marine pollution mitigation, and the sustainable management of our oceans' resources. The International Maritime Conference on Marine Conservation & Sustainability promises to be an enlightening and consequential event for all attendees, dedicated to shaping a more sustainable future for our oceans and coastal communities.



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## WHO MAY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

This conference is open to all students, researchers and academicians from the disciplines of law, marine sciences, fisheries and any discipline related to the theme of the conference.

## THE CONFERENCE INVITES PAPER PRESENTATION ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES

The conference is an attempt to explore the environmental, socio-economic, legal and trade concerns in the light of various disciplines overlapping with the central theme of the conference under discussion and would inter alia explore topics identified as themes below:

1. MARPOL: Achievements, Challenges, and Future Prospects
2. Law of the Seas and Evolving Jurisprudence
3. Legal and Regulatory Framework for Marine Conservation
4. Ocean Governance and International Cooperation
5. Innovations in Green Shipping and Technological Advancements, Green Financing
6. Climate Change and Maritime Adaptation
7. Marine Fisheries
8. Sustainable Innovations in Marine Fishery Technology
9. Environmental Conservation, Ecosystem Preservation and Biodiversity Protection
10. Marine Pollution and Waste Management
11. Blue Economy and Sustainable Development
12. Maritime Trade and Sustainability
13. Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Marine Conservation
14. Greenwashing in Maritime Trade
15. Sustainable Energy Sources and Marine Conservation

**NB:** The themes given above may be considered only indicative and not exhaustive. Papers submissions are not limited to the broad themes mentioned above.



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## SUBMISSIONS - DETAILS AND GUIDELINES

Participants can register for the conference for Paper Presentation. Submission is accepted for Papers (3000 - 6000 words, exclusive of footnotes).

### Guidelines:

- Abstracts not more than 400 words (excluding keywords) on the above-mentioned themes are invited to be submitted as Word (.doc/.docx) documents containing the name, Email address, contact information and designation of the author(s).
- There shall be a maximum of only two Authors for each paper, and all participants are permitted to enjoy as co-authors to a maximum of one paper only.
- Potential contributors are required to adhere to a uniform mode of citation (Bluebook 21<sup>st</sup> Edition).
- Plagiarised works will not be encouraged or accepted. We expect all submissions to be original and properly cited.
- All Abstracts are to be uploaded to the link: <https://forms.gle/kJWqNQo841FQCsR76> on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. **(Date extended to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023)**
- Authors may be expected to revise their abstracts and full paper submissions based on reviews and comments received from the organising team.
- The Full Paper has to be submitted to the link: <https://forms.gle/uA35drj8KttM8Avy5> on or before 05<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**\*After peer review, only shortlisted papers will be published in the form of a book with ISBN. Additionally, outstanding papers will be awarded separately.**



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## HOW TO REGISTER

Individuals interested in participating in the conference may register by filling in the Google Form link provided below after making payment of the prescribed registration fee.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/heLuym3zGpFkdNfg8>

### FEE DETAILS:

REGISTRATION FEE FOR PAPER PRESENTATION (Hybrid)	INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES: INR 1000/- (Indian Rupees One Thousand Only) or USD 13
	NATIONAL DELEGATES: INR 700/- (Indian Rupees Seven Hundred Only)
REGISTRATION FEE FOR PARTICIPATION (Online Only)	INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES: INR 500/- (Indian Rupees Five Hundred Only) or USD 7
	NATIONAL DELEGATES: INR 300/- (Indian Rupees Three Hundred Only)

**NB:** No T.A./D.A. will be provided to the participants by the organisers. The participants are requested to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation.

- Delegates registered only to participate as attendees of the conference shall attend only through online mode.
- Interested delegates are required to pay the registration fee and fill up the online Registration Form on or before the prescribed due date.
- In the case of co-authorship, each of the participants must pay and register separately.
- Registration Fee once paid shall not be refunded.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION	FOR PAPER PRESENTATION: 01 <sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023
	FOR PARTICIPATION: 17 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023
LAST DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	22 <sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 ( <b>Extended to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> )
INTIMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ABSTRACT	Acceptance will be intimated within two days of submission.
LAST DATE FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION	05 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023
DATES OF THE CONFERENCE	19-20 OCTOBER 2023

## CODE OF CONDUCT & INSTRUCTIONS

Participants shall adhere to the code of conduct and instructions at all times, which are as follows:

- Attendance to all the sessions in a day is mandatory for the issue of the certificate.
- Participants may opt to participate in the conference remotely. Online presentations will be facilitated through an online platform, details of which will be shared in due course.
- Participants are encouraged to use PowerPoint Presentation for the paper presentation.
- Reading material shall be sent only in softcopy format. Presentations made by the speakers may be shared only if the speakers agree to the same.
- The conference will adhere strictly to the Green Protocol guidelines issued by the Government of Kerala.



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### **Additional Information**

Further particulars of the conference will be communicated shortly.

The Organizers reserve their right to make such modifications, including additions and deletions, in connection with or incidental to the organisation of this Two-Day International Conference.

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## PAYMENT GUIDELINES

The payment of the registration fee should be made through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), UPI Bank Transfer or International Transfer only. The transaction receipt has to be uploaded in the registration form, and a copy of the same has to be mailed to [slsimc2023@gmail.com](mailto:slsimc2023@gmail.com) as well.

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