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BIOrdinary summer school 2024

Blue BIOrdinaries: Multi-disciplinary methods and vernacular understandings of marine biodiversity shifts

Place: Tjärnö, Sweden

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Sunday 16 June

18.00 – Welcome and some refreshments (no dinner)
18.30 – Getting to know each other
19.30 – After Dinner Talk 1: Dolly Kikon and Neivikhotso Chaya
Opening the Exhibition ‘Old Ocean in the Himalayas: Indigenous Ecology, Geology, and Landscape.’

Monday 17 June

8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
9.00 – 10.00 Opening session: Welcome (again) and introduction to Summer School (Biordinary Team)
10.00 – 11.00 Exploring sea biodiversity, marine biologist methods with Åsa Strand
11.00 – 15.00 Excursion I (lunch box):
A – Wading Excursion (Åsa Strand)
B – Snorkeling Excursion (Åsa Strand)
15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Conversations
15.30 – 17.00 Marine laboratory (Christin Appelqvist)
18.00 – 19.00 Dinner
19.00 – 20.00 After Dinner Talk 2: Ursula Munster and Gunnel Cederlöf talk about their current research

Tuesday 18 June

8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
Excursion II:
9.00 – 10.00 Trip to Strömstad by car
10.30 – 11.15 Boat from Strömstad to Koster, Ekenäs
11.30 – 12.30 Aquaculture and living off the Sea: Meeting the personnel at OSTREA oyster hatchery
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch (lunch box)
13.30 – 14.30 Sea biodiversity in protected areas (Anita Tullrot, Marine nature conservation manager at County Board of Västra Götaland)
14.30 – 15.30 Walk ‘n’ Talk Conversations, walk to Sillsalteriet Sibirien
15.30 – 16.45 Living by the Sea: Koster Hembygdsförening (Göran Larsson) and Koster's samhällsförening (Mariam Örn)
16.50 – 17.35 Boat from Koster, Långegärde to Strömstad
17.35 – 18.05 Trip by cars back to Tjärnö Marine Laboratory
18.00 – 19.00 Dinner
19.00 – 20.00 After Dinner Workshop: Summer School Themes

Wednesday 19 June

7.15 – 8.00 Breakfast
8.00 – 9.00 Leaving Tjärnö Marine laboratory and travel by car to Grebbestad
9.00 – 13.00 Excursion III: Gathering local algae with Linnea Sjögren (including 12.00 – 13.00 lunch with touch of algae)
13.00 – 14.00 Summing up and departure

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Arrival and opening of the Exhibition 'Old Ocean in the Himalayas: Indigenous Ecology, Geology, and Landscape' with Dolly Kikon and Neivikhotso Chaya.

Monday 17 June

The theme of day one is changing marine biodiversity and exploring it through biological methods in the field and lab. During the day we will learn how to observe the marine biodiversity in two locations, and take some samples for the afternoon experiments in the marine lab. We will focus on learning to see significant qualities and note relevant quantities, and to understand what they can teach us about the relationships between different species. For instance, we will learn to tell different marine species from each other, and guess at what possible relationships they prefer and thrive with.

Tuesday 18 June

On second day we turn to ways of living with the sea. A traditional way of living off the sea in Sweden is by fishing, and it has for a long time been on decline due to overfishing, pollution because of high fertilization, and rising sea temperatures due to climate change. Aquaculture is seen by an increasing number of experts as a way forward, but there are perhaps also other ways of living with the sea, as well as a need to educate a broader public about the marine world.

Wednesday 19 June

On the last day we plunge again into the shallow bays of Bohuslän, in our rubber-boots and snorkels, to forage marine species that can turn bare subsistence into an exquisite feast. Could this be a future way towards new ways of knowing the sea, and new practices of relating to its more-than-human world and lives? In *The Gospel of the Eels*, Patrik Svensson suggests that the ban on eel fishing also leads to a loss of knowledge about the eels, a loss of a centuries if not millennia long relationship between humans and these marine creatures. The need for food and dependency on the environment have through history connected humans with other species, in existential and spiritual ways, lost in the modern quest for omnipotent and merciless human government. On this last day of the Summer School we try to feel and sense what sort of connections there might be between gatherers and their victims today.