



Ocean Futures is a multidisciplinary and independent research organization focusing on the oceans, the seabed, and the polar regions.

Purpose and Areas of Activity

Ocean Futures seeks to contribute to the sustainable use of the world's oceans. We conduct multidisciplinary research and offer advice on marine activities and resources of the oceans, the sea bed, and the polar regions. Our activities include research on environmental conditions, responsible development of living and mineral resources, shipping, and integrated interest management. We identify and analyse present and future economic opportunities and give advice on political, social, and legal circumstances that might facilitate or constrain commercial ocean activities. Research is organized into five programs:

- Polar Issues
- [Resources Management](#)
- Seabed Bioprospecting and Mining
- [Ocean Webguide](#)
- Ocean Maps

Clients

Ocean Futures' main clients are public authorities and private companies, the maritime and shipping industries in Norway and abroad, and international public and private organizations. 2008 is our fourth year of operation. Ocean Futures' clients and sponsors include the following organizations:

- Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO)
- Executive Committee for Northern Norway (Landsdelutvalget)
- FAFO Research Foundation (Forskningstiftelsen FAFO)
- Innovation Norway (Innovasjon Norge)
- Norwegian Atlantic Committee (Atlanterhavskomiteen)
- Norwegian Fishermen's Sales Organisation (Norges Råfisklag)
- Norwegian Barents Secretariat (Barentssekretariatet)
- Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)
- Norwegian Shipowners' Association (NSA)
- Research Council of Norway (NFR)
- Research Section of the Storting (Stortingets utredningsseksjon)
- The Storting Library (Stortingsbiblioteket)

Staff and Mode of Operation

Ocean Futures has a regular [staff](#) located at its home in Oslo. In addition, **Ocean Futures** draws on a network of affiliated staff from many countries and research disciplines. This [Affiliated Faculty](#) consists of internationally recognized experts of whom most have worked for 20 years or more on ocean related issues. The members of the Faculty are actively engaged in **Ocean Futures'** research and project work.

Corporate Governance

Ocean Futures has a [Board of Directors](#) consisting of persons who have served with distinction in the Norwegian public and private sectors. The Chair of the Board is Professor Willy Østreng and the Director is Jan Magne Markussen.

Further Information

A short description of Ocean Futures is available in our [brochure \(PDF\)](#). You are most welcome to contact us with both questions and comments at ocean@ocean-futures.com. Feel free also to contact the Director, Jan Magne Markussen, or the Chair of the Board, Professor Willy Østreng (see contact details below).

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