



Date: Weds, Nov 6th

Time: 16:00 (UTC+8)

Venue: 3N01 + Zoom



This presentation will address the growing threat of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in West Africa, a region rich in marine resources but heavily exploited by illegal activities. IUU fishing not only depletes fish stocks but also undermines local economies and marine biodiversity. Aleksandra, Sea Shepherd member, will discuss the organization's collaborative efforts with West African governments to combat illegal fishing. Through direct action campaigns, Sea Shepherd provides on-sea patrols, assists in the arrest of illegal vessels, and protects marine habitats. The talk will highlight the impact of these initiatives, the challenges encountered, and the path forward for preserving West Africa's marine ecosystems.

Action on the front line - Combating illegal fishing in West Africa



Aleksandra Lechwar

Aleksandra Lechwar is a researcher specializing in the study of baleen whales in the Arctic. In addition to academic research, she works onboard Sea Shepherd vessels, a marine conservation organization. With extensive field experience, Aleksandra has spent significant time in West Africa, actively combating illegal fishing and working to protect marine ecosystems. Her dual roles in both scientific research and hands-on conservation efforts underscore her commitment to safeguarding the ocean's wildlife.

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