

# GLEN WRIGHT

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## Career

### **IDDRI, SciencesPo**

Paris, France

March 2014 - Present

#### **Research Fellow, International Marine Policy**

At the *Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations* (IDDRI) I coordinate our activities on marine areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), including developing strategy, producing publications, providing proposals for a new international agreement, and attending UN meetings and other high-level events. I have played a central role in developing and delivering two international policy development projects.

The *Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance for the High Seas* (STRONG High Seas) project aims to contribute to the ongoing negotiations for a high seas treaty by working with regional organisations to strengthen their participation. I have organised a number of international workshops and expert meetings, drafted reports and represented the project in a variety of international forums.

The *Marine Regions Forum* project aims to establish a multi-stakeholder platform for leaders in regional ocean governance. I am involved in the preparation of an international conference (150 participants), contributing to the development of the structure, themes and outreach program.

Key achievements include:

- Publishing *The Long and Winding Road*, highly respected and widely recognised as the leading guide to the UN high seas negotiations.
- Making a significant contribution to the conception, establishment and development of the *Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance* (PROG), which has attracted considerable support from UN Environment, international donors and partners.
- Being regularly invited to speak as an expert at high-level events and workshops.
- Developing a highly visible and commanding presence for our institute at UN negotiations, through publication of timely and relevant policy briefs, organisation of workshops, participation in side events and active use of social media.

### **REN21**

Paris, France

September 2013 - March 2014

#### **Researcher**

Working as part of a small team to produce the *Global Status of Renewables Report*, I coordinated a community of experts, liaised with authors and contributors, researched policy developments, and drafted text. Using my extensive computing expertise, I streamlined the organisation's contact management and project management processes.

### **Total Environment Centre**

Sydney, Australia

August 2011 - August 2013

#### **Energy Advocate**

At this small non-government organisation, I ran a campaign to improve environmental outcomes in Australia's National Electricity Market through improved regulation. I used my research and advocacy skills to draft submissions to various national bodies and wrote accessible discussion papers on complex topics. I also managed consultants, wrote media releases and coordinated with other advocacy organisations.

### **UNSW School of Law**

Sydney, Australia

August 2010 - December 2011

#### **Research Assistant**

As a Research Assistant at the Initiative on Climate Law and Policy, I conducted research for Australia's first textbook on renewable energy law and compiled readings for the Climate and Renewable Energy Law courses. I conducted research regarding marine genetic resources, international climate law and legal issues surrounding synthetic biology.

### **Herbert Smith Freehills**

Sydney, Australia

September 2010 - October 2011

#### **Paralegal**

As a Paralegal in the Energy and Resources group at a top-tier commercial law firm, I conducted research, drafted contract clauses, designed presentations and wrote memoranda on a range of topics, including the regulation of coal exploration and mining, the Renewable Energy Target and carbon pricing.

## Education

### Australian National University

2012 - 2019

### Doctor of Philosophy

*'Marine Governance in an Industrialised Ocean: a case study of the UK's emerging wave and tidal energy industry'*

- Book: *Ocean Energy: Governance challenges for wave and tidal stream technologies* (Earthscan, 2017)
- University delegation to Rio+20 conference
- Visiting Fellow, International Centre for Island Technology (Orkney)

### University of New South Wales

2010 - 2011

### Master of Laws

- Distinction; focus on international and environmental law
- Dean's Award in 4 classes, inc. Renewable Energy & Climate Law
- Exchange program, University of the South Pacific (Vanuatu)

### University of Nottingham

2006 - 2010

### Bachelor of Laws (with American Law)

- Upper second class honours (2:1), first class dissertation
- Mooting finalist and World MUN delegate

### University of Texas at Austin

2008 - 2009

### Exchange program

- US and international law subjects
- Capital punishment clinic

### Further education

- Marine Biology (University of Exeter online course, 2016)
- Contemporary Issues in Oceans Governance (online course, 2014)
- Teach International, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (2012)
- AQA Introduction to Counselling (2008)
- GNVQ Information and Communication Technology (2002)
- CACDP British Sign Language Level 1 (1998)

## Selected recent publications

- 'Regional Ocean Governance of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: Lessons learnt and ways forward' (STRONG High Seas, 2019)
- 'Marine Spatial Planning in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction' (2019) *Marine Policy*
- 'Protect the neglected half of our blue planet' (2018) *Nature*
- 'The Long and Winding Road: Negotiating a treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction' (IDDRI, 2018)
- 'Partnering for a sustainable ocean – The Role of Regional Ocean Governance in Implementing Sustainable Development Goal 14' (Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance, 2017)
- 'Protecting Earth's last conservation frontier: scientific, management and legal priorities for MPAs beyond national boundaries' (2016) *Aquatic Conservation and Freshwater Ecosystems*
- 'Marine Governance in an Industrialised Ocean: a case study of the emerging marine renewable energy industry' (2015) *Marine Policy*
- 'Establishing a legal research agenda for ocean energy' (2015) *Marine Policy*

## Projects

- **Little Blue Letter** is "a splash of uplifting ocean stuff, lovingly curated by young ocean leaders & shipped straight to your inbox every Friday". Started in November 2017 to provide an optimistic alternative to traditional newsletters, *Little Blue Letter* has become a popular outlet for ocean news and views, with 650 enthusiastic subscribers and a high open rate.
- **Academia Obscura** began as a light-hearted reflection on university life during my doctorate. I subsequently developed a social media following of over 200k subscribers, generating millions of impressions each month, and published a well-received book, *Academia Obscura: The Hidden Silly Side of Higher Education* (Penguin Random House, 2017)

## Skills

- Computing: advanced user of all office programs; social media expert (Hootsuite, Tweetdeck, IFTTT); Photoshop; coding in HTML, CSS, PHP, and basic understanding of JavaScript; content-management platforms (WordPress, Joomla, Drupal); project management and contact management software.
- Languages: French (C1); Spanish (B2); Mandarin (A1-2). Previously studied Portuguese, Indonesian and Swedish to B1.