

The Origins of the Oceans Research in Canada Alliance (ORCA)

Consortium of Canadian Ocean Research Universities (2011)

- Canada's top ocean research universities come together in an effort to build a new level of alignment in Canadian ocean research.

Was a key catalyst for...

Council of Canadian Academies Reports (2012 & 2013)

- Identification of priority research questions for ocean science in Canada as well as the assessment of Canada's capacities and needs to address these research questions. Reports identified key challenges for ocean science and technology in Canada: 1) vision gap 2) coordination gap and 3) information gap.

To address these gaps, the creation of...

Oceans Research in Canada Alliance (ORCA) (2016)

- The announcement of a new initiative to improve the coordination of ocean science and technology in Canada, is bringing together Canada's ocean science and technology community to better align efforts, increase our collective knowledge, and forge stronger collaborative ties.

The community assembled at...

Building an Oceans Research in Canada Alliance Workshop (2017)

- Developed a vision of a preferred future for the ocean science and technology community and recommended initiatives that ORCA could undertake to make that vision a reality.

From these recommendations, the establishment of...



Oceans Research in Canada Alliance

Groups, Descriptions and Organizational Structure

Community of Practice

The Community of Practice is a forum to network the wider community, share information, discuss priority issues and work collaboratively on initiatives related to ocean science and technology in Canada. All members of the ocean science and technology community are welcome to participate.

Council

Established as a small, leadership body for ORCA, composed of senior-level officials from across the Canadian ocean science and technology community, whose primary role is one of facilitation, engagement and coordination.

Secretariat

Housed within the Office of Partnership and Collaboration at Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Secretariat provides support to the ORCA Council and Community of Practice.