

We are all connected to the Ocean

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Where it all began

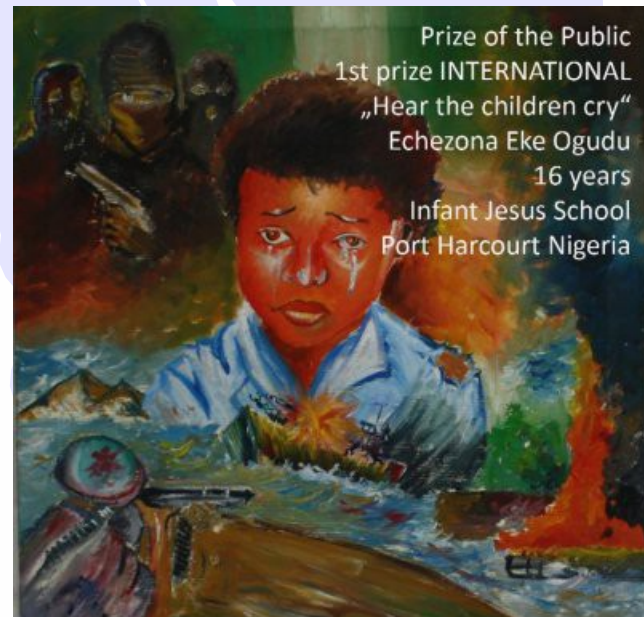
Let's recall

- **New millennium, renewed concerns** about negative impacts of humans on the ocean, the climate, the entire Planet
- **2010 the non-profit Mundus maris is officially registered** in Brussels by an international group of founding members, including Prof. Williams, Nigeria
- **Activities** to promote conservation and sustainable use of the ocean, ocean literacy with focus on young people and support to the people of the sea and the diversity of their marine cultures had started even earlier
- **In Nigeria** concerns focused on the tragedies in the Delta, fostering education, the arts and scientific knowledge in support of viable alternatives

Whistle-stop tour of activities (1)

2010 in Port Harcourt

“Arts for Guns”, a painting contest held on the 30th of October 2010 at Stella Maris Secondary School, Port Harcourt, Rivers State with some remarkable results – the best travelling to youth exhibitions abroad, e.g. Hilden, Germany in 2011 “See(a)Arts” exhibition



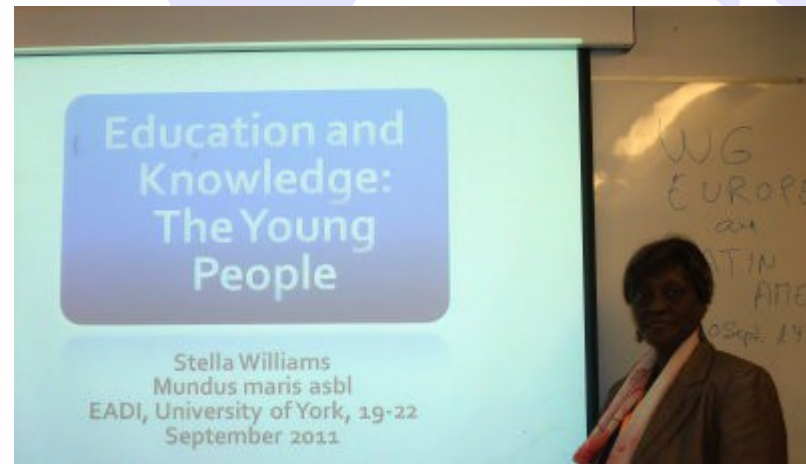
Whistle-stop tour of activities (2)

- **2011 in Brussels, Belgium, and York, UK**

Open course and other activities at Brussels University



At the large EADI
Conference in York
at *Mundus maris* panel



Whistle-stop tour of activities (3)

2012 in Senegal and Gambia

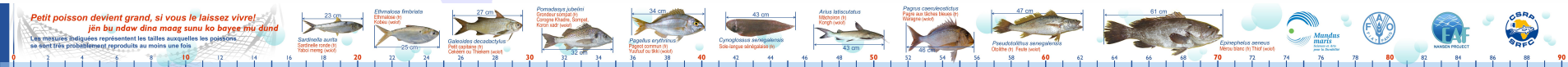
Working on teaching aids about the ecosystem approach for fisheries for the Fridtjof Nansen Project of the FAO



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TIMING	2 dots	8 dots	3 dots
METHODOLOGIES USED	10 dots	2 dots	0 dots
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Producing a teacher's guide, student workbook, fish ruler and other materials, all freely downloadable at

<https://www.mundusmaris.org/index.php/en/projects/proj2011/706-fao?showall=&start=13>



Whistle-stop tour of activities (4)

2013 Uppsala, Sweden

Stella Williams and Cornelia E Nauen of Mundus maris gave one of the keynote addresses at the Conference

“The Intersection between Society and Nature”.

3 concepts illustrated with examples:

- Interdisciplinarity
- Long impact times of science
- Public knowledge goods /critically engaged science



Whistle-stop tour of activities (5)

2013 International Education Workshop

Education for Sustainability in an interdependent world -
International workshop in Brussels
at the Free University
Kari Kivinen, Secretary General
of the European Schools noted
that education focused on facts
the 1980s, was mostly normative-
based in the 1990s and has
become more pluralistic in the
new century.



Education for sustainable development (ESD) allows every
human being to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and
values necessary to shape sustainable futures.

Whistle-stop tour of activities (6)

2014 Remote Teaching at Uppsala University

Stella and Cornelia taught in a course on Change and Sustainability.

They focused on:

- Sustainability research is more than multi-disciplinary enquiry
- Change is happening all around us
- Connecting concepts to practice towards global sustainabilities.



Whistle-stop tour of activities (7)

2015 World Oceans Day around the world

Example Akure, Nigeria

In collaboration with *Mundus maris*, the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) joined the global community to celebrate the 2015 World Oceans Day.

Honorary diplomas were handed over to all Akure based participants of the 2015 *Mundus maris* youth contest.



Whistle-stop tour of activities (8)

2015 World Oceans Day follow-up

Example Victoria Is.

This initiative by students of the Federal College of Fisheries in Lagos, Nigeria, is a continuation of the participation in the World Ocean Day *Mundus maris* youth contest -

and engaging in practice for the ocean, removing 150 kg of pet bottle waste!



Whistle-stop tour of early activities (9)

2016 Green Me Sustainability Film Festival, Lagos

The festival motto was “Ocean, Life, Water”. About 30 documentaries and feature films were screened. Moreover: various panel discussions, Q&A sessions.

Mundus maris helped with publicity, information to the public and lots of organisational support.



Whistle-stop tour of activities (10)

2016 World Oceans Day, Lagos

The UN motto was “Healthy Ocean, Healthy Planet”.

The event was organised by the student sympathisers of Mundus maris at the FCFMT.

It featured the quiz competition, which was both fun and informative. Talks and discussions completed the programme.

Find out more on the website



Whistle-stop tour of activities (11)

2017 more clean ups after World Oceans Day

On 25 August 2017, the *Mundus maris* Chapter Victoria Island, Lagos, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club in the Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technologies (FCFMT), mobilised numerous volunteers for a big beach clean-up around the jetty near the College.



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Whistle-stop tour of activities (12)

2018 World Oceans Day is a regular agenda item

Mundus maris

Victoria Island, celebrated in the Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technologies (FCFMT), and mobilised again numerous volunteers for another beach clean-up around the jetty near the College.



And won Mundus maris Awards

Whistle-stop tour of activities (13)

2018 – Nigeria represents *Mundus maris* at IIFET

Having participated in IIFET 2016 in Scotland, I knew IIFET 2018, from 16 to 20 July in Seattle was a conference not to miss! Thanks to a combination of grants, including from IIFET and *Mundus maris* for presenting papers, three of us from *Mundus maris* in Nigeria were able to participate actively: **Prof. Stella Williams, Dr. Fakoya Kafayat & Dr. Tomi Solanke.**

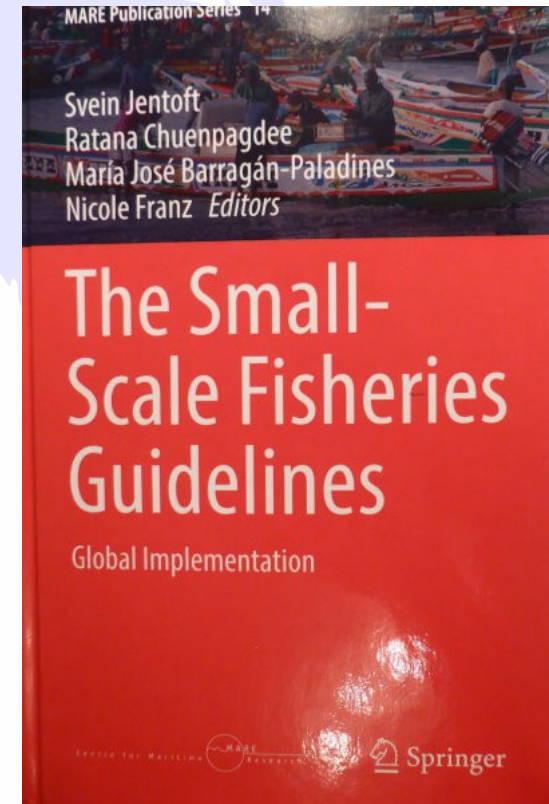


Exciting panel and presentations

Whistle-stop tour of activities (14)

2018 – *Mundus maris* launches SSF Academy

The adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication by FAO's COFI in 2014, continued consultations with many stakeholders and academic work, incl. from MM members in Nigeria and elsewhere offer excellent conditions to generate results in this direction and ensure that the collective multi-stakeholder learning space of the academy helps achieve that goal.



The spirit of our work

Invest in people, connect to the Ocean, build bridges between the global agenda & local work and experience



**I'm still a baby,
let me live and grow**



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