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Closing the Circle: *Marine Debris, Sargassum and Marine Spatial Planning Programme*

TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2021, 14:30 PM CET
World Maritime University (via Zoom)

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WEBINAR SPEAKER



Director Robert Thigpen

On behalf of Research Team with Dr. Fernandez Mendez & Dr. Franziskar Elmer



MARINE CONSERVATION WITHOUT BORDERS

WEBINAR TOPIC

Innovative Science Communication and Biocultural STEM Education are Paramount to Closing the Circle

Speaker Biography

Robert Thigpen

Founder and Executive Director

Marine Conservation Without Borders

Robby Thigpen is the Executive Director of Marine Conservation without Borders and one of the hosts for the Sargassum Podcast, a platform for disseminating sargassum related information to all affected stakeholders. Thigpen has been living with Indigenous peoples since 1996. He came to the Caribbean in 2004 to use stable isotope analysis to elucidate food webs of the Indigenous lobster fishery of Belize. Lately, he has been developing methods to seamlessly combine Indigenous ecological knowledge systems with Western science to create biocultural curriculum, a novel STEM curriculum for the linguistically diverse education systems of the greater Caribbean basin and beyond. His mangrove ecosystems prototype has been ethnotranslated into about a dozen language combinations from the Caribbean basin. Thigpen is also developing biocultural curricula with linguistic and cultural communities from Oceania, Indonesia, SE Asia, and East Africa because everyone should have access to science books in their home language.

More Information:

- **Marine Conservation without Borders [Webpage Here](#)**
- **Marine Conservation without Borders [YouTube Channel here](#)**
- **Marine Conservation without Borders [Digital Library here](#)**
- **The Sargassum [Podcast here](#)**

