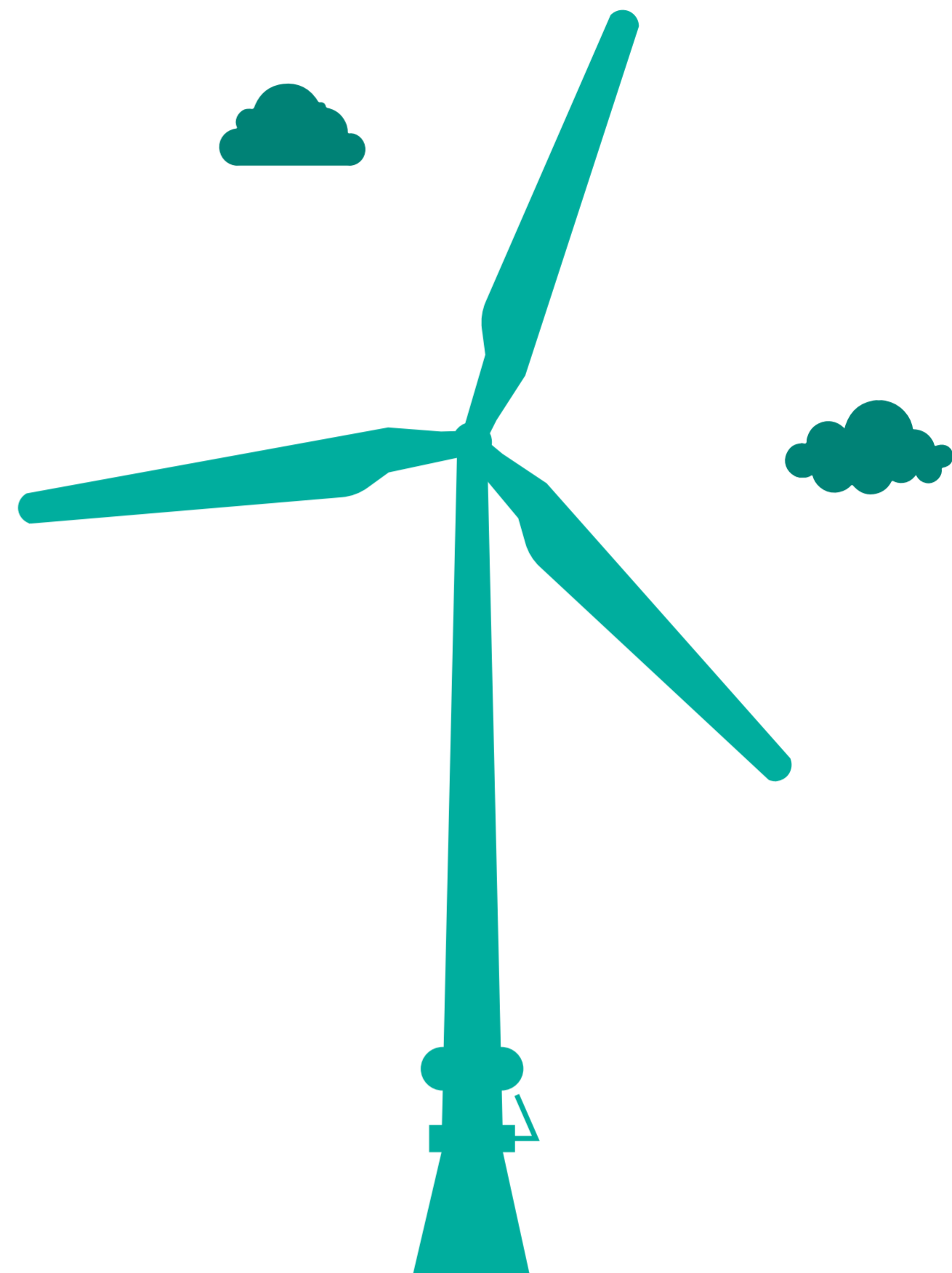


WGBOSV

ICES-IOC-IMO Working Group on
Ballast and Other Ship Vectors



Human Activities, Pressures and Impacts Steering Group (HAPISG)

RESEARCH FOCUS

- WGBOSV focuses on reducing the risk of transporting aquatic non-native species to new environments through international maritime traffic
- We conduct research and share knowledge on the transport mechanisms of species with respect to all shipping vectors, such as ballast water, ballast sediments and biofouling of the submerged or temporarily submerged surfaces of ships, as well as investigate spread dynamics of aquatic non-native species

OUR OBJECTIVE

We aim at preventing new non-native species introductions via shipping and leisure boats by developing collaborative research efforts and contributing to international decision-making. Our goal is also to develop risk assessment methods that can be used to evaluate the risks and impacts associated with new introductions

OUR EXPERTISE

- We support the work of our three umbrella organizations: the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and ICES
- The group consists of wide range of experts, including national and private sector researchers, and technical officers and advisers of the umbrella organizations' secretariats

OUR CHAIR

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