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Isabel Seeger is an Associate at Ecologic Institute. From February 2021 until September 2022, she worked at Ecologic Institute – first as an International Fellow and then as a Junior Researcher. Isabel's main research interests are the protection of marine and freshwater biodiversity, maritime spatial planning, fair and sustainable transport, climate change adaptation, and environmental economics. Her mother tongue is German; she works in English, Dutch and French and is learning Russian and Brazilian Portuguese.

As part of her work at Ecologic Institute, Isabel supported the [PONDERFUL project](#) – a project on how ponds can be used as nature-based solutions for biodiversity protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation. Specifically, she worked on local and EU policy analyses, sustainable biodiversity finance and economic evaluations of ponds. She also contributes to the [UNITED project](#) on multi-use opportunities in the blue economy. In this context, she studied the business model and economics of mussel and seaweed farming in offshore wind parks in the German North Sea. Isabel also worked on the [Ark-MPA project](#) on establishing networks of Marine Protected Areas in the Arctic. She focused on the Arctic blue economy and the potential conflict with biodiversity conservation. In addition, Isabel worked on diverse tasks ranging from maritime spatial planning, offshore renewable energy development, sustainable ports and shipping, EU implementation of SDG14 and industrial water savings for the [European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters](#) (ETC-ICM) and was engaged in an internal initiative on diversity and anti-racism at Ecologic Institute.

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Before joining Ecologic Institute, Isabel worked on the [STRONG High Seas project](#) aimed at protecting biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction, first as an intern with [IDDR](#) in Paris (France) and later as a student research assistant at [IASS](#) in Potsdam (Germany). She was also a Carlo-Schmid intern at the [OECD Environment Directorate](#), where she supported the Special Advisor to the Director. Isabel is a board member of the activist collective [Youth for Sustainable Travel](#) and a canoe guide offering city tours on Berlin history, politics and ecology on the Spree River.

Isabel studied Environmental Policy & Political Sciences at Sciences Po Paris (France) and Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), where she wrote a thesis on the right-wing populist party AfD and the way climate change impacts German forests. Before that, she obtained an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in social sciences from University College Utrecht in the Netherlands. During her studies, she spent a semester at the Smolny Institute in Saint Petersburg in Russia studying Russian politics, history and literature.

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