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Dear Ms Prokic,

It gives me a great pleasure to inform you of the endorsement of your contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development in the role of Decade Implementing Partner. I thank you very much for your engagement and commitment to the Ocean Decade.

The agreed scope of your role as a Decade Implementing Partner is contained in the attachment to this letter. It contains information on the agreed activities that you will undertake in your role as a Decade Implementing Partner. These activities should be undertaken in the context of regular coordination with the Decade Coordination Unit and other relevant partners including Decade Collaborative Centres/Decade Coordination Offices, other Decade Implementing Partners and endorsed Decade Actions. The mandate of your role as Decade Implementing Partner is for five years from the date of this letter. The mandate may be renewed following discussions with the Decade Coordination Unit and subsequent endorsement by the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO).

As a recognised Ocean Decade Implementing Partner you will have the possibility to use the Ocean Decade logo to communicate about your engagement in the Decade. Please note that the logo should be used in accordance with the Ocean Decade Brand Guidelines. Please also note that you cannot delegate use of the logo to any third party, nor can you endorse any initiatives that you may support via your contribution as being Decade Actions. Once you have reviewed all the information in the attachment, please print the letter that is contained on the last page on your institutional letterhead, and then sign it and return to oceandecade@unesco.org as a means of confirming receipt of the letter and the information contained herein.

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Please also note that IOC-UNESCO may terminate this endorsement on the basis of advice from the Decade Advisory Board if there is a failure to fulfil the responsibilities outlined in this letter including a failure to mobilise sufficient resources to operate as a Decade Implementing Partner.

We look forward to continuing discussions with you to operationalize your role as part of the Ocean Decade stakeholder ecosystem. In the meantime, if you have any questions or require any additional information on the above please don't hesitate to contact us at oceandecade@unesco.org.

On behalf of the entire Ocean Decade Team, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the formalisation of your role in the Decade. Together, let us work towards the ocean we want!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. Ryabinin', written in a cursive style.

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary, IOC

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER – PLEASE PRINT ON YOUR INSTITUTIONAL LETTERHEAD AND SEND A SIGNED COPY TO oceandecade@unesco.org

Dear Executive Secretary,

I confirm receipt of your letter dated [INSERT DATE] advising of the endorsement of [INSERT ORGANISATION NAME] as an endorsed contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development in the role of Decade Implementing Partner. I have read and acknowledge my understanding of the information contained in the letter.

I am pleased to advise the name and contact details of:

1. Decade Implementing Partner Operational Focal Point
 - a. [NAME]
 - b. [TITLE]
 - c. [EMAIL ADDRESS]

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEAD PARTNER OF THE DECADE CONTRIBUTION]

Name: [INSERT NAME]

Title: [INSERT TITLE]

Institution: [INSERT NAME OF LEAD PARTNER INSTITUTION]

Date: [INSERT DATE]

Annex I – Details of Decade Implementing Partner

1. PROPONENT	
Institution name: One Ocean Hub	Focal point title and contact name: Dr Milica Prokic
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<p>Legal Status: <i>(Please select the legal status of the institution, or select "other" to provide additional information)</i></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Public Research Centre / University <input type="checkbox"/> Private Research Centre / University <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Governmental Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service / Institution <input type="checkbox"/> International Development Agency / Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please describe _____ </p> <p>To help us establish if an additional due diligence process is required to be carried out, please reply Yes or No to the following questions:</p> <p>Is your institution a private, or for-profit organisation?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Is your institution a not-for-profit organisation, but predominantly funded or governed by private entities/individuals?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

2. PROPOSAL SCOPE			
Please mark the thematic and geographic scope(s) that best aligns with the proposed role of the Decade Implementing Partner.			
Thematic		Geographic	
Challenge 1: Understand and map land and sea-based sources of pollutants and contaminants and their potential impacts on human health and ocean ecosystems and develop solutions to remove or mitigate them.		Southern Ocean	
Challenge 2: Understand the effects of multiple stressors on ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to monitor, protect, manage and restore ecosystems and their biodiversity under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.		Arctic Ocean	
Challenge 3: Generate knowledge, support innovation, and develop solutions to optimize the role of the ocean in sustainably feeding the world's population under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.		Indian Ocean	
Challenge 4: Generate knowledge, support innovation, and develop solutions for equitable and sustainable development of the ocean economy under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.	X	North Atlantic Ocean	
Challenge 5: Enhance understanding of the ocean-climate nexus and generate knowledge and solutions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to the effects of climate change across all geographies and at all scales, and to improve services including predictions for the ocean, climate and weather.	X	North Pacific Ocean	
Challenge 6: Enhance multi-hazard early warning services for all geophysical, ecological, biological, weather, climate and anthropogenic related ocean and coastal hazards, and mainstream community preparedness and resilience.		South Atlantic Ocean	X
Challenge 7: Ensure a sustainable ocean observing system across all ocean basins that delivers accessible, timely, and actionable data and information to all users.		South Pacific Ocean	X
Challenge 8: Through multi-stakeholder collaboration, develop a comprehensive digital representation of the ocean, including a dynamic ocean map, which provides free and open access for exploring, discovering, and visualizing past, current, and future ocean conditions in a manner relevant to diverse stakeholders.		Other (Please describe – this may include sub-regional areas (for eg the Caribbean Sea) or enclosed/semi-enclosed seas such as the Mediterranean or Black Sea)	
Challenge 9: Ensure comprehensive capacity development and equitable access to data, information, knowledge and technology across all aspects of ocean science and for all stakeholders.			
Challenge 10: Ensure that the multiple values and services of the ocean for human wellbeing, culture, and sustainable development are widely understood, and identify and overcome barriers to behavior change required for a step change in humanity's relationship with the ocean.	X		

Annex II – Mandate of Decade Implementing Partner MANDATE OF THE OCEAN DECade IMPLEMENTING PARTNER ONE OCEAN HUB

The following document details the agreed mandate and functions for the One Ocean Hub Decade Implementing Partner.

1. Introduction to the Ocean Decade

The United Nations (UN) Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030 (referred to as 'the Ocean Decade') was proclaimed by the 72nd Session of UN General Assembly (UNGA) in December, 2017. The Ocean Decade is being coordinated by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) in an effort to promote transformational, large-scale change and advance urgent action to move from the 'ocean we have' to the 'ocean we want'. It includes a focus on least developed countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and land-locked developing countries (LLDCs).

The Ocean Decade will be implemented in accordance with the [Implementation Plan](#) and will be supported by contributions from Member States, specialized agencies, funds, programmes and bodies of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders. The Decade Action Framework is built on ten Ocean Decade Challenges and three objectives that will contribute to creating the "ocean we want". This includes a series of Decade Actions categorised as (i) "Decade Programmes", long-term regional or global actions towards one or more challenges, (ii) "Decade Projects", discrete and focused undertaking at regional, national or subnational scales, that typically contribute to a Decade Programme, (iii) "Decade Contributions", financial or in-kind resources to support Decade Actions or coordination costs, and (iv) "Decade Activities", on-off standalone initiatives that contribute to a Project or Programme.

Decade Implementing Partners (DIPs) are one form of Decade Contribution. Decade Implementing Partners are described as stakeholder institutions, networks or groups that are committed to the vision and mission of the Decade, and that are making significant and sustained efforts to support the Decade through the implementation of specific tasks. This can be either through alignment of partners' strategic priorities and work programs, to Decade priorities and/or through the provision of support to implementation of various elements of the Decade.

DIPs are legally separate from IOC-UNESCO and operate under the complete responsibility of the establishing entity(ies) subject to the roles and functions identified in a mandate which is jointly agreed with IOC-UNESCO.

2. Rationale for the One Ocean Hub Decade Implementing Partner

The program proposed by the Hub tackles more than one of the 10 Challenges, focusing particularly on Challenge 10 - changing humanity's relationship to the ocean on the wider scale - to unlock transformative change that can support the realization of the other goals of the Decade. By developing the transdisciplinary toolbox for ocean knowledge co-production supporting just, inclusive sustainable ocean governance and exploring its transferability to other Decade's projects and activities, the Hub will also respond to other Decade challenges - particularly Challenges 3, 4, and 5. In addition, the transdisciplinary toolbox promotes embedding of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, multiple SDGs and the new Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, by integrating the ecosystem approach and the human rights-based approach in ocean research and governance. In so doing, the Hub will continue providing a sustained contribution of specific

resources and expertise to the Decade in addition to the multiple contributions to the Decade already underway.

Moreover, due to the current focus of its research program on Ghana, Namibia and South Africa, the Hub is a rich knowledge resource to the implementation of the Africa Roadmap for the Ocean Decade, in addition to the Hub's already established work, implemented closely across the different Decade structures through the RP4, a sub project of the Challenger 150.

The proposed transdisciplinary toolbox for ocean knowledge co-production supporting just, inclusive and sustainable ocean governance represents the Hub's original product, envisaged as a program applicable at the international level as well as to a variety of geographical contexts. In addition, the Toolbox is envisaged adaptable and applicable to the programs of various and diverse Decade's partners through guidance of how to make the best use of the program ("the toolbox user manual"). It will also benefit the programs focusing on sustainable development beyond the ocean context.

The working title of the Hub's proposed contribution is **Transdisciplinary Toolbox of Ocean Knowledge Co-Production for Transformative Governance**. It aims to bring together diverse disciplines, knowledge systems and knowledge holders to collaboratively advance inclusive, sustainable and just ocean governance. The **Toolbox** offers a comprehensive methodology for profound understanding of our ocean, upholding the inclusive, respectful, and fair ocean research practices across Global North and South. The objective of the Toolbox is to be widely applicable for other knowledge makers in the ocean context and beyond. It is an encompassing, multitiered program containing a number of 'toolkits' developed for an array of research and collaboration activities - including knowledge co-production, arts-lead approaches to sustainable governance to other specific transdisciplinary research initiatives.

Responding to Challenge 10, the Toolbox takes a comprehensive and innovative approach to transdisciplinary knowledge, methodologies, and research findings. It builds on the Hub's expertise in integrated approaches to the implementation of human rights, environmental law and the law of the sea, on the basis of aligned evidence from the marine and social sciences and the arts. It draws from the comprehensive and still evolving array of innovative research methodologies, activities and findings co-developed by the Hub and discussed with various partners (including international NGOs and various bodies of the UN System).

The Hub aims to transform ocean governance by changing the way in which ocean knowledge is generated and shared. Ocean systems are highly interconnected, and so are the multiple threats that the ocean faces. Yet responses to these challenges have historically been provided in siloes, characterised by disconnects across scales and sectors, and by artificial distinctions between 'land' and 'ocean' issues. These disconnects are mirrored in the process of evidence generation, which is constrained by disciplinary boundaries. Crucially, these disconnections have long left out the voices, experiences and knowledge of the people who have the closest connections to the ocean. To fulfil the vision of a healthy ocean where people and the planet can flourish, it is essential that decision-making is supported by evidence that is generated through dialogue and shared reflection among different disciplines and knowledge systems (different ways of knowing). It is with this spirit that One Ocean Hub contributes to the transformation of our response to the urgent challenges facing the ocean. This speaks to a number of the UN Ocean Decade's challenges, in particular Challenge 10- changing humanity's relationship with the ocean. The Hub weaves learning from the ocean and traditional knowledge of the peoples who rely upon it with scientific excellence, innovative legal approaches, and artistic methods.

The One Ocean Hub's **Transdisciplinary Toolbox of Ocean Knowledge Co-Production for Transformative Governance** contributes to the Decade vision and mission of the science we need for the ocean we want. In concrete terms, it contributes to the 'co-development of services and tools for decision-makers, policy developers, innovators, and managers at all scales.' It supports the Decade's vision whereby 'capacity development, ocean literacy and the removal of barriers to full gender, generational, and geographic diversity will be systematic.' Through a number of its projects and activities, the [One Ocean Learn](#) platform in particular, the Hub supports the Decade's effort to increase access to data and knowledge platforms.

Through transdisciplinarity, we expand our capacities to understand and engage in a constructive way with complex realities. Through art-based research approaches in particular we experience [local inter-generational stories](#) of inter-linked sustainable development challenges and connect them to our own experiences (challenges shared in other regions, insights from international processes, personal life experiences). Transdisciplinary methods support learning from Indigenous and local knowledge in a respectful way. They provide a platform for celebrating these knowledge holders without placing the burden on them, including the burden to re-live their traumas. **On the basis of integrated social and natural sciences research and through transdisciplinary methods we can learn from, and exchange knowledge with, the Indigenous and local knowledge holders while they use their own protocols, their own idiomatic reasoning and their own context and associated practices. This is something that many if not all Decade's partners would benefit from, through talks and knowledge exchange events we aim to organise within the Decade as needed.**

Transdisciplinarity reveals biases in the production of the evidence base for the ocean decision-making and provides alternative models to integrate other knowledge systems (including, for example, facilitation of inter-generational dialogue and modelling gender-transformative scenarios). Ultimately, transdisciplinarity makes research for sustainable development and decision-making approaches accessible, collaborative, and transformative, across local, national and international levels. As such, the shaping and co-production of ocean knowledge delivered through the Hub research is particularly incisive in framing the 'science we need for the ocean we want' more precisely within the contemporary context.

3. Name and duration of the DIP

The coordinating structure will be named: One Ocean Hub Decade Implementing Partner.

The coordinating structure will be operational from: 2023 – 2028

The One Ocean Hub currently has already allocated resources to lead on the coordinating structure through to the end of 2024, and will continue to develop partnerships approaches in 2024 (including with other Implementing Partners and UN bodies that are partners of the One Ocean Hub) to contribute additional resources for the coordinating structure until 2028 (including a possible transition to a Decade Collaborative Centre).

Partners may register their interest to be a Decade Implementing Partner for a minimum of three years. Over time, the status of the Decade Implementing Partner could evolve to become a Decade Collaborative Centre if they meet the requirements described in the [operational guidance documentation](#).

4. Functions and Responsibilities of the Decade Implementing Partner

The Hub hereby proposes the Transdisciplinary Toolbox to contribute toward the 'Science we need for the ocean we want' vision as the UN Ocean Decade's Implementing Partner, by foregrounding transdisciplinarity within the Decade's programmes. The Toolbox consists of a series of outputs on the one hand (Toolbox resources), and the breakdown/analysis of the transdisciplinary research methods developed and applied for these outputs and activities (Toolbox user manual). It aims to teach and help other researchers, policymakers, learners and practitioners to co-develop solutions with different knowledge holders (including Indigenous peoples, small-scale fishers, women and children) in the ocean context and beyond (ocean-climate nexus; ocean-land nexus; ocean-freshwater nexus; but also a broader sustainable development agenda). The Hub academic outputs and artwork will be packaged, as part of the toolbox, as case studies and learning tools to explore the underlying transdisciplinary methods and insights. In so doing the Toolbox will support:

- 1) skills sharing and
- 2) a conversation on their transferability and adaptability to other projects and contexts across the Decade programs.

The Hub sustained contribution of resources and expertise in this context shall unfold in **three phases:**

1. The foundations: transdisciplinary projects, initiatives, activities and published outputs already undertaken by the Hub which the Toolbox builds on, including work the Hub is already contributing to the Decade. Below are examples of how the Hub has already contributed to the Decade and would build on these contributions as a Decade Implementing Partner.

Co-designing Decade's actions:

- [Research Programme 4](#) (RP4): With a close link to the Africa Roadmap the Hub-convened [Challenger 150 sub project](#) focuses on the human right to science through capacity building for deep sea science and understanding of marine biodiversity in the South-East Atlantic.
- The establishment of and maintaining collaboration in the [African Network for deep-water researchers](#).

Convening Decade partners:

- Invited by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the Hub contributed to the closing events of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) in Rome in March 2023, together with the [UN Office of the High Commissioner](#) for Human Rights.
- The Hub's director, Prof. Elisa Morgera accepted the invitation to take part in the workshop organized under the FAO project Creating an Enabling Environment for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in Rome, in November 2023.
- The Hub will be convening a special session at the [SSF Summit](#) in Rome in July 2024.
- The Hub has been working closely with the European Marine Board, also upon their invitation.

Communications and outreach:

- Promoting and advocating the Decade through [papers](#), [policy briefs](#) and [blog posts](#) promoting activities such as the Decade's [Virtual Early Career Ocean Professional \(V.ECOP\) Day](#) (June 2021) which Hub researchers moderated.
- Running a comprehensive communications operation which covers supporting children and youth in helping platforming their voices in the context of ocean and

children's' rights, through initiatives such as [learning pathways](#) on the UNITAR-hosted [One Ocean Learn](#) platform, [policy briefs](#), and social media communications, among other activities which align directly with the Decade's mission and vision of the science we need for the ocean we want.

2. The pipeline of projects and activities currently underway, including research papers and artwork in progress, through which the toolbox will be further developed and refined. Some of the examples of these outputs include:

- Knowledge-translation platform [One Ocean Learn](#)
- Arts-led research projects such as the [Undercurrents](#) virtual-reality exhibition
- [Empatheatre](#) - a co-developed research-based, theatre-making methodology.
- Hub's research covering the themes of transdisciplinary knowledge co-production, and the role of transdisciplinarity for integrated and inclusive ocean governance across different sectors (biodiversity, climate change, deep-seabed mining, fisheries, etc) has been published including [Scientific journal articles](#), conference papers, and [book chapters](#). The Hub's [publications](#), alongside the extensive depository of academic outputs also comprise of through a variety of [online contributions](#) by our researchers freely available to the wider public.

3. The future perspectives: early learning from Hub's legacy projects designed to roll forward beyond the currently funded timespan of the Hub (June 2024), built using the Toolbox transdisciplinary methods and made applicable for other knowledge makers in the ocean context and beyond (**Toolbox User Manual**).

5. Expertise and Experience

The Hub comprises a team of over 100 experts trained in environmental, ocean and human rights law, social ecology and marine sociology, maritime and colonial history, political and social sciences, anthropology, visual arts and environmental humanities. Working together with marine and fisheries scientists from the Global North and the Global South, the Hub's research focuses on ocean, multispecies marine life, deep sea ecosystems, coastal communities and their interrelations and interconnections. All these experts are engaged in various ways in advancing knowledge methodologies for sustainable oceans in a development context. The Hub's work is profoundly informed by iterative experiences of integrating Indigenous and local knowledge with deep-sea research of the underexplored South East Atlantic, fisheries science, and resource management tools and knowhow.

The Hub uses its expertise in law and arts, policy, informatics, education, history, anthropology, and philosophy to provide targeted advice on coherent and flexible race, class and gender-sensitive, climate-proofed and transparent laws and policies across the areas of environmental, human rights, science and technology, trade and investment relevant to the ocean's health. The Hub also developed expertise in connecting biology, physics, chemistry, oceanography, ecology, mathematics, socio-environmental sciences with law and arts and humanities to advance understanding of sustainable fisheries in the face of climate change impacts, as well as socio-economic and cultural considerations. Through innovative use of arts, the Hub's approach transcends traditional boundaries between policy, law, ocean stakeholders from local communities and international organisations, in order to respectfully and effectively integrate local communities' traditional knowledge in decision-making at the national and local level.

The Hub has also co-developed its programme of inter- and trans-disciplinary ocean research in collaboration with a variety of international NGOs and multiple UN Bodies. The programme aims to ensure that methods and research findings would contribute to challenges identified at the international level, for which the capacities and mandates of

international NGOs and the UN are limited. We have developed unique expertise in co-developing knowledge-exchange events, training and guidelines with different UN bodies, tailoring outputs to specific audiences and mandates (UN Division on the Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, UNEP, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and UNITAR).

The Hub also developed peer-learning processes in supporting ocean researchers from the natural and social sciences, as well as arts, to contribute to international policy processes, such as making written submission to UN Special Rapporteurs on human rights (environment, climate change, food, culture) and engage in UN consultations and meetings (such as UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; the Climate COPs).

Furthermore, the Hub early-career researchers have created a self-managed network to identify areas for priority capacity building and self-reflect on challenges in inter- and transdisciplinarity. In addition, the Hub developed specific programmes to support 'early-career-researchers' research leadership. This is something that the Hub team would be delighted to carry on doing as a Decade Implementing Partner through the Hub's Early Career Researchers convening with other partners' ECRs.

Finally, the Hub developed a unique process to co-develop and to monitor, evaluate and learn from a Code of Practice that focuses on various dimensions on fair research partnership (from principles to detailed procedures on publications, data, safeguarding). The Hub can be viewed as an exemplar for the establishment and effective operation of knowledge co-production and research partnerships spanning the Global South and North, a vital prerequisite for progressing sustainability of our one ocean.

6. Available Resources

Below is the breakdown of the entire Transdisciplinary Toolbox program resources including the hitherto invested resources to the envisaged conclusion of the 5-year timeframe.

Available resources **£927,696:**

- In-kind staff contributions (University of Strathclyde) - **£394,292:**
 - One Ocean Hub Director (Prof Elisa Morgera): 6 man-months effort
 - One Ocean Hub Deputy Director (Dr Bernadette Snow): 3.3 man-months effort
 - Research Associates: 1.5 man-months effort
 - Knowledge Exchange Associates: 20.4 man months effort
 - Dr Milica Prokic (Arts, Environmental Humanities) 50% of full time working hours
 - Dr Senia Febrica (Politics, Maritime Security) 20% of full time working hours
 - Communication specialists: 6.5 man-months effort
- In-kind staff contributions (One Ocean Hub partner institutions) - **£50,711:**
 - Glasgow School of Art (Dr Stuart Jeffrey, Dr Lisa McDonald): 4 man-months effort
 - Rhodes University (Dr Dylan McGarry): 1.5 man months effort
 - Nelson Mandela University (Mia Strand): 2 man months effort
- One Ocean Learn Platform (UNITAR / University of Strathclyde): **£482,693**

Professor Kerry Howell [Research Programme 4](#) (RP4): Challenger 150 sub project 10% of full time working hours. Supporting the [SDG 14](#) on the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans.

Dr Kirsty McQuaid RP4: Challenger 150 sub project (capacity building and postdoctoral fellow time 20%) – establishment of and maintaining collaboration in the [African Network for deep-water researchers](#).

7. Monitoring and Reporting

Following requests from the Decade Coordination Unit (DCU), the DIP will contribute to Decade annual activity reporting within the monitoring and evaluation framework.

The DIP will also prepare an annual workplan, which will be submitted to the DCU by 30 June each year. The annual workplan will set out the agreed priorities and timings for the DIP activities for the following year.

8. Use of the Ocean Decade Logo

The registered Partner will be able to use the logo of the Ocean Decade in accordance with the Partnership Agreement signed with the IOC Secretariat (or the relevant UN entity in the case the Decade Implementing Partner is established under the auspices of a UN partner) and the provisions of the Ocean Decade Branding Guidelines. The use of the logo will be allowed uniquely in the context of its agreed mandate as a Decade Implementing Partner (e.g., to communicate or raise awareness about its role as part of the Ocean Decade). The Decade Implementing Partner cannot approve or delegate use of the logo to other parties for any purpose. Any other use of the logo, for example for specific Decade Actions that the Partner may wish to develop, would be subject to the relevant operational procedures of the Decade.