Dear ocean lover,

Below are a few thoughts I would like to share with you, future manager of the Sea, about the MSc Marine Environment Management (MEM).

This course fulfilled all my expectations and beyond. Indeed, having a marine biological background, I was mostly looking for an MSc which would allow me to expand my knowledge of the socio-politico-economic aspect of marine environment management and this course provided that. At the same time it also enabled me to develop my ecological knowledge and expand on my scientific way of thinking. Another aspect of the course that I valued was the opportunities it offered to gain knowledge about aspects of environmental law.

As comments made by previous MEM students have said, this MSc requires a lot of hard work. Fortunately my feelings at the end of the year are that it was all worthwhile. Facilities at the University of York are good and the prevailing friendly atmosphere between other students and with the staff provide great support. Among all those hours spent working for you MSc and your future, you will always find the time to have a little chat over a nice cup of tea with other postgraduate students and lecturers. Also to help you get your head out of your work and to keep you motivated in your study, you will find a variety of university societies where you can try out new things or renew old hobbies.

To add to your required studies at York you can also participate in additional conferences and seminars offered by the University of York and other institutions in the UK. Doing so will allow you to meet people from all over the world with the same interest as yourself and thereby help to extend your network of contacts. Even more importantly this will help you better orient your career by exposing you to an even wider variety of international research.

This course will help you build a sound knowledge of marine environmental management which you will be able to apply straight away during your summer placement. Having finished this MSc, I can confidently say that I feel well prepared to get a job in this field.

I hope you enjoy your MSc as much as I did mine.