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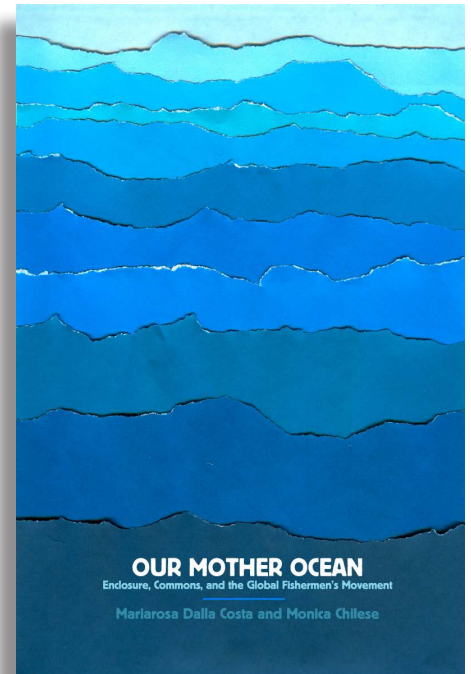
Enclosure, Commons, and the Global Fishermen's Movement

The emergence of [the] fisher as part of the movement against neoliberal globalization is beautifully understood in this book. I applaud the authors' passionate portrayal of workers on the sea as an organic part of those of us who wish to protect Nature against the rapacious excesses of capitalism.

—George Katsiaficas, author of *Asia's Unknown Uprisings, Vols. 1 and 2*, and *The Subversion of Politics*

In this lyrical text, two political scholars contest the global neoliberal assault on life through the prism of the sea, with its threatened species and courageous fisher peoples. Their impeccable research will bring validation, inspiration, and empowerment to the worldwide struggle of communities for food sovereignty and sustainable life-affirming cultures

—Ariel Salleh, University of Sydney



Our Mother Ocean tells the story of the Global Fisherman's Movement from its beginnings in Southern India to its crucial role in the global movement against neoliberal capitalism. In a time of profound economic and ecological crisis, Mariarosa Dalla Costa and Monica Chilesse offer a long-overdue reminder that the ocean is an integral terrain of struggle for the preservation of dignity and life.

The authors draw attention to the polyvalent functions of the ocean as a source of food, medicine, raw materials, biodiversity and culture; and also as a site of human labour, livelihood,

and culture threatened by industrial fishing and tourism that distorts landscapes, depletes fish stocks, and destroys natural barriers for the protection against climate disaster. Their perspective is both practical and theoretical, exploring the related issues of globalization, development, work, and food, and illuminates strategic connections between those struggling for social justice in the global North and South.

For humanity and against capital, Dalla Costa and Chilesse remind us, it is the time for love and respect for our mother Ocean.

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MARIAROSA DALLA COSTA has for decades been a central figure in the development of autonomy in a wide range of anti-capitalist movements. Her seminal coauthored book *The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community*, has been translated into six languages.

MONICA CHILESE is a political sociologist at the University of Padua, where she devotes her study to the question of ecology, giving special attention to the marine environment, the impoverishment of the fisheries, and the analysis of social problems.
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