



Our Ocean 2022

Commitments

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Introduction

Our lives are inextricably connected with the ocean. It regulates our climate and weather, generates approximately half of the planet’s oxygen, and provides food and livelihoods for billions of people worldwide. Yet the health of the ocean is under threat. The impacts of greenhouse gas emissions, including ocean warming and acidification, make it clear that the climate crisis is an ocean crisis. At the same time, other human activities, such as overfishing and plastic pollution, are harming ocean ecosystems and communities around the globe.

The seventh Our Ocean Conference—co-hosted by the Republic of Palau and the United States in Koror, Palau—focused on six thematic areas: climate change, sustainable fisheries, sustainable blue economies, marine protected areas, maritime security, and marine pollution. The importance of ocean-based climate solutions and the importance of a healthy ocean to Small Island Developing States and all communities where the ocean is a primary source of sustenance were cross-cutting themes.

This was the first Our Ocean Conference to be held in a Small Island Developing State. Titled “**Our Ocean, Our People, Our Prosperity,**” the conference brought together governments and non-state actors to make concrete commitments to protect ocean health and security. The conference closed with more than 410 commitments worth approximately \$16.35 billion. Since the Our Ocean Conferences began in 2014, they have now resulted in more than 1,800 commitments worth nearly \$108 billion.

This paper presents the commitments for the seventh Our Ocean Conference organized by thematic area. In addition, there are two commitments related to future Our Ocean Conferences: the commitment of Panama to host the eighth Our Ocean Conference in 2023 and the commitment of the seventh Our Ocean Conference youth delegation to form a task force of previous youth delegates to facilitate further integration of young people.





Commitments





Total number of commitments:

411

Worth a total of:

\$16.35 billion

Total number of commitments: 89

Worth a total of: \$4.9 billion

The seventh Our Ocean Conference highlighted the ocean-climate nexus and the role of ocean-based climate solutions – including shipping decarbonization, marine nature-based solutions, and offshore renewable energy – in keeping the 1.5°C goal within reach or improving global climate resilience. As the ocean-climate nexus was a cross-cutting theme of the conference, climate commitments appeared throughout the six sessions (see, for example, the sustainable blue economies section).

Titles of individual commitments for the climate session appear below. For details – including descriptions and budget, if applicable – see the map viewer at <https://ourocean2022.pw/commitments/>

- Australia announces USD 4.7 million for the second phase of the Pacific Regional Blue Carbon Initiative, supporting efforts to protect and manage blue carbon ecosystems in the Pacific
- Australia dedicates an additional USD 21.3 million for the second phase of the Climate and Oceans support program in the Pacific, building capacity in 14 Pacific Island countries to monitor, analyse, and communicate information about climate and oceans
- The Government of Austria announced support for the Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050
- Blue Planet Alliance commits to convene policy makers, economists, educators, technologists, environmentalist and youth leaders to formulate a path to achieving a 100% clean energy goal for 10 islands/countries by the end of 2022
- The Climate Strong Islands Network (CSIN) commits to investing USD 3 million for U.S. island communities over the next 5 years (2022-27) alongside the Local2030 Islands Network to advance joint goals including the establishment of a National Island Policy Audit as well as advocating for increased federal resources and attention to island issues in the areas of clean energy, watershed planning, food security, disaster preparedness, marine economy, waste management, and transportation
- The European Union announces a contribution of EUR 55.17 million to strengthen marine environmental monitoring and monitoring of climate change, through its satellite-monitoring programme (Copernicus) and Wekeo data service
- The European Union announces EUR 13.9 million for the launch of the Kiwa Initiative – nature-based solutions for climate resilience
- The European Union has committed EUR 10 million for research and innovation on stressors on marine biodiversity
- The European Union has committed EUR 30 million to ocean-climate research via the Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
- The European Union launched the satellite Sentinel 6A for ocean observations
- The European Union has committed in 2021 EUR 17 million for the development of a Digital Twin of the Ocean: a set of publicly available, user-driven, interactive, ocean data visualization and simulation tools
- FAO will support countries in their fisheries and aquaculture sector's adaptations to climate change through field programmes and increased access to climate finance

- The GEF announces USD 20 million in commitments to work toward ocean-climate change solutions for fisheries and coral reefs
- The Global Maritime Forum announces an initiative on zero or near-zero GHG emission shipping of iron ore from Australia
- Indonesia through the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries in 2022 allocated USD 1 million to support blue carbon ecosystem through mangrove rehabilitation; the program will rehabilitate 210 hectares of mangrove in 10 locations all over Indonesia
- The International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification will increase policy, financing and coordination to address ocean acidification from global to local scales
- Ireland announced EUR 1.06 million for three post-doctoral fellowship awards for research on nature-based climate solutions, innovative materials for marine turbines, and sustainable ecotourism
- Ireland establishes a new EUR 2.2 million research programme on blue carbon storage and sequestration
- Ireland will launch the Our Shared Ocean programme, providing EUR 3.8 million over five years to support research on priority issues for Small Island Developing States
- Ireland will provide an additional EUR 330,000 to the World Bank's PROBLUE Trust Fund, bringing the total Irish contribution to PROBLUE to EUR 1,100,000
- Island Conservation, Re:wild, and Scripps Institution of Oceanography commit to raising USD 160 million to restore 40 priority island-marine ecosystems worldwide for the 2030 Island Ocean Connection Challenge
- Japan Meteorological Agency announces international cooperation relating to JMA's Himawari geostationary meteorological satellites
- Japan Meteorological Agency announces oceanographic observation using research vessels and Argo floats
- Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs announces the Project for Strengthening Management Capacities in the Caribbean
- JPI Oceans and JPI Climate announce a new pan-European expert networking platform supported by nine European countries that aims to produce frequent assessment reports on sea level rise in Europe to better inform protective and adaptive policy measures at the regional and local level
- Republic of Korea announces a USD 2.5 million program to enhance Samoa's climate change response through ocean acidification monitoring system
- Republic of Korea announces a USD 34 million R&D program to identify new ocean carbon sinks
- Republic of Korea announces a USD 5 million program to enhance Indonesia's climate change response
- The Local2030 Islands Network announced the launch of its Sustainable and Regenerative Tourism Community of Practice (CoP) building on deep interest by island economies to pursue regenerative tourism as part of a comprehensive economic recovery strategy to build back greener, more equitably and resiliently
- The Local2030 Islands Network commits to support Palau in the development of an island-led SDG dashboard and SDG Data Hub, including assistance with licensing, geospatial framework, and data collection
- New Zealand announces NZD 4,627,456 (USD 3,085,127) for the Pacific Ocean and Climate Crisis Assessment
- Norway announces support for green hydrogen production for the maritime sector
- Norway will enhance efforts to reduce emissions from domestic shipping and fisheries
- Norway will support the establishment of a full-scale carbon capture and storage (CCS) project "Longship"
- Norway to lead the work to finalize IMO's revision of the Biofouling Guidelines
- The Ocean Foundation announces a commitment of USD 350,000 to create a regional network to address ocean acidification in the Gulf of Guinea
- The Ocean Foundation commits to raising USD 1.5 million to address systemic inequity in ocean science capacity through EquiSea
- The Ocean Foundation commits USD 800,000 to a partnership to build long-term resilience to ocean acidification in the Pacific Islands

- The Ocean Foundation's Blue Resilience Initiative (BRI) commits to investing USD 8 million over three years (2022–25) to support coastal habitat restoration, conservation, and agroforestry in the Wider Caribbean Region as nature-based solutions to the human disruption of the climate, including projects in Puerto Rico (USA), Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and St. Kitts & Nevis
- Pegasus Capital Advisors announced an anchor commitment of up to USD 125 million from the Green Climate Fund to invest in solutions that mitigate main drivers of coral reef degradation in the Global South via the Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR)
- Pegasus Capital Advisors announced an anchor commitment of up to USD 150 million from the Green Climate Fund to invest in mid-size emerging markets climate infrastructure via the Subnational Climate Fund (SCF)
- Pew expands support for coastal wetlands in NDCs with new partner countries and additional multi-million-dollar funding
- Plymouth Marine Laboratory commits Wolfson Foundation, NERC and ERDF funding by June 2023 to enable radical advancements in climate science monitoring and improve understanding of air-sea gas exchange in unprecedented detail using autonomous technologies
- Shedd Aquarium commits to expanding the scope of its robust coral research program with the goal of accelerating understanding of the evolutionary potential and adaptive restoration of coral reefs
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama announces a Science-based Ocean Strategy with a clear focus on science for sustainability, including critical engagement with local community interests and concerns
- Sofar Ocean commits to making its ocean intelligence data platform free to all scientists and academics to support coral conservation, ocean exploration, coastal resilience, and education initiatives
- Sri Lanka announces support for the Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050
- Sweden will reach 100 percent renewable electricity production by 2040 including by increasing offshore wind energy
- SWEN Capital Partners, manager of the Blue Ocean fund, launched in scientific partnership with IFREMER, has raised EUR 95 million with a goal of raising EUR125 million, to invest in start-ups providing solutions to help regenerate ocean health
- Taiwan has committed to promoting its Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan
- Taiwan announces its commitment to developing the Atmosphere-Ocean Coupled Model
- Taiwan ICDF commits to invest USD 1.25 million for advancing small-scale fisheries and aquaculture
- Taiwan ICDF commits to investing USD 6.93 million to promote and establish climate-resilient communities in Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and Caribbean Island countries
- The UK galvanises further sign up to the Clydebank Declaration for Green Shipping Corridors, building on its launch at COP26, and in collaboration with the United States
- The UK will work to establish a new UK Blue Carbon Evidence Partnership to progress the evidence base on blue carbon habitats in UK waters
- The United States announced it assumed leadership of and will provide financial support for the International Coral Reef Initiative and offers a three-year plan of action
- The United States announced support for climate change adaptation in Sri Lanka and the Maldives
- The United States announced technical assistance to help countries deploy additional offshore wind assets subject to domestic procedures and other requirements
- The United States announced that Embassy Koror will become the first net-zero U.S. diplomatic mission
- The United States announced it intends to provide USD 1 million to support the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA), subject to completion of domestic procedures and other requirements
- The United States announced it intends to provide USD 3 million to support placing a climate fellow in Koror, subject to completion of domestic procedures
- The United States announced the 2022 Sea Level Rise Technical Report
- The United States announced the Blue Carbon Inventory Project

- The United States announced the Carbon Negative Shot – the all-hands-on-deck call for innovation in technologies and approaches that will remove CO2 from the atmosphere and durably store it at meaningful scales
- The United States announced the Climate Resilient Cities Project in the Philippines
- The United States announced the launch of a new climate and fisheries initiative
- The United States announced the Local Works Program in Bangladesh
- The United States announced USD 300,000 to support the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association in crafting a climate-based dengue early warning system in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau
- The United States announced USD 1 million for capacity development in the Pacific Islands to monitor ocean acidification
- The United States announced USD 1.3 million to monitor ocean acidification
- The United States announced USD 4 million toward the launch of a new climate information for sanctuaries initiative
- The United States announced USD 7 million for the SASSIE (Salinity and Stratification at the Sea Ice Edge) mission
- The United States announced USD 7.5 million for a coordinated effort to better understand biological changes at high latitudes
- The United States announced USD 11 million for the ECCO (Estimating Circulation and Climate of the Ocean) science team
- The United States announced USD 12 million over 4 years for a coordinated effort to better understand sea level rise and develop improved projections of its future changes
- The United States announced USD 15 million for the Delta-X Mission
- The United States announced USD 20 million from NSF for the AI Institute for Research on Trustworthy AI in Weather, Climate, and Coastal Oceanography (AI2ES)
- The United States announced USD 25 million from NSF for the Science and Technology Center for Chemical Currencies of a Microbial Planet
- The United States announced USD 52 million from NSF for the Coastlines and People (CoPe) Hubs for Research and Broadening Participation
- The United States announced USD 65 million from NSF to launch the Global Ocean Biogeochemistry Array (GO-BGC Array)
- The United States announced USD 107.9 million for the development and operation of a NASA instrument to observe coastal ecosystems
- The United States announced USD 161.5 million for the National Coastal Resilience Fund
- The United States announced USD 582 million to enhance ocean and climate observations, modeling, and services
- The United States committed USD 5 million in climate-focused funds for the Pacific Islands subject to domestic approvals and other requirements
- The United States intends to provide USD 500,000 to support a new climate early warning and adaptation initiative to increase the capacity for anticipating and preparing for current and future climates in island countries, subject to completion of domestic procedures and other requirements, as part of PREPARE
- The United States intends to provide USD 500,000 to support Mission Innovation, specifically the Zero Emission Shipping Mission, subject to completion of domestic procedures and other requirements
- The United States, Chile, France, Costa Rica, and the UK announced a new International Partnership on MPAs, Biodiversity and Climate Change
- Washington State (the Office of Governor Jay Inslee) announces Washington State ferry electrification
- Youth Foundation Bangladesh announced the Climate Action Campaign Tracker (CACT)

Total number of commitments: 60

Worth a total of: \$668 billion

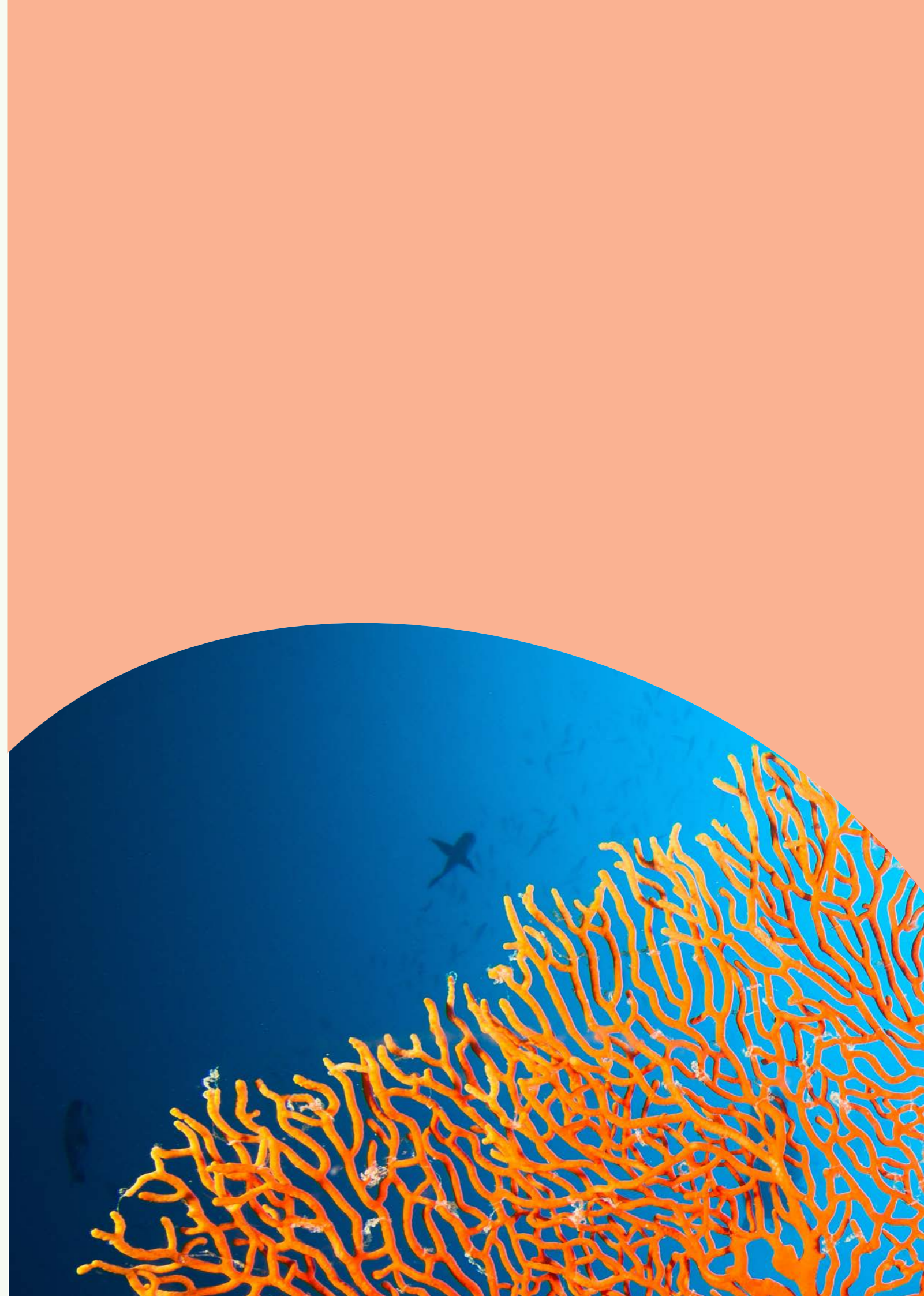
The sustainable fisheries session underscored issues including the contribution of fisheries to food security, the importance of considering labor conditions in the fisheries value chain, and the need to address illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Announcements that committed new resources to the fight against IUU fishing, for example, included a strong suite of commitments on policy, governance, technical assistance, and monitoring and traceability initiatives.

Titles of individual commitments for the sustainable fisheries session appear below. For details including descriptions and budget, if applicable – see the map viewer at <https://ourocean2022.pw/commitments/>

- Australia announces USD 15 million to improve fisheries data integration and electronic vessel monitoring systems
- Australia commits an additional USD 7.5 million to support the third phase of a community-based fisheries management program in the Pacific
- Australia invests USD 6 million in the Fisheries Habitat Restoration Program
- The Government of Bangladesh announces its National Plan of Action for IUU Fishing
- Belgium announces fisheries measures in the Belgian part of the North Sea
- Eachmile commits to building an open access blockchain traceability system as part of mFish
- Eachmile commits to expanding the Fishcoin Project to incentivise the Mark, Release and Recapture Programs
- The European Union announces a contribution of EUR 12 million to FISHGOV.2
- The European Union has committed EUR 60 million for fair, healthy and environmentally friendly sea food systems
- The European Union has committed in 2021 about EUR 13 million in voluntary contributions to international organisations and regional fisheries management organisations
- The European Union will contribute EUR 2.4 million to implement the Joint Program of Scientific Research and Monitoring for High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean
- FAO will bolster long-term conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources, by supporting Members to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and to establish a global information exchange system in support of the implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures and other international instruments
- FAO will continue supporting the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication, and to engage with partners in the celebration of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022
- The GEF announces USD 12 million in commitments to advance sustainable aquaculture via improved management strategies and policy formulation processes

- Indonesia announced its commitment to develop 120 fishing villages to support more advanced and sustainable fisheries management for the prosperity of the fishers
- Indonesia in 2022 is committed to develop 6 Aquaculture Villages; the concept of aquaculture village is an aquaculture area based on superior aquaculture commodities and/or local commodities
- The International Seafood Sustainability Foundation announced USD 650,000 to improve global supply chain transparency in tuna fisheries
- Japan announces FAO project on improved fisheries management for sustainable use of marine living resources in the face of changing systems
- Japan announces ICCAT contribution for the Japan Capacity-Building Assistance Project (JCAP)
- Japan announces PICES project on “Building Local Warning Networks for the Detection and Human Dimension of Ciguatera a Fish Poisoning in Indonesian Communities”
- Japan announces SEAFDEC project on promotion of sustainable fisheries in Southeast Asia
- Japan announces studies on the foreign fisheries activities around the Japanese EEZ
- Japan announces the Programme for the Development of Fisheries Sector in Outer Islands (Phase 2) (Indonesia)
- Japan announces WCPFC project on capacity building in fisheries statistics, regulation, and enforcement for SIDs (Small Island Developing States)
- Minderoo commits USD 1.4 million to Pacific regional tuna adaptation program
- New Zealand announces NZD 5,051,350 (USD 3,364,704) for increasing employment and economic benefits in Pacific Island countries from sustainable tuna fisheries
- Norway to support Colombian fisheries and aquaculture sectors (USD 5 million)
- Norway increases support to sustainable aquaculture development in developing countries (USD 9.5 million)
- Norway supports sustainable management of fisheries, marine living resources and their habitats in the Bay of Bengal region (USD 4.5 million)
- Norway will invest USD 13.3 million in marine research vessel capacity
- The Government of Panama announced a socioeconomic study designed to inform efforts to improve sustainability of artisanal fishing, food security, and the conservation of the fishing resources of the Isla La Esmeralda fishing community
- Peru will present and implement the National Aquaculture Extension Strategy
- Peru will implement the use of the Certification Label “Sustainable Aquaculture”
- Peru will approve the National Aquaculture Policy
- Peru will implement the Fisheries and Aquaculture Traceability System – SITRAPESCA
- The Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation announced the research program “Promoting Sustainable Fisheries and Eliminating IUU Fishing – Pursuing Science- Policy-Stakeholder Interface”
- Shark Conservation Fund announces commitment on safeguarding our oceans through shark and ray conservation
- Sri Lanka announces fisheries harbors in the western and southern provinces would be made as Green Harbours
- Sri Lanka announces fitting of satellite-based VMS to all the offshore multi-day fishing boats to be completed by 2025
- Sri Lanka announces small pelagic fish resources, which are under overexploitation, would be subjected to an annual abundance survey and sustainable exploitation would be enforced
- Taiwan has committed to adopting a program to reinforce the management on Taiwan’s distant water fishing fleet and combat IUU
- Taiwan has committed to implementing Recreational Fishing-Friendly plan
- The UK commits to funding for sustainable seafood industry through GBP 100 million UK Seafood Fund

- The United States announced an additional year and funding for the Seafood Alliance for Legality and Traceability
- The United States announced an initiative to enhance cooperative fisheries management and compliance in coastal Pacific fisheries
- The United States announced a project to mitigate risk in fisheries via the USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance
- The United States announced a USAID and NOAA joint effort to support PSMA implementation, combat IUU fishing, and strengthen fisheries management in Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia
- The United States announced enhanced coastal fisheries in Bangladesh (ECOFISH) II
- The United States announced support for regional efforts to combat IUU fishing in Southeast Asia as the USAID Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA) Technical Services
- The United States announced support to strengthen natural resource governance in Ecuador
- The United States announced the Distant Water Fleet Research Agenda
- The United States announced the establishment of the USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Local Capacity Development Activity
- The United States announced the Feed the Future Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity (GFRA)
- The United States announced the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish
- The United States announced the OurFish OurFuture program
- The United States announced the Women Shellfishers and Food Security Project
- The United States announced USD 2.5 million to address labor exploitation in the fishing sector in Southeast Asia
- The United States announced USD 4 million to strengthen rural worker rights, including in the Philippine fishing sector
- The United States announced USD 5 million to strengthen decent work in the fishing sector in South America
- Upwell commits USD 750,000 over 2 years to support monitoring of critically endangered Pacific leatherback turtle populations





Sustainable Blue Economies

Total number of commitments: 89

Worth a total of: \$5.7 billion

Sustainable blue economies advance ocean health alongside economic prosperity, providing sustainable food, power, and transportation. At the seventh Our Ocean Conference, the United States, Denmark, and the Marshall Islands, for example, announced the number of signatories to the Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050 had more than doubled since COP26. Meanwhile, countries including the UK, Norway, Belgium, and Sri Lanka made offshore renewable energy announcements that will add approximately 30 gigawatts of capacity by 2030.

Titles of individual commitments for the sustainable blue economies session appear below. For details – including descriptions and budget, if applicable – see the map viewer at <https://ourocean2022.pw/commitments/>

- Asian Development Bank is providing blue bond guidance based on the success of its first blue bond issued for USD 300 million
- Asian Development Bank, together with UNEP and UNDP, launched the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) BlueIMPACT Asia Platform
- Asian Development Bank launched the Blue Southeast Asia (SEA) Finance Hub which targets building USD 300 million in bankable ocean projects by 2024
- Australia announces USD 0.82 million to support a national rollout of ocean accounts
- Australia and Singapore establish a USD 22.5 million Australia-Singapore initiative on low emissions technologies for maritime and port operations
- The Government of Austria announced support for the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) – Strategic Plan 2021-2023
- The Government of Austria announced support for the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) – Second Operational Phase (2021-2025)
- The Government of Bangladesh commits to harness marine resources sustainably under Blue Economy for inclusive development
- Canada joins the Declaration on Zero Emissions Shipping by 2050
- Eachmile commits to reboot the Fishackathon
- The European Union announces a further EUR 10 million to continue its support for a level playing field based on decent work and social sustainability in the Blue Economy
- The European Union announces EUR 25 million for the launch of the Go Blue Kenya programme
- The European Union announces that it will continue to support and enhance the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance, involving countries from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, which aims at enhancing marine research and innovation cooperation along and across the Atlantic Ocean

- The European Union announces that it will invest around EUR 1.26 million in the establishment of an EU-wide ocean literacy initiative
- The European Union announces that it will invest further EUR 6.5 million to ensure open access to harmonise marine data and observation through EMODnet
- The European Union announces that it will support sustainable blue economy in the European Union through a EUR 22.86 million investment initiative
- The European Union commits EUR 3 million to continue supporting the WestMed Initiative
- The European Union commits to implement the revised Atlantic Action Plan that aims for a sustainable, resilient and competitive blue economy in the EU Member States Atlantic area
- The European Union has committed for 2021-22 EUR 36 million in support to a thriving European blue bioeconomy and EUR 100 million for innovative governance
- The European Union will contribute EUR 1 million to the UNESCO's international engagements on ocean literacy
- The European Union will contribute EUR 2.437 million to develop the BlueInvest platform
- The European Union will invest around EUR 2.2 million for the creation of an Observatory on the Blue Economy
- FAO committed USD 53 million to support the development of upgraded fisheries and aquaculture value chains, particularly in Small Island Developing States
- FAO's Mountain Partnership Secretariat announces a new commitment for the resilience and sustainable economic development of fragile ecosystems, with focus on the Pacific Small Island Developing States
- Fugro announces converting the survey vessel Fugro Pioneer to emission-free fuel by 2023
- Fugro commits geo-data expertise and experience to UN Ocean Decade
- The GEF announces USD 73 million in commitments to create and strengthen sustainable blue economies through regional cooperation and action
- Indonesia announced its commitment to enhance the integration of 9 fishing ports management with more environmentally sound port management approach
- Indonesia is committed to develop 4 of its fishing ports with an eco-friendly approach (ecofishing port); the development will be carried out by expanding environmentally-friendly port facilities as well as supporting the traceability system of its products
- Ireland to become a signatory to the Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050
- Ireland to contribute EUR 50,000 to three United Nations Law of the Sea-related trust funds in 2022
- Ireland will provide EUR 200,000 to facilitate the participation of Small Island Developing States at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference
- Japan announces a project for the support of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Palau)
- Japan announces FAO project on supporting the sustainable use of fisheries resources in the twenty-first century
- Japan announces ODA Project Maritime Instructors' Training Scheme
- The Investment and Development Agency of Latvia will direct EUR 40 million towards innovation within Mission Sea 2030
- Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping announces the Chilean Green Corridors Network, a joint project with the Chilean Ministry of Energy
- Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping announces coordination of the European Green Corridors Network
- Malacca Strait Council of Japan (MSC) donated USD 100,000 to the Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF) and provided technical cooperation for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore in 2020
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- The Netherlands announces joining the Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050

- The Netherlands to build offshore renewable energy in balance with nature and sustainable food production
- Nike and Ocean Conservancy renew the Arctic Shipping Pledge
- Norway announces support for the development of Ocean Space Laboratories with USD 57 million
- Norway continues to support the UN Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Coalition
- Norway supports the World Bank PROBLUE fund with USD 6.9 million
- Norway to enhance efforts to facilitate development of offshore wind on the Norwegian Continental Shelf
- Norway to support the development of Sustainable Ocean Plans in developing countries (USD 13.7 million)
- Norway will revise and update the Integrated Ocean Management Plans for the Norwegian Sea Areas
- Norway will support civil societies in developing countries to develop sustainable and inclusive ocean economy (USD 30.7 million)
- The Ocean Foundation in collaboration with Credit Suisse and Rockefeller Asset Management announces a commitment to raise USD 1 billion for corporate ocean engagement in support of SDG 14
- Palau launches world first sustainable tourism initiative, OLAU Palau
- The Government of Panama Announced USD 350,000 for the National Mangrove Forest Restoration Program
- Pegasus Capital Advisors announced a partnership with Orgal Group to develop Six Senses Cerro Verde Galapagos – an ecolodge that safeguards the integrity of the ecosystem and unites conservation and prosperity for local communities
- Peru will approve the Regulation for the Observation of Marine Wildlife
- The Port of Vigo announces its commitment of contributing to SDGs 13 and 14 by 2026 through the regeneration of 160,000 m² of seabed, the recovery of biodiversity in the entire port area, and the collection of 250 tons of marine litter
- The Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation announced the research program “Collective Actions and Innovation for Promoting Blue Economies in Pacific SIDS”
- The Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation announced the research program “Promoting Blue Carbons for Ocean, Climate and People”
- The Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation announced the research program “Promoting Co-benefits and Synergies for Sustainable Blue Economies”
- Shedd Aquarium makes commitments to advancing Blue Economy solutions as well as advancing science-based net-zero business operations and ESG investment commitments
- Sri Lanka announces a target of reaching 10 MW from wave energy by 2030
- Sri Lanka announces a target of reaching 2000 MW of electricity generation from offshore wind by 2030
- Sri Lanka announces the 2030 target for both ground-mounted and floating solar (inland water bodies, lagoons, etc.) is 3600 MW
- Taiwan announces its commitment to optimize facilities and service efficiency of commercial ports continuously to create a favorable operating environment for the shipping industry
- Taiwan has committed USD 300,000 to complete a single-page web application for coastal recreational activities
- Taiwan has pledged to pass the Marine Industry Development Act and enact the Marine Economy and Industry Development Plan
- Taiwan ICDF commits to invest USD 2.45 million in development of artificial propagation technologies and coastal resilience projects
- Taiwan ICDF commits to investing USD 2.77 million of blue stimulus in St. Kitts and Nevis, and Belize
- UNESCO commits to convening partners to support ocean science for sustainable ocean management in the Pacific
- Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy (2 February 2021)

- The UK commits GBP 36.3 million to understanding the environmental impacts of and how marine ecosystems responds to offshore wind development and other anthropogenic stressors, including climate change, whilst also facilitating the sustainable and coordinated expansion of offshore wind; this will be delivered through 3 different programmes: the Offshore Wind Enabling Actions Programme (GBP 4.3 million), Ecological Consequences of Offshore Wind research programme (GBP 7 million), and the Offshore wind evidence and change programme (GBP 25 million)
- The UK in April 2022 increased its target for offshore wind to 50GW by 2030 with an ambition for 5GW of this to be from floating offshore wind
- The UK launches GBP 500 million Blue Planet Fund
- The United States announced a framework for green shipping corridors
- The United States announced a multi-agency goal to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030
- The United States announced continued support for the Integrated Ocean Observing System Regional Associations
- The United States announced efforts to advance the development of marine aquaculture to support the blue economy
- The United States announced funding for six projects for the co-existence of offshore energy with Northeast United States fishing and coastal communities
- The United States announced support for critical wave energy test facility PacWave
- The United States announced support for ocean testing of four wave-powered desalination devices in the final stage of the Waves to Water prize
- The United States announced that it joined the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
- The United States announced that NIST will develop and update reference materials to support the sustainable blue economy and marine pollution research
- The United States announced the Marine and Coastal Areas Restored through Innovative and Sustainable Aquaculture (MARISA) Partnership
- The United States announced technical assistance for energy transition planning for remote, island, and islanded communities
- The United States announced USD 8.3 million to support ocean observing, mapping, and exploration efforts
- The United States announced USD 11 million from NSF for the Networked Blue Economy Convergence Accelerator
- The United States announced USD 25 million for open-water R&D at PacWave
- The United States announced USD 30 million to support implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development
- The United States sends six wave-powered autonomous underwater vehicles to a wave tank test at Carderock in the fourth stage of the Ocean Observing prize

Marine Protected Areas

Total number of commitments: 58

Worth a total of: \$1.3 billion

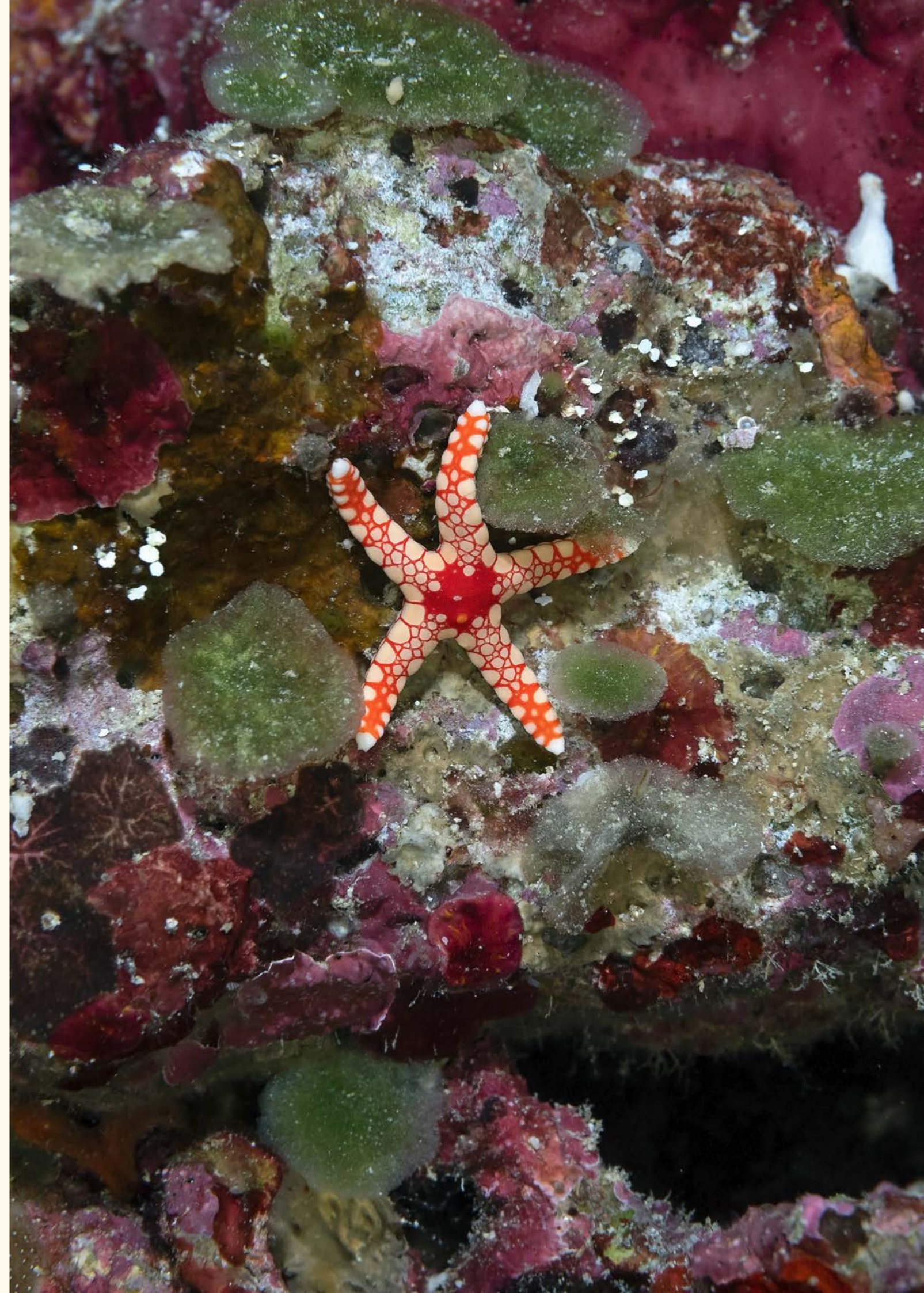
The marine protected areas session focused on advancing the climate, biodiversity, and community benefits of marine protection; it also highlighted funding for research and monitoring, improved implementation and management of marine protected areas, and resilience, adaptation, and restoration.

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- Argentina announces strengthening the marine protected areas national system during 2022 through actions aimed at the implementation of the two marine protected areas newly created in 2018 (MPA Namuncura-Burdwood I and II Management Plan approved document and MPA Yaganes initiated Management Plan participative process)
- The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity commits to support the ASEAN Member States over the next 3-5 years
- Australia announces AUD 1 million to support the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
- Australia announces USD 4.4 million to launch the ReefCloud platform to analyse photographs of coral reefs and extract and share data
- Australia announces USD 15 million to support the restoration of 13 natural shellfish reefs around the Australian coastline
- Australia announces AUD 1 billion (USD 700 million) to protect the Great Barrier Reef
- Australia commits USD 74.8 million for the Ocean Leadership Package to build the ocean's health and resilience
- Australia dedicates USD 7.5 million for The Southeast Australian Marine Ecosystem Survey (SEA-MES) ensuring sustainability of fisheries and conservation and biodiversity management of Australia marine parks
- Australia establishes Marine and Coastal Hub under the National Environmental Science Program for commitment to targeted research that improves environmental, cultural, social and economic outcomes across Australia's marine and coastal regions
- Australia establishes two new marine parks in Australia's Indian Ocean Territories
- Australia provides USD 21.2 million over four years for activities and engagements that protect Australia's marine parks
- The Government of Bangladesh announces a new marine protected area in Saint Martin's Island, reaching a total of 8.8% of its Exclusive Economic Zone protected
- EarthEcho International to launch online training and community platform for young ocean leaders
- The European Union announces a contribution of EUR 4 million to RECI – Restauration des Ecosystèmes Insulaires de l'Océan Indien
- The European Union announces EUR 10 million for measures and management for coastal and marine ecosystems restoration and resilience

- The European Union announces EUR 12 million for the sustainable development of 11 SPREP Pacific Island states and coastal states
- The European Union announces EUR 23 million in research and innovation for the exploration, better understanding and valuing of coastal and marine biodiversity
- The European Union announces that it will support biodiversity actions for Mozambique with a contribution of EUR 13 million
- The European Union announces the establishment of an EU-wide "Blue Parks" initiative
- The European Union commits to a contribution of EUR 500,000 to support the Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative (SsKi)
- The European Union will double its external funding for biodiversity for the most vulnerable countries over the period 2021-2027
- The Government of France announced a USD 4 million contribution to the MedFund for the financing of Mediterranean marine protected areas
- The GEF announces USD 46.5 million in commitments to support 1.25 billion hectares of newly created and existing marine protected areas
- Indonesia to designate 2 million hectares of new marine protected areas in 2022, as well as to enhance the management effectiveness of its existing MPAs through various activities such as capacity building and biophysics/socio-economic monitoring
- Marine Conservation Institute is to accelerate effective MPA coverage with a USD 580,000 commitment to blue parks and the Marine Protection Atlas (MPAtlas.org) in 2022
- The MedFund announces a new funding window for increased protection of MPAs
- The Government of Niue formally established 100% EEZ as Niue Nukutuluea Multi-use Marine Park
- Norway supports authorities and civil societies in developing countries to protect key marine areas (USD 10.9 million)
- Norway will establish new marine protected areas in Norwegian waters
- The Government of Panama announced USD 300,000 for the National Coral and Seagrass Monitoring Program
- Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy commits additional USD 30 million for new marine conservation efforts in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, Southern Ocean, and Mediterranean
- Plymouth Marine Laboratory commits a combined total of USD 2,000,000 UK Natural Environment Research Council and Economic and Social Research Council funding to assess vulnerabilities and opportunities that climate change presents to the near-term spatial management of the marine conservation sector across the UK nations
- Shedd Aquarium commits to expanding our robust research on the protection and recovery of shark populations with the goal of both (1) protecting endangered species and (2) maintaining existing and establishing new marine protected areas
- Sri Lanka announces that national policy of conservation and sustainable utilization of mangrove ecosystems was completed and adopted in 2020
- Sri Lanka announces to improved monitoring and conservation of coastal zone ecosystems
- Sweden allocates USD 2.9 million (2020) to support local actions for ocean management and capacity building in developing states
- Taiwan has committed to promoting the Project of Marine Eco-Environment Protection in Taiwan
- Taiwan has committed to the legislation of the Marine Conservation Act
- The UK announces that UK Environment Act becomes law
- The UK is committed to playing a leading role in developing an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at COP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- The UK to dedicate an additional GBP 3 million in 2022 to supporting the resilience of coral reefs and coastal communities through strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies

- The United States announced a new global pledge titled the “Ocean Conservation Pledge,” which aims to encourage countries to commit to conserve, protect, or restore at least 30% of waters under their national jurisdiction by 2030
- The United States Announced an expansion of membership of the Marine Protected Area Agency Partnership (MPAAP)
- The United States announced efforts to support coastal zone management, restoration, and habitat conservation
- The United States announced several efforts to enhance coral conservation and resilience
- The United States announced support for ocean mapping of Palau National Marine Sanctuary
- The United States announced sustainable interventions for biodiversity, ocean, and landscapes
- The United States announced that it joined the High Ambition Coalition for People and Nature
- The United States announced that it will launch a working group or commission to evaluate naming practices for existing and future marine national monuments and national marine sanctuaries
- The United States announced the designation of two new marine protected areas
- The United States announced the development of a new Climate Ready MPA Assessment Tool
- The United States announced the establishment and development of the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area
- The United States announced the initiation of three national marine sanctuary designations
- The United States announced the Mekong Delta Coastal Habitat Conservation Activity
- The United States announced the “Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. National Park Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Palau Concerning Protected Area Planning, Training, and Technical Collaboration”
- The United States announced the signing of an Indo-Pacific MPA partnership with the Republic of Palau
- The United States announced USD 197,530.86 to improve MPA management in Indonesia by supporting efforts to expand small-scale vessel tracking
- WildAid commits to continuing to support the Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN) towards the successful implementation of its PAN Rangers Conservation Academy



Total number of commitments: 42

Worth a total of: \$358 million

The maritime security session emphasized the links between maritime security and IUU fishing, the need for law enforcement capacity building aimed at multiple illicit activities, and the need for improved information sharing and international coordination.

Titles of individual commitments for the maritime security session appear below. For details – including descriptions and budget, if applicable – see the map viewer at <https://ourocean2022.pw/commitments/>

- Argentina announces strengthening the capacities of the scientific and technological system in order to contribute to ocean-related public policies, including strengthening the interinstitutional capacities of investigation, development, and innovation with a federal perspective and developing a strategic agenda that contributes to i) the national security and sovereignty and ii) the social, economic and environmentally sustainable development
- Australia commits USD 1.64 million for the Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project Phase II
- The European Union announces a EUR 4 million programme (GOGIN+) aimed at improving maritime security and safety in the Gulf of Guinea
- The European Union announces a EUR 5 million project Critical Maritime Routes Law Enforcement Agencies Phase III (CRIMLEA III)
- The European Union announces a EUR 7.5 million project in 2020 (CRIMARIO II) to support partner countries in the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia
- The European Union announces a EUR 8.5 million programme (WECAPS) aimed at helping partner countries in West and Central Africa to address increasing vulnerabilities related to port security
- The European Union announces a EUR 10 million programme named PASSMAR (Programme to the Maritime Security Strategy in Central Africa)
- The European Union announces strengthened coordinated presence of EU member states naval assets to promote international cooperation on maritime security
- The European Union commits EUR 8.5 million to a project on “Enhancing security cooperation in and with Asia” – ESIWA
- The European Union commits EUR 20 million to a Regional Programme for Maritime Security in the Red Sea
- The GEF announces USD 30 million in commitments to support sustainable fisheries and protection of marine biodiversity in the ABNJ
- Indonesia announced USD 73.3 million for marine and fisheries surveillance activities in 2022, including patrol vessel and airborne surveillance, command center operation, marine and fisheries crime investigation, MPA surveillance, enhancement of community-based surveillance participation, combating destructive fishing, and other related activities
- Indonesia is committed to increase the integration of its marine and fisheries surveillance system through strengthening monitoring tools and developing integrated maritime communication system

- Japan announces awareness activities for World Tsunami Awareness Day
- Japan announces capacity building for foreign coast guard agencies by the Mobile Cooperation Team
- Japan announces fostering mutual understanding and promoting communication among coast guard agencies of Asian countries by “Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program”
- Japan announces operation of MDA Situational Indication Linkages (MSIL)
- Japan announces promotion of cooperation with other Coast Guard organizations by JCG academy training ship “KOJIMA” and boarding training for Asian Coast Guard officers
- Japan announces safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore
- Japan announces strengthening the maritime law enforcement capacity through cooperation with the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)
- Japan announces the Economic and Social Development Programme (Jamaica)
- Japan announces the Economic and Social Development Programme (Palau)
- Japan announces the Economic and Social Development Programme (Papua New Guinea)
- Japan announces the Project for Construction of Training and Operation Center of Maritime Security and Safety (Marshall)
- Japan announces the Project for the Development of Outer Islands and the Enhancement of Fishery Surveillance Capacity (Indonesia)
- Norway will continue support for the Blue Justice Initiative with USD 5 million
- Taiwan announces its commitment to implementing the Intelligent Navigation Safety Service and Development Plan
- Taiwan declares its commitment to fulfill the universal value of humanitarian aid and to strengthen its capacity regarding life-saving and rescue at sea
- Taiwan has committed to continuously cracking down maritime cross-border criminal activities with international partners
- Tuvalu announces joint communiqués protecting maritime boundaries as permanent
- The United States announced a commitment towards cooperative fisheries law enforcement on the high seas
- The United States announced a maritime information sharing (MIS) table-top exercise with the EU-funded project CRIMARIO II, in Palau
- The United States announced a maritime security advisor program in the Pacific
- The United States announced new arrangements between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guards of Italy, and Taiwan
- The United States announced support for Interpol's efforts to reduce illegal fishing
- The United States announced support for partner capacity building to combat IUU fishing via a new five-day counter-IUU fishing course
- The United States announced the establishment of the U.S. Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing
- The United States announced the Ocean Prosperity and Maritime Security (OPMS) Partnership
- The United States announced USD 5 million to advance labor compliance in Colombia's port sector
- The United States announced USD 6.5 million from NSF for the design and construction of a new generation of ocean-bottom seismographs for the U.S. academic community
- UNODC announces new commitment to support Member States to address crimes in the fisheries sector; this will be achieved through analyses of value chains for vulnerabilities of crime, corruption prevention, development of resource guides, capacity building activities to strengthen criminal justice response and law enforcement capacity, and awareness raising
- WildAid commits its decades of enforcement expertise, and USD 8 million, to supporting leaders of at least 100 marine areas by 2024 by helping them to design and apply effective enforcement solutions to deter illegal fishing and strengthen their marine areas' protections



Marine Pollution

Total number of commitments: 71

Worth a total of: \$3.3 billion

The marine pollution session featured efforts and programs that target marine plastic, the fisheries sector, maritime transport, and infrastructure development. It also featured recycling initiatives and lifecycle approaches for plastics; clean-ups and remediation/restoration efforts; and research and innovation.

Titles of individual commitments for the marine pollution session appear below. For details – including descriptions and budget, if applicable – see the map viewer at <https://ourocean2022.pw/commitments/>

- Acer commits to reduce the use of virgin plastic by using post-consumer recycled plastic and ocean bound plastic in its products
- Australia commits USD 11.5 million to address the challenge of ghost nets and plastic litter in the waters and beaches of the Gulf of Carpentaria
- The Government of Bangladesh announces its solid waste management rules 2021
- The Government of Bangladesh announces new actions aimed at ensuring safe ship recycling by 2023
- Belgium to adopt its second Federal Action Plan to combat marine litter
- Canada will provide CAD 100 million in funding to advance the objectives of the Ocean Plastics Charter
- The Republic of Cyprus joins the Declaration on Zero Emission in Shipping by 2050
- De La Salle University announced Project HMBE: Home-based Marine Biology Experiments
- The European Union announces EUR 500 million for the mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”
- The European Union commits to EUR 3 million for supporting the transition to clean EU Member States’ seas
- The European Union commits to support the ongoing efforts of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the designation of a sulphur emission control area across the Mediterranean Sea
- The European Union commits to support the scaling up of the “Plastic Pirates - Go Europe!” initiative
- The European Union commits to the implementation of a new circular economy action plan by the end of 2022, which will help modernise the EU’s economy
- The European Union, through its 2021 Zero Pollution Action Plan, commits to substantially improve the coastal and marine environment
- FAO will raise international efforts to address marine litter from the fisheries sector and maritime transport, in particular abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG)
- The GEF announces more than USD 100 million in commitments to help avoid more than 4 million metric tons of plastics from entering the ocean
- The Global Ghost Gear Initiative commits to recruit new government members, procure half a million data records, and secure additional significant financial investment by 2023

- Japan announces coral reef ecosystem conservation
- Japan announces Empowering New Generation Leaders in Marine Plastic Abatement (Thai)
- Japan announces Japan’s Resource Circulation Strategy for Plastics
- Japan announces National Action Plan for Marine Plastic Litter
- Japan announces promotion of action against marine plastic litter in Asia and the Pacific (CounterMEASURE II)
- Japan announces Promotion of Community Resilience Against Plastic Pollution and Climate Change in the Mekong River Basin
- Japan announces research and development of ocean acidification, marine biodiversity and microplastics
- Japan announces support for research on environmentally sound management, technology and treatment with plastic waste throughout Asia
- Japan announces the Basic Policy on the Comprehensive and Effective Promotion of Measures Against Articles that Drift Ashore
- Japan announces the Project for Combatting Marine Plastic Litter (Cambodia)
- JPI Oceans announces that under the framework of JPI Oceans and together with BANOS, BlueMed, NOAA and the UN Ocean Decade, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania and Spain mobilise up to EUR 8.2 million for research and innovation project proposals on the emerging issue of the acoustic pollution of oceans and seas
- JPI Oceans announces that under the framework of JPI Oceans, Belgium, Italy and Malta commit to organise an expedition aiming to innovate the assessment of the environmental status of the marine environment by integrating physical, chemical and biological information from an area of the North Sea
- Kaneka will invest 15 billion JPY for adding 15000 MT production capacity of its marine biodegradable Green Planet (PHBH) and will additionally start upgrading waste into Green Planet material in order to support a recycling-oriented society and addressing marine pollution
- Republic of Korea announces enhancing efforts to address ghost gears including becoming a member of the Global Ghost Gear Initiative
- Republic of Korea announces the reduction of marine plastic pollution with the life-cycle approach
- Norway will reduce marine pollution by restricting the use of persistent chemical substances
- Norway will clean up contaminated seabed in Norwegian harbor basins
- Romania commits to implement the Single Use Plastic Directive, to improve plastic waste management, to increase capacity for marine litter monitoring and collection, to change the mentality of consumer, and join efforts of all stakeholders for the protection of marine ecosystems
- Spain announces joining the Global Ghost Gear Initiative
- Sri Lanka announces an integrated national marine litter management policy, strategy and action plan
- Sri Lanka announces a national strategy for marine pollution prevention in the fisheries sector
- Sri Lanka announces that permanent stations would be set up to monitor ocean pollution, especially marine litter
- Sri Lanka announces that polluted lagoons will be cleaned up by bioremediation and bio filtering and habitat restored
- Surfrider commits to collect at least 25 metric tons of marine debris per year between 2022 and 2025
- Sweden adopts goals and a national action plan to reduce plastic litter
- Taiwan has committed to implementing the Salute to the Seas Policy
- Taiwan has committed to promoting the gillnet net marking and management program
- Taiwan ICDF commits to contribute USD 5.43 million to reduce ocean pollution
- Taiwan ICDF is committed to contributing USD 1.2 million to reduce ocean pollution for St. Kitts and Nevis and the Marshall Islands
- Tuvalu bans single-use plastics

- Tuvalu to join the Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050
- The U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) announces a Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) of UNODC initiative to identify capacity requirements of maritime law enforcement agencies to provide effectively enforcement oversight of deep sea mining (DSM)
- The United States announced a cooperative arrangement to establish Center for Marine Debris Research
- The United States announced a forthcoming strategy for post-consumer materials management and water management
- The United States announced a funding opportunity for research on chemical upcycling of polymers
- The United States announced a USAID blended finance partnership with Circulate Capital
- The United States announced it intends to provide USD 5 million to combat marine pollution via support for Pillar 2 of the World Bank's PROBLUE Multi-Donor Trust Fund subject to congressional notification and availability of funds
- The United States announced National Estuary Program infrastructure investments for projects that will reduce pollutant loadings into freshwater ecosystems and the ocean
- The United States announced over USD 859,000 to monitor nutrient drivers of coastal dead zones
- The United States announced over USD 24 million for two energy frontier research centers related to plastics
- The United States announced state support for the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan
- The United States announced that it joined the Global Ghost Gear Initiative
- The United States announced that the NIST Biorepository will archive marine animal tissues to support marine research
- The United States announced the Department of Energy's Plastics Innovation Research and Development Strategy
- The United States announced the Plastics Solution Alliance
- The United States announced the USAID Clean Cities, Blue Ocean program
- The United States announced USAID's Local Solutions for Plastic Pollution Activity
- The United States announced USD 180,000 for a grant to build capacity for environmentally sound management of plastic waste in West Africa
- The United States announced USD 810,000 to establish the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Marine Debris Management and Innovation Sub-Fund
- The United States announced USD 8 million from NSF for the Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation Engineering the Elimination of End-of-Life Plastics program (EFRI E3P)
- The United States announced USD 37 million for the Department of Energy's BOTTLE program to improve plastic recycling
- The United States announced USD 200 million to prevent and remove marine debris
- The United States announced USD 350 million in improvements to recycling infrastructure to reduce land-based sources of plastic waste to the marine environment
- Youth Foundation of Bangladesh to start an awareness program "Fate of single use plastic (SUP) on inland water transport and its catastrophic effect on river"



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Keynote Addresses

- **Joseph R. Biden Jr. (recorded address)**
President, United States
- **John F. Kerry**
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States
- **Surangel S. Whipps Jr.**
President, Republic of Palau

Plenary Session I: Confronting the Ocean-Climate Crisis

- **Tina Stege (moderator)**
Climate Envoy, Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **The Honorable Richard W. Spinrad, PhD**
Administrator, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **Mia Kami**
Singer/Songwriter, Tonga
- **Cynthia Barzuna Gutiérrez**
Vice Minister of Water and Ocean Affairs, Costa Rica
- **Antha Williams**
Environment Lead, Bloomberg Philanthropies
- **Dr. Pawan Patil**
Founder, Seadragon Foundation

Plenary Session II: Advancing Sustainable Fisheries

- **Dr. Fiorenza Micheli**
Co-Director, Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions
- **Ann Singeo**
Executive Director, Ebiil Society
- **Indah Rufati**
Fisheries Lead, Pesisir Lestari, in collaboration with Blue Ventures
- **Jennifer Kemmerly**
Vice President, Global Ocean Initiatives, Monterey Bay Aquarium
- **Sheck Sherif**
National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority, Liberia
- **Rocky Sanchez Tirona**
Managing Director, Fish Forever at Rare

Featured Remarks

- **HRH The Prince of Wales (recorded remarks)**

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Pacific Communities: Ocean Challenges and Solutions

- **Yohei Sasakawa (recorded remarks)**
Chairman, Nippon Foundation
- **H.E. Mohamed Aslam**
Minister of National Planning, Housing & Infrastructure, Republic of Maldives
- **Hon. Hu'akavameiliku (Siaosi Sovaleni)**
Prime Minister, Tonga

Plenary Session III: Creating Sustainable Blue Economies

- **Leah Gutierrez (moderator)**
Director General, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank
- **Bjørn Staurset Jahnsen**
Ambassador to the Philippines, Kingdom of Norway
- **Ken O'Flaherty**
COP26 Regional Ambassador to Asia-Pacific and South Asia, United Kingdom
- **Francesco La Camera**
Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency
- **Honorable Semi Koroilavesau**
Minister for Fisheries, Government of Fiji
- **Dr. Hide Sakaguchi**
President, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation

Featured Panel I: Indigenous-led Conservation

- **'Aulani Wilhelm (moderator)**
White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, United States
- **Dr. Selvi Tebaiy**
Papua University, Indonesia
- **Antony Vavia**
Blue Cradle, Cook Islands
- **Susana Waqainabete-Tuisese**
Conservation International, Fiji
- **The Honorable Sheila Jack Babauta**
House of Representatives, Northern Mariana Islands
- **Noah Idechong**
The Nature Conservancy, Palau

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High-Level Opening: Voices for the Ocean

- **Barack Obama (recorded address)**
44th President, United States of America
- **Patricia Espinosa**
Executive Secretary, U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- **Kalani Reyes**
Founder, Deep Pacific Collective of Pacific Peoples

Plenary Session IV: Advancing Marine Protected Areas for Communities, Ecosystems, and Climate

- **Keone Nakoa (moderator)**
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
- **Maya Delaney**
Youth Climate Ambassador, The Bahamas Associate, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)
- **Melissa Garvey**
Global Director, Ocean Protection, The Nature Conservancy
- **Steven Victor**
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and the Environment, Republic of Palau
- **Chairwoman Violet Sage Walker**
Tribal Chair, Northern Chumash Tribal Council
- **Duane Fraser**
Board Member, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Plenary Session V: Achieving a Safe, Just, and Secure Ocean

- **Masanori Kobayashi (moderator)**
Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- **Rear Admiral Matthew W. Sibley**
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard
- **Captain Loic Moudouma**
Former Chief of Navy, Gabonese Republic
- **Dr. Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen**
Director General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
- **The Honorable John M. Silk**
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **David Willima**
Research Officer, Institute for Security Studies

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Conversation on Partnerships for the Ocean: New Directions and Initiatives

- **Taholo Kami (moderator)**
Ocean Convener, Fiji and Tonga
- **John F. Kerry**
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States
- **Surangel S. Whipps Jr.**
President, Republic of Palau
- **Marc Benioff**
Chairman and CEO, Salesforce
- **Dona Bertarelli**
Chair, Bertarelli Foundation
- **Ted Waitt**
Chairman, Waitt Foundation

Plenary Session VI: Tackling Marine Pollution

- **Dr. Robert Richmond (moderator)**
Research Professor and Director, Kewalo Marine Laboratory, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- **Swietenia Puspa Lestari**
Founder and Executive Director, Divers Clean Action (DCA)
- **Tzi-Chin Chang**
Minister, Environmental Protection Administration, Taiwan
- **Nik Strong-Cvetich**
Executive Director, Save the Waves Coalition
- **Simon Bennett**
General Manager, Sustainable Development, Swire Shipping
- **Ingrid Giskes**
Director, Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI), Ocean Conservancy

Featured Remarks

- **Abdulla Shahid**
President, United Nations General Assembly

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Featured Panel II: Toward a “Super Year” for the Ocean: Leadership and Action

- **Heidi Schroderus-Fox (moderator)**
Acting High Representative, Office of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations
- **Taneti Maamau (recorded remarks)**
President, Kiribati
- **Fumio Kishida (recorded remarks)**
Prime Minister, Japan
- **Hon. Aupito William Sio**
Minister for Pacific Peoples and Minister for Courts, New Zealand
- **H.E. Michèle Boccoz**
Ambassador of the French Republic to the Philippines and Non-Resident Ambassador to Palau, The Federal States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands
- **H.E. Conrod Hunte**
Deputy Permanent Representative at the A&B Mission and the Lead Climate Change Negotiator for AOSIS, Antigua and Barbuda
- **Charlina Vitcheva**
Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- **Dr. Stuart Minchin**
Director General, The Pacific Community

High-Level Closing: Looking to Our Ocean 2023

- **Bjørn Staurset Jahnsen**
Ambassador to the Philippines, Kingdom of Norway
- **Antonia Urrejola Noguera (recorded address)**
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chile
- **John F. Kerry**
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States
- **Surangel S. Whipps Jr.**
President, Republic of Palau
- **Milciades Concepción**
Minister of Environment, Government of Panama

Closing video: Toward Our Ocean 2023 in Panama

Side Events 13 April 2022

Palau Community College

- **Blue Bonds: An Innovative Tool to Finance the Sustainable Ocean Economy**
Host: UN Global Compact, Asian Development Bank, and Government of Fiji
Location: Side Event Room 1 - Library
- **The Clean, Resilient Maritime Sector of the Future: Turning Commitments into Action**
Host: UN Foundation, UNFCCC Climate Champions, Global Maritime Forum, UN Global Compact
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- **The High Seas in 2030 – A New Vision for Ocean Protection**
Host: Greenpeace USA
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- **The Role of Transparency in Addressing IUU Fishing and Human Rights Abuses**
Host: Bloomberg Philanthropies and Oceana
Location: Side Event Room 4 - Btaches 63
- **The Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor as an Example of Marine Conservation Based on Ecological Connectivity Between the Islands of Four Countries**
Host: Republic of Panama
Location: Side Event Room 5 - Btaches 64
- **Micronesia Challenge 2030: Ocean People Leading Ocean Action**
Host: The Nature Conservancy
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- **Blue Foods: Crucial Component to a Climate-Resilient Blue Economy in Global Communities**
Host: Government of Iceland and the Pacific Community
Location: Side Event Room 7 - Btaches 67
- **Artificial Intelligence for Ocean Action**
Host: Global Fishing Watch, Allen Institute for AI, and ATLAN Space
Location: Side Event Room 8 - Btaches 68
- **Sustainable Fisheries and Security for the Blue Continent**
Host: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Location: Side Event Room 9 - Btaches 69
- **Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States**
Host: International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF)
Location: Side Event Room 10 - Dort Assembly Hall
- **From Policy to Practice: Showcase of Multi-stakeholder Approaches to Address Ghost Gear Around the World**
Host: Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI)
Location: Side Event Room 11 - Dort Conference Room

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- **Nature-based Solutions – Austronesian Perspectives**
Host: Austronesian Forum
Location: Side Event Room 1 - Library
- **Small in Scale, Big in Value: Celebrating the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) 2022**
Host: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Location: Side Event Room 2 - Btaches 61
- **Ministerial Dialogue at Our Ocean Conference 2022: Bold Commitments and Action Towards Territorial Seas**
Host: Rare and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Location: Side Event Room 3 - Btaches 62
- **Innovation, Adaption and Collaboration: How the Pacific Has Led the World with New Approaches to Ensure Sustainable Fisheries, and Create a Safe, Just, and Secure Ocean**
Host: Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency and OceanMind
Location: Side Event Room 4 - Btaches 63
- **Unlocking Finance to Drive Sustainable and Resilient Investment into Island Nations**
Host: UNFCCC Climate Champions and Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)
Location: Side Event Room 5 - Btaches 64
- **Protecting the Future of Coral Reefs: On the Road to Kunming with New Science and Innovative Finance**
Host: International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) and WCS
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- **Ending Plastic Pollution in Island Nations**
Host: SPREP and Clean Cities, Blue Ocean (A USAID Program)
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- **Enhancing the Climate Readiness of MPAs: Assessing the Climate Resilience and Mitigation Potential of MPAs**
Host: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Location: Side Event Room 8 - Btaches 68
- **Our Ocean Commitments: Tracking, Celebrating, and Motivating Progress using the MPA Guide**
Host: Oregon State University, UNEP – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, IUCNMarine, Protected Planet, National Geographic Pristine Seas, and the Marine Conservation Institute's MPAtlas
Location: Side Event Room 9 - Btaches 69
- **Sustainable Ocean Planning: A Route to a Healthy Ocean, Prosperous People and Thriving Economies**
Host: Secretariat of the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
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- **Ocean Acidification in the Pacific Islands: From Local to Global Scales**
Host: Pacific Islands and Territories Ocean Acidification (PI-TOA) regional hub
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