

# COMMITMENTS

**GREECE 2024** 











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### INTRODUCTION

Since its inception, the **Our Ocean Conference** has served as a beacon of hope for ocean conservation, rallying governments, international organizations, academia, the private sector, and NGOs to make tangible commitments towards safeguarding our oceans.

Greece successfully hosted the **9th Our Ocean Conference** (OOC-9) at the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre in Athens, on April 16-17, 2024.** This landmark event witnessed unprecedented participation, with over **3,500 attendees** from **130 countries** and international organizations. Coinciding with the Conference, the Youth Leadership Summit was held on April 15th, gathering participants from more than 60 countries and actively involving youth in shaping the future of our ocean.

This significant gathering was distinguished by high-level participation and political leadership, offering a platform for meaningful discussions and commitments to urgent actions on major ocean related challenges, such as climate change, marine protected areas, sustainable fisheries, sustainable blue economy, maritime security, and marine pollution. Greece also focused on specific key focus areas of particular interest, namely sustainable tourism, green shipping, marine plastic and microplastic pollution, and the green transition in the Mediterranean.

In parallel with the Conference, **76** important side-events and more than **180** bilateral meetings took place, boosting cooperation among participants and advancing discussions on critical ocean issues. These side events encouraged collaboration and brought forth insights crucial for addressing the environmental concerns of our vital marine ecosystem.

This OOC edition marked a significant milestone with more than **470** new commitments amounting to over **USD 11.3 billion**, demonstrating a renewed pledge by the international community to addressing pressing ocean issues. Greece's leadership in environmental stewardship was evident through its ambitious **21 commitments** announced during the Conference. From the creation of new marine protected areas to the reduction of marine pollution and decarbonization efforts, Greece pledged comprehensive measures totaling more than **USD 800 million**.

Furthermore, the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** announced that Greece will proceed with the ratification of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) before the UN Ocean Conference 2025 in Nice.

Marking the ten-year anniversary of the Conference, the overall success of OOC-9 was highlighted by the international press emphasizing the ten-year anniversary of the first OOC. A significant legacy of OOC-9 is the establishment of a Secretariat for the Our Ocean Conference, hosted by the World Resources Institute, to support a smooth transition and maintain institutional memory for future conferences.

The baton of ocean conservation is passing to **South Korea** for the **2025 edition**, ensuring that the momentum towards a healthier ocean continues unabated.













### AN OCEAN OF POTENTIAL









### **COMMITMENTS**











## CLIMATE CHANGE



#### **ARGENTINA**

 Argentina announced to move forward in the already initiated process of Marine Spatial Planning, coordinated by the Pampa Azul Initiative (IPA).

#### **AUSTRALIA**

- Australia announced a 1 million investment for the operation of the IORA Indian Ocean Blue Carbon Hub in Perth.
- The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) Marine and Coastal Resilience Hub commits AUD 990,000 to research the impacts of climate change and marine pollution on Indian coastal communities.
- Through the Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific (COSPPac), Australia commits 30 million to build capacities in 15 Pacific island countries to monitor, analyze and communicate information about climate and oceans.

#### BFI I7F

- Belize announced its commitment to increase the area of coral reef under protection to 20% by 2035, from the current baseline of 7%.
- Belize committed to achieve a net designation of 100% hectares of Public Lands within the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System as Mangrove Forest Reserves.

#### CHILE

• The Fisheries Development Institute of Chile committed to carrying out ocean acidification monitoring in the Northern zone of the Chilean Patagonia.

#### **CONFEDERATION OF NORWEGIAN ENTERPRISE**

• Commits to support the establishment of green shipping corridors and emission free energy infrastructure in ports.

#### **CONSERVATION COLLECTIVE**

- Commits to seagrass protection and restoration in Menorca, Mallorca, the Argolic Gulf, Turkey's Western and Southern coasts and the Scottish highlands & islands.
- Commits to coral restoration through the Barbados and the Dalmatian Islands Environmental Conservation Trusts.

#### DANAOS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS S.A

• Commits to 3 million in Research and Development projects on the decarbonization of the shipping industry.

#### **ENVIROVISION 2050**

• EnviroVision 2050 Green Leaders is an innovative international youth development programme to inspire & empower Indian youth to become ocean leaders.

#### **ERMA FIRST**

• Announced 3 million to take a leading role in the decarbonization of the Greek shipping industry.



### CLIMATE CHANGE



#### **D-MARIN**

• D-Marin commits 1.7 million to reducing emissions by 42% by 2030.

#### **GLOBAL MARITIME FORUM**

• Commits to expanding the scope of the Sea Cargo Charter (SCC), a global framework for aligning chartering activities with responsible environmental behavior to promote international shipping's decarbonization.

#### GREECE

- Greece announced a 16.3 million investment for upgrading the installations of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR).
- Greece commits that by 2030, at least 12 Greek ports will be equipped with cold ironing.
- The Department of Marine Sciences of the University of the Aegean announced 18 million to promote, support and coordinate its educational and research activities on Ocean Literacy and Specialized Citizen Science initiatives.

#### **HEIRS TO OUR OCEAN**

Heirs To Our Ocean committed to center youth voices in ocean-climate justice discourse.

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

• The International Cooperation and Development Fund commits to invest 3.51 million in climate change-related projects.

#### **JAPAN**

- Japan announced a 5.99 million investment in oceanographic observation using research vessels and Argo floats.
- Commits 18.2 million to continue to support related observation data and technical assistance to monitor the apparent risk of natural disasters associated with climate change.
- Japan commits to contribute 1.2 billion to the 2nd replenishment of the Green Climate Fund (GCF-2), which provides support for addressing climate change, including coastal management and marine ecosystem conservation.
- Japan will contribute 30.3 million for the observation of global greenhouse gases, to improve accuracy and transparency in emission reports prepared by each country, using Greenhouse gases Observing SATellite (GOSAT) series.
- Japan commits to provide the Dominican Republic with equipment to collect, remove, transport, and dispose sargassum seaweed in the Dominican Republic.
- Japan will enhance water management capacities in Antigua and Barbuda.

#### LASKARIDIS SHIPPING CO.LTD.

• Laskaridis Shipping Co.Ltd. announced a 4 million commitment to expand the digitalization of its fleets, paving the way towards decarbonization

#### NEPTUNE LINES SHIPPING AND MANAGING ENTERPRISES

 Neptune Lines Shipping commits to energy efficiency improvements on its existing short-sea shipping fleet.

#### OCEAN ACIDIFICATION RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABILITY (OARS)

• OARS commits to providing society with observational and scientific evidence needed to sustainably identify, monitor, mitigate and adapt to ocean acidification, from local to global scales.

#### **OCEAN CENSUS**

• The Nippon Foundation-Nekton Ocean Census initiative announced a 40 million commitment to discover ocean life, with an ambitious goal of 100,000 new species within the coming decade.

#### **OCEAN CONSERVANCY**

- Ocean Conservancy commits to work with Oceans 5 and Oceano Azul to secure USD 500,000 to support the Friends of the Ocean and Climate (FOOC) Secretariat.
- Ocean Conservancy partnered with the Global Offshore Wind Alliance to increase the inclusion of responsible offshore wind in the NDCs of member countries.

#### **OCEAN NEGATIVE CARBON EMISSIONS RESEARCH CENTER**

 The Xiamen Research Center for Ocean Negative Carbon Emissions commits 10 million to launch the Global ONCE Fund.

#### OCEANKIND

Provided more than 300 million in grants over the next 4 years to catalyze work across a handful
of immediate ocean-climate priorities.

#### **ONLY ONE**

- Commits in securing a strong Plastics Treaty.
- Commits to focus on bottom trawling as a key campaign strategy to achieve 30x30 faster and more efficiently.

#### **PERU**

- Peru commits to improve and expand maritime traffic service in the port of Callao.
- Peru will support two real-time coastal transmission stations to strengthen sea level monitoring.
- Peru will monitor and validate the evolving oceanic condition of the northern coast of Peru and the "El Niño" phenomenon.

#### **PLANBLUE**

PlanBlue announced its commitment to preserve the Mediterranean, a climate change hotspot.

#### ROMANIA

Romania committed to reduce greenhouse gas emmission for a carbon neutral Romania by 2050



#### **SOLUTIONS FOR OUR CLIMATE**

- SFOC commits to continue advocating for the expansion of Green Shipping Corridor Initiative.
- SFOC commits to providing recommendations to South Korean stakeholders to accelerate the development and deployment of green fuels.

#### THE EUROPEAN UNION

- The European Union announced a 5 million investment for improving cross-sectoral and cross-regional coordination and strategic steering of African Regional Centers of Excellence (RCoEs).
- The European Union commits 17 million under Horizon Europe (Work Programme 2023-2024) to support four research projects for advancing ocean models for seasonal to decadal and local to regional climate predictions.
- Announced a 6.7 million contribution for the realization of the Ocean Colour System Vicarious Calibration Infrastructure.
- Announced a contribution of 74.99 million to strengthen marine environmental monitoring and forecasting, through its satellite-monitoring programme (Copernicus), the development of FOCCUS Research and Development projects and WEkEO service.
- The European Union announced the issuance of the annual Ocean State Report in September 2024.

#### THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

- Germany announced a contribution of 1.1 million to examine the potential role of the ocean guahog (Arctica islandica) as a natural carbon sink in the Baltic Sea.
- Germany commits to monitoring pelagic habitats to asses their ecosystem function in a changing climate.

#### THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

- Belgium financed the participation of 2 young ocean scientists to the Conference on the UN Decade for Ocean Science.
- Belgium announced its commitment to ratify the BBNJ Agreement.

#### THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

• Commits 1.2 million to create three Marine Protected Areas.

#### THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

• Norway will provide 20 million to support the IMO lead project "Green Voyage 2050", aiming to transform the shipping industry towards a lower carbon future.

#### THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

• The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands announced 517 million to support the Maritime Master Plan to accelerate the transition to sustainable shipping.

## CLIMATE CHANGE



#### THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- China committed to restore at least 20,000 hectares of coastal wetland and 400km of coastline, grow 9,050 hectares of mangroves and restore another 9,050 hectares.
- China announced its commitment to upgrade and support the implementation of ocean forecasting and observation.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

• Indonesia commits to assess the blue carbon potentiality of seagrass in 20 MPAs, initiate the Blue Carbon Network and Database, as well as formulate policies and guidelines on blue carbon.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

- Korea announced a 1.2 million investment project aiming to create an ocean forest consisting of seaweed beds tailored to Busan's marine environment.
- Korea commits to invest 2.5 million for promoting capacity-building of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on the implementation of the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

The Maldives announced a 5 million reforestation program.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

- Malta will support a "restocking program" for the conservation of sea urchins at Fort St. Lucian.
- Malta commits EUR 730,000 to undertake a pilot study for the restoration of Posidonia oceanica.
- Commits 36 million to drastically reduce the emissions caused by visiting cruise ships.

#### THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

• The UAE announced its ambition to plant 100 million mangroves by 2030 through the UAE National Carbon Sequestration project.

#### THE UNITED KINGDOM

- The United Kingdom committed 76 million to the Ocean Community Empowerment and Nature program (OCEAN) to support local in-country projects.
- A commitment of GBP 120,000 to support the Ocean Acidification Research for Sustainability (OARS) UN Ocean Decade Programme.

## CLIMATE CHANGE



#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States announced 68 million from the U.S. Navy to study climate impacts in the Arctic Ocean.
- The United States committed 92 million for ocean-climate research, including the impacts of extreme weather events on ocean and coastal ecosystems and the impacts of rising sea levels.
- The United States announced a 4 million commitment to support the design of a coastal class research vessel with a novel hybrid-hydrogen propulsion system.
- An introduction to the Industry Proving Grounds (IPG) Program to promote the development and use of actionable climate information.
- The United States announced the first-ever Climate Resilience Regional Challenge grant program.
- A 2.4 million investment to support island climate resilience and to advance the SDGs through the Local2030 Islands Network.
- The United States announced the release of the updated Climate Literacy Guide.
- A 750 million investment to enhance storm surge forecasting and preparedness in the central Caribbean
- Partnering with Social Solutions International, the United States commits to a 4.4 million investment to establish a Melanesian Youth Climate Corps, to equip young leaders with the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to advance disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts in their communities.
- The United States announced USD 400,000 for an initiative that connects young leaders in their role as ocean caretakers and advocates via the Blue Pacific Youth Initiative.
- The United States committed 6.5 million to conduct carbon monitoring science for better quantification of ocean-based carbon.
- The United States announced 19 million for conducting interdisciplinary aquatic-focused research.
- The United States committed 20 million for the validation of satellite ocean observation data for use in ocean-climate research.
- The United States announced the first-ever Ocean Justice Strategy to advance environmental justice for communities that rely on the ocean and marine resources.
- The United States allocated USD 537,200 to fund the International Atomic Energy Agency to support the Ocean Acidification Coordination Center.
- Announcement of a USD 100,000 investment to support the implementation of the IMO's Greenhouse Gas Strategy in developing and least-developed countries.
- A 1 million investment to facilitate Green Shipping Corridors in developing countries.
- A 4.5 million investment to support the Pacific Islands Forum Pacific Resilience Facility.
- A 6 million investment to expand the Information Services for Resilience Initiative and to access early warning systems by Pacific Island communities.
- The United States announced the publication of its National Ocean Acidification Action Plan.
- The United States underscored its position that sea-level rise driven by human-induced climate change should not cause any country to lose its statehood or its membership in the United Nations, its specialized agencies, or other international organizations.





## MARINE POLLUTION



#### **AEGEAN REBREATH**

• Aegean Rebreath will introduce holistic interventions and pilot projects on sustainable waste management practices to the members of the Blue Municipalities Network.

#### **AOUARIUM CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP**

• The Aquarium Conservation Partnership announced USD 250,000 to reduce single-use plastic at U.S. aquariums and zoos.

#### ATHANASIOS C. LASKARIDIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

- Commits 10 million to tackle marine pollution in Greece and the Mediterranean through its flagship program, the "Typhoon Project".
- Commits to implementing the Fishing For Litter National Program.
- Commits to the adoption of the Saronic Gulf as a national pilot area to study the Anthropocene footprint in the area.

#### **BEYOND PLASTIC MED - BEMED**

• A 6.7 million commitment to reduce plastic pollution in the Mediterranean.

#### **BLUECYCLE**

• Bluecycle commits EUR 650,000 to the sustainable management and recycling of plastic fishing and shipping gear in Greece.

#### **BOREALIS AG**

• Borealis, Systemiq and partners commit to expand Project STOP, a frontline programme to create effective circular waste management systems in high-need areas of Southeast Asia.

#### **CONSERVATION COLLECTIVE**

- Commits to prevent marine pollution in the Marine Biosphere Reserve of Menorca.
- Commits to facilitate ghost net collection through the Sicily and Lanka Environment funds.
- Commits to facilitate marine litter collection Lamu and Devon Environment Foundations.
- Commits to prevent marine pollution and facilitate collection & analysis Highlands & Islands Environment Foundation.
- Commits to facilitate the Mediterranean Clean Up Argolic Environment Foundation.

#### **CYPRUS**

• Cyprus commits to the "Adopt a Beach" Program comprising of beach clean-ups and beach marine litter monitoring surveys.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION**

• EJF will expand its work to prevent plastic pollution in the ocean linking grassroots efforts to international negotiations for a plastic pollution treaty.



## MARINE POLLUTION



#### **GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

• The Global Environment Facility commits 108 million to assist countries in transitioning to a circular economy.

#### GREECE

- Greece commits EUR 130,000 to monitoring coastal and marine waters through remote sensing to tackle marine ecological phenomena.
- Greece commits 10 million to reduce plastic litter by 50% and microplastic by 30%, compared to 2019.
- Greece announced 5.4 million to apply digital techniques and combined measurement methods to improve monitoring and inspection of marine pollution.
- Greece commits to developing a dedicated programme of measures to achieve good environmental status (GES) in the marine environment of four specific marine areas of Greece.

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

• The International Cooperation and Development Fund commits to invest USD 120,000 in marine pollution-related projects.

#### **ISRAEL**

• Israel commits through its National Monitoring programs to monitor its marine territories in the Mediterranean and Red Sea waters.

#### **JAPAN**

- Japan commits to strengthening plastic pollution management in Asia and the Pacific.
- Japan commits to accelerate a circular plastic economy to reduce plastic pollution and its impacts in Africa.
- An announcement to explore the potential of small and medium-scale plastic recycling to achieve a sustainable future in the Asian region.
- Commits to provide vessels and related equipment for marine oil spill management in Sri Lanka.

#### LASKARIDIS SHIPING CO.LTD

Commits to pursue the designation of Antarctica as an emission-controlled area.

#### MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (UNEP/MAP) - BARCELONA CONVENTION

- Commits to provide support to achieve the updated National Action Plans/Programmes of Measures in the framework of the LBS Protocol to the Barcelona Convention.
- Commits 3 million to remove 1,500 tons of Hazardous Polychlorinated biphenyl waste in the Mediterranean by 2025.

#### **OCEAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

- The Ocean Affairs Council commits to preserving coastlines in military port areas and improving marine pollution management.
- The Ocean Affairs Council commits to continue cleaning up marine debris in its surrounding waters till 2027.
- The Ocean Affairs Council will launch a new phase of the Salute to the Seas policy with a budget of 189 million to promote marine pollution monitoring and management.

#### **OCEAN CLEANUP**

- The Ocean Cleanup commits to contribute to eradicating marine pollution through its Science and Technology Programme, an endorsed UN Ocean Decade Action project.
- The Ocean Cleanup commits to contribute to a digital representation and dynamic monitoring and mapping of plastic debris in the ocean.
- Commits to cleanup 90% of floating ocean plastic pollution by 2040.

#### **PERU**

Peru will develop a National Action Plan for the integrated management of plastics by 2025.

#### **POLYGREEN**

Polygreen will implement an innovative circular model for waste management in Abu Dhabi.

#### **PROJECT PARALIES**

• Commits to support the actions of its beach protection and restoration initiative in Greece.

#### **ROMANIA**

• Romania announced a 20 million commitment to reduce marine pollution in the Black Sea.

#### SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

• The Kauai Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation commits to continue its Beach Cleanup and Net Patrol activities on the coast of the island of Kauai, removing at least 20 metric tons per year.

### WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND TRADING ASSOCIATION (WISTA INTERNATIONAL)

• WISTA International commits to creating a marine pollution educational program and raising awareness of career options for women in the field.



#### THE EUROPEAN UNION

- The European Union alongside with France contributed 98.26 million to depollute the Hann Bay in Dakar, Senegal.
- A 2 million commitment to build a marine citizen science data network.
- A 14 million commitment to further develop the European Digital Twin Ocean core public infrastructure.
- The European Union commits 3 million to co-design and visualize futures of the EU in 2030 and 2050.
- The European Union commits 50 million for community-led actions for the restoration of the ocean and waters in the Atlantic-Arctic, Baltic and North Sea, Danube River, and the Mediterranean Sea.
- A 3.8 million commitment of technical assistance to support 50 communities of ports, islands, fisheries communities, fishing vessels, and aquaculture producers to develop transition agendas for the better protection and restoration of the ocean.
- The European Union reiterates its commitment to creating both sulfur and nitrogen oxides ECAs in all European Seas.
- A 1.84 commitment for the implementation of UN Environment Assembly resolution 5/14 to end plastic pollution (2023-2026).
- The European Union with the Barcelona Convention commit 1.1 million for the Marine Litter MED PLUS project.
- The European Union with the Barcelona Convention commit to reduce pollution from land-based sources in the Mediterranean.
- A 980 million commitment to support four investments and two reforms to tackle marine pollution.

#### THE GREAT BUBBLE BARRIER

- Commit to tackle the issue of riverine plastic pollution in Vila do Conde.
- Commits to effectively collect plastic waste in the Westerdock canal.
- Commits to support the mission to tackle plastic pollution in the Katwijk region.
- Commits to prevent plastic pollution from flowing into the protected Wadden Sea.

#### THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands announced the signing of the MoU on an Ocean Coordination Mechanism for the Caribbean region.
- The Netherlands commit to monitor beach litter in line with the OSPAR protocol, in the Caribbean Netherlands.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

• Indonesia commits to continue the "Love the Ocean Month/Bulan Cinta Laut" Program to collect waste.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

• The Government of Panama, in consultation with the organization Oceana, commits to reduce the sale and import of single-use plastic and virgin plastic raw material by 50% by 2030.

## MARINE POLLUTION



#### THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Turkey will implement the Land-based Pollution Action Plan in 2025.

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States announced an additional 62.5 million for the Save Our Seas initiative to eliminate plastic leakage into the environment by 2040.
- The United States support a project in Indonesia on recycling plastic waste before they can reach the ocean by supporting the allocation of 1.2 million.
- The United States support the NUTEC Plastics initiative for the application of ionizing radiation for reducing nano- and microplastics and emerging pollutants in Brazil.
- The United States announced the opening of the Marine Environmental Response Regional Activities Center to assist partner nations prepare for and respond to marine pollution incidents.
- The United States announced plans to support and participate in five international exercises to strengthen oil spill response preparedness globally.
- A 14.5 million commitment by the United States for the launch of the End Plastic Pollution International Collaborative (EPPIC).

#### **WORLD ESG FORUM**

• Commits to formulate the first industry-specific ESG standard for maritime and ocean health.





## MARINE PROTECTED AREAS



#### ATHANASIOS C. LASKARIDIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Commits to the monitoring of MPAs in Greece in collaboration with the Global Fishing Watch.

#### **AUSTRALIA**

- Committed to the Great Barrier Reef Blueprint for Climate Resilience and Adaptation (Blueprint 2030).
- A 2.2 million commitment to develop a southern Great Barrier Reef Plan of Management, to better address threats, conflicts and identify opportunities for the future.
- Australia announced a 10.1 million investment in a new phase of the Reefcloud project which will
  improve monitoring and management of coral reefs for Pacific Island communities.

#### **BELIZE**

• Belize announced to increase the area of ocean designated as Marine Protected Areas to 30% by 2030, from the current 2024 baseline of 20.3%.

#### **CONSERVATION COLLECTIVE**

- Commits to support the Menorca and Mallorca Preservation.
- Commits to protect marine wildlife.
- Commits to MPA designation.
- Commits to seagrass & cetacean monitoring.
- Commits to the work of the Highlands & Islands Environment Foundation.
- Commits to the fan mussel recruitment.

#### **CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND (CEPF)**

• Contributes to the Funders' Pledge by 1 million to protect the Mediterranean Sea.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION**

• Commits to advocating to stop deep sea mining.

#### **GHANA**

• Ghana announced the establishment of its first MPA.

#### **GREECE**

- Greece commits to establish monitoring and early warning systems on ships for the early identification of large marine mammals.
- Rehabilitation of 30% of specific marine habitat types by 2030 by increasing their size and level of protection of MPAs.
- Commits to identify marine habitats, migration routes and foraging areas of sea turtles.
- A 9.1 million commitment to map the marine habitat types of its MPAs.
- Greece will establish a national monitoring and surveillance system for its MPAs.

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#### **HIGH SEAS ALLIANCE**

The High Seas Alliance announced a 1 million commitment to ratify the High Seas Treaty.

#### INNOCEANA

• Commits to continue efforts to advocate for and protect marine areas of importance such as the "Demarcación Marina de Canarias" and the "Biological Marine Corridor of Osa".

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

• The International Cooperation and Development Fund commits to invest 0.13 million in marine protected areas-related projects.

#### INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

• IUCN commits to support the Great Blue Wall Initiative.

#### **MALTA**

- Malta will implement an awareness-raising campaign on MPAs as well as establish a Scientific Committee for the management of its waters.
- Malta will continue to support eco-labels that encourage sustainable coastal zone management.

#### MARINE CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

• Marine Conservation Institute commits USD 600,000 to accelerate effective MPA coverage with Blue Parks and the Marine Protection Atlas.

#### **MEDASSET**

• Announced the designation of a new marine Natura 2000 site in Greece by 2029.

#### MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (UNEP/MAP) - BARCELONA CONVENTION

• Commits to contribute EUR 216,000 to achieve a target of 15% protection through MCPAs and 2% of the Mediterranean covered with no-take-zones within MCPAs/OECMs.

#### **MEXICO**

- Mexico announced the publication of the roadmap to implement other effective area-based conservation measures (OMEC) in coastal marine areas.
- Mexico declared new MPAs, the Bajos del Norte National Park and the Isabel Island National Park.

#### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AGENCY (GREECE)

- Greece's NECCA commits to 2 million to actions such as the identification, delineation and proposal for designation of new offshore Natura 2000 sites in the Greek territorial waters.
- Commits to collaborate with MedFund for the "Highly Protected Mediterranean Initiative" project
- Commits to actions for monitoring and preserving the Critically Endangered species, Pinna nobilis
- Commits to assess the coastal vulnerability to flooding.
- NECCA will record invertebrate biodiversity organisms and human presence on the rocky islets of the Aegean.
- Commits to conserve and restore Posidonia meadows, rocky reefs and sea caves.
- NECCA will record the bycatch of Puffinus and implement conservation actions for key seabird species.
- Commits to establish marine biodiversity monitoring centers and create a system for monitoring stranding of marine species.
- Commits to more than 6 million to use remote sensing systems, AI and electric sea vessels for the monitoring and surveillance of national MPAs.

#### **OCEAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

• The Ocean Affairs Council will create a center for the promotion of ocean literacy and the development of sustainable island tourism.

#### **OCEANO AZUL FOUNDATION**

• Commits 3.5 million to the Marine Protected Areas of Community Initiative.

#### **ONLY ONE**

• Commits 1 milion to advocate for the protection of the ecosystems and biodiversity of the Pacific Remote Islands.

#### **OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**

• The MPA project at Oregon State University commits to track progress in OOC commitments in the MPA and other ABM themes for the 2024 and 2025 OCCs.

#### PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO FOUNDATION

Commits 60.8 million to protect the Mediterranean Sea and support achieving the 30X30 target.

#### **PROTECTEDSEAS**

• ProtectedSeas Navigator pledges to enhance global ocean conservation efforts through a tool designed to streamline access to regulatory data concerning MPAs, MMAs, and OECMs.

#### **ROMANIA**

Romania committed to increase its MPAs by 30% by 2030.





#### **SKYTOFIA NIUE**

Commits to keep supporting the Niue Ocean Wide Project.

#### **SKYTRUTH**

• SkyTruth commits to launching the marine prototype of its 30x30 Progress Tracker, a platform to help stakeholders participate in tracking, planning, and advocating for progress toward the Global Biodiversity Framework's 30x30 target.

#### THALASSA FOUNDATION

 Thalassa Foundation committed 1 million to continue its support to the National Marine Park of Alonissos Northern Sporades, through targeted actions for both the preservation of the marine environment and the well-being of the local population

#### THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF AZORES (PORTUGAL)

• Commits 12 million for the designation of a new MPA network.

#### THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

• The Dominican Republic officially declared the "Jorge Olando Mera Marine Sanctuary"—a marine protected area that will double the country's MPA coverage.

#### THE EUROPEAN UNION

- The European Union commits 11.5 million to further develop the European Blue Parks.
- The European Union commits 4 million to contribute to the preservation of marine ecosystems and the sustainable management of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands' natural resources.
- The European Union announced 6.5 million to contribute to climate-resilient socioeconomic development in the Maldives.
- The European Union commits 3.06 million to support climate change adaptation and coastal protection.
- The European Union announced an 11 million program to strengthen ocean governance in the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME).
- The European Union commits 2.02 million for the project Supporting the Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in implementing the ecosystem approach to achieve Good Environmental Status (EcAp MED PLUS), from 2024 until 2027.
- An announcement of a further investment of 14 million to ensure open access to harmonize marine data and observation through the European Marine Observation and Data network.
- The European Union commits 1.36 million to support the work of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea related to the promotion of a better understanding of the BBNJ Agreement.

### MARINE PROTECTED AREAS



#### THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

- Germany will continue supporting the "Save Our Mangoves Now" project.
- Germany is investing 10 milion to the Blue Action Fund for marine conservation and improvement of livelihoods of coastal communities in developing countries.
- Germany allocated 452.5 million to support the implementation of marine nature conservation measures.
- Through the International Climate Initiative, Germany will fund 4 million to the transboundary conservation and sustainable management of coastal and marine biodiversity.
- Germany is providing 16 milion to support the implementation of the BBNJ Treaty for marine protection.
- Germany is committed to the regional approach to protect migratory marine megafauna in the Southeast Pacific Region (SEPR).

#### THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

 Belgium committed to three Fully Protected Marine Reserves which will cover approximately 221,3 km².

#### THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

 Norway provided 1.9 million to support the Blue Action Fund to protect vulnerable coastal and marine areas and their communities.

#### THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

- Spain will continue the financing for the evaluation of the environmental state of the marine environment with an additional commitment of 5.8 million by 2024.
- Spain will fund by 20 million, projects for the conservation of marine biodiversity, environmental sustainability of the fishing sector and adaption to climate change in MPAs.

#### **THE MALDIVES**

- Commit to establishing at least one nature park in every atoll.
- Commits to designate three new UNESCO Biosphere Reserves.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

- Croatia commits 12 million to map 100% of the habitats of the Adriatic Sea for its effective management until 2030.
- Croatia commits to protect 30% of the Adriatic Sea within its national jurisdiction.
- Croatia announced a new initiative for preserving seagrass meadows in the Adriatic Sea.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

- Indonesia is committed to increase the management effectiveness of its existing MPA network.
- An announcement of new MPAs covering 200,000 hectares
- Indonesia will provide 2 million for sustainable financing instruments for its MPAs.

# MARINE PROTECTED AREAS



#### THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- Ireland commits to measure and monitor the impacts on marine biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Ireland commits 1.75 million to the Blue Action Fund.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

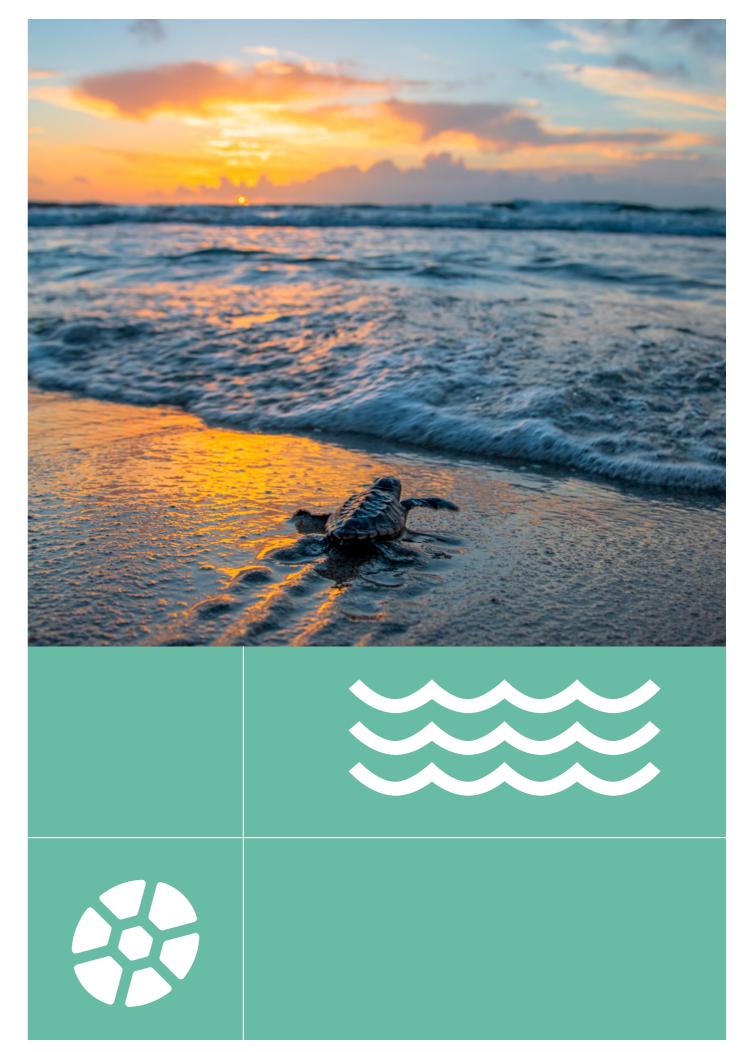
- A 57.4 million commitment to reach the 30X30 Target under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- The Philippines will support the Great Blue Initiative.

#### THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

• The UAE will continue their commitment to preserving marine biodiversity through their MPAs.

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States announced a 2.3 million commitment to enhance protection, rehabilitation, and conservation of critical marine and coastal ecosystems in Madagascar.
- A 5.8 million announcement to improve the management of marine biodiversity and MPAs in the Caribbean.
- A 13.4 million announcement towards protecting important coastal reef habitat and strengthening community fisheries in Tanzania.
- The United States Smithsonian Institute announced over 18.4 million to expand scientific collaborations in support of the conservation of marine biodiversity.





### MARITIME SECURITY



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#### **AUSTRALIA**

• Australia commits 6.5 million to the ongoing support for the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness in the Pacific.

#### **CANADA**

- Canada committed more than 15.5 million to the Dark Vessel Detection program, WildAid, and the Joint Analytical Cell initiative for combating IUU fishing.
- Canada will support the North Pacific Fisheries Commission in implementing and translating the transshipment record application.
- Canada will support the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission to assist members in monitoring and enforcing measures.

#### **EUROPEAN UNION**

• The European Union announced a 45 million programme to enhance maritime security and safety in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Guinea regions in Africa (2025-2030).

#### **ISRAEL**

• Israel approved the listing of three additional Mediterranean elasmobranchs (sharks and rays) in the Appendices of the Convention on the Migratory Species (CMS).

#### **JAPAN**

- Japan commits to fostering mutual understanding and promoting communication among coast guard agencies in the Indo-Pacific Region through the "Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program".
- Japan commits to strengthening maritime law enforcement capacity through cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- Japan commits more than 73 million to support maritime safety and security in Indonesia, the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Ecuador.

#### **OCEANCARE**

• OceanCare commits 3 million to the "SAvE Whales system": a complementary tool to avoid ship strikes in the Kythera strait.

#### **PERU**

- Peru will install a comprehensive electronic surveillance system in Puerto Pizarroor.
- Peru commits 67.7 million to improve and expand maritime traffic service in the port of Callao.

#### **STOP ILLEGAL FISHING**

• Announcement of 2 million to contribute to the sustainability of regional cooperation to stop illegal fishing in Southern Africa.

### MARITIME SECURITY



#### THE FEDERAL STATES OF MICRONESIA

• Micronesia commits to preserving its Maritime Boundaries with a view of making them legally permanent in the face of sea-level rise.

#### THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

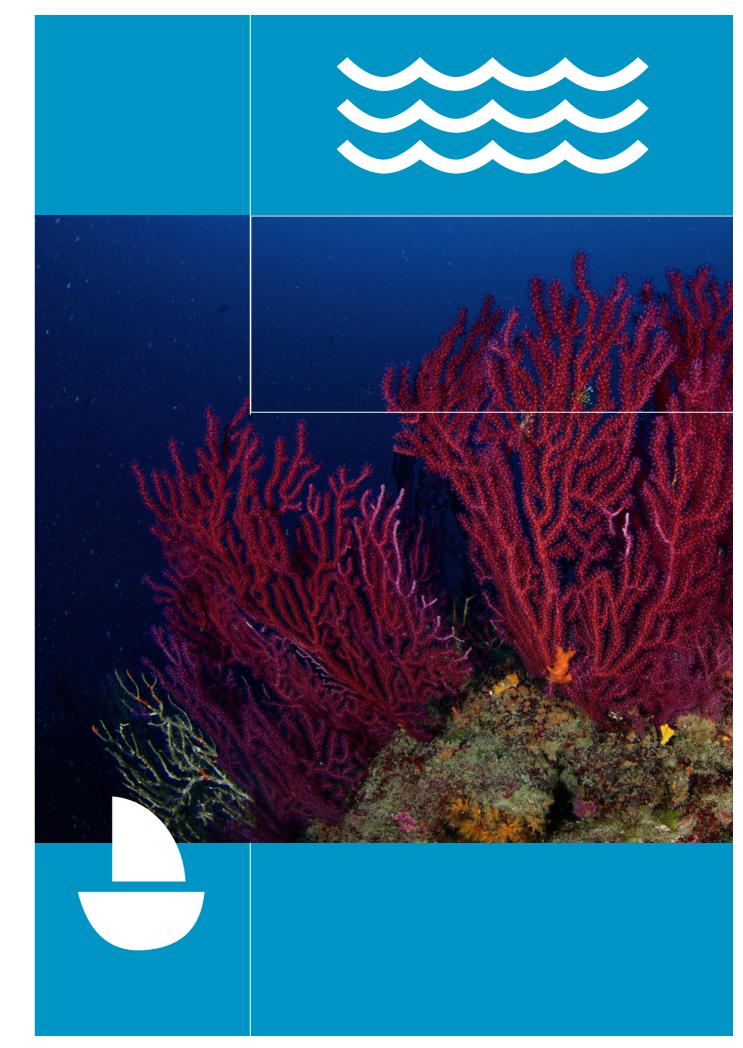
• Belgium commits to fostering green shipping and support alternative fuels and green corridors.

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States announced USD 500,000 to support the Coastal Surveillance System in Palau.
- The United States Department of Defense announced the launch of the DORIC Program and associated 10 million in support to allied and partner nation defense-related environmental and operational energy issues as well as the launch of an internal Department of Defence working group to coordinate counter-IUU fishing activities.
- The United States Coast Guard announced the execution of 80 mobile training team missions valued at 3.8 million in support of maritime security capacity building for 1,300 international personnel in 24 countries.
- The signing of two new bilateral maritime law enforcement agreements with Cote d'Ivoire and Ecuador.
- The United States Coast Guard announced CGC Harriet Lane as the newest Indo-Pacific Support Cutter.
- The United States announced the opening of the IUU Fishing Center of Excellence in Hawaii to support international engagement on combating IUU fishing in the Indo-Pacific.
- The United States announced USD 60,000 to support Pacific Island countries participation at the Centre for the International Law-Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security Workshop on resolving complex maritime boundary delimitation.
- The United States announced over 11.4 million for efforts to bring cutting-edge maritime domain awareness technology to the Pacific Islands, and to facilitate coordination between relevant agencies on maritime law enforcement and information analysis in the Pacific Islands.

#### **WILDAID**

- WildAid commits 2 million by 2026 to strengthen marine enforcement capacity and coordination with existing and new partners, including traditional users and local communities in the Western Indian Ocean and the Caribbean.
- WildAid commits 8 million by 2025 to apply effective enforcement solutions to deter illegal fishing and strengthen protection of critical wildlife and habitats to achieve successful implementation of the 30x30 target.





### SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY



#### **AUSTRALIA**

- Australia is financing 21.4 million in co-financing with the Asian Development Bank to construct two new critical boat harbors in Tuvalu.
- A 14.5 million commitment to develop the offshore renewable energy industry in Australia.
- Australia will increase and extend its investment in the Integrated Marine Observing System.

#### **BELIZE**

- Belize announced the completion of a legally enforceable marine spatial plan (Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan) by 2026.
- Belize announced to revise Coastal Zone Management Act and Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan by 2025.
- Belize commits to collaborate with stakeholders to develop and implement comprehensive Blue Economy governance and institutional frameworks by 2025.

#### **CONSERVATION COLLECTIVE**

• Commits GBP 20,000 to seagrass & mangrove restoration in Sri Lanka.

#### **H20CEANOS**

 Commits USD 40,000 to sustainable community-based, participatory and sustainable tourism in Peru.

#### **DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA (CAF)**

• CAF committed 15 million to green funds for blue economy and ocean conservation related projects.

#### **EUROPE JACQUES DELORS**

• A commitment to a European Ocean Pact that advocates a holistic approach that integrates economic prosperity and competitiveness, environmental regeneration and social equity.

#### **EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION (EPLO)**

• The Institute for Sustainable Development at EPLO commits EUR 100,000 to continue the socioeconomic impact study of the ecosystem values of MPAs.

#### **FOUR CORNER FOODS LLC**

Commits to promote sustainably produced seaweed food products.

#### **FUGRO**

• Fugro commits to developing novel uncrewed environmental monitoring equipment to advance net-positive biodiversity for offshore wind.

#### **N&K GOLIOPOULOS SA**

• Commit 5.7 million to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the municipality of Livadia.

## SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY



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#### **GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

- The Global Environment Facility announced 120 million to facilitate nature-positive development and reduce ecosystem degradation in Small Island Developing States.
- Commits 100 million to curb coastal zone pollution from agriculture, industrial and municipal sources, and reduce ocean hypoxia globally.

#### **GREECE**

- Greece commits 23.9 million to promote the country's diving and underwater tourism.
- An announcement to establish a European Reference Centre for the welfare of aquatic animals.
- Greece commits 86.9 million to the coastal passenger shipping fleet renewal and commissioning of low-emission ships on public service obligation coastal connections.
- Greece commits to a fleet replacement plan to reduce the environmental footprint of passenger shipping.
- Greece will actively pursue the ratification of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).
- The Agricultural University of Athens commits to empowering women and youth in aquaculture through the NOWA Network and the European Aquaculture Society Student Group (EAS-SG).
- The South Aegean Region committed 2.1 million budget to the Just Go Zero Tilos and 11.3 million for the development of a household composting network for organic waste.

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

• The International Cooperation and Development Fund commits to invest \$1.10 million in sustainable blue economies-related projects.

#### **IRELAND**

- Ireland commits to support research and innovation costs for the development of innovative technologies, products and services from existing or new marine-base businesses.
- Ireland will commit 5 million by 2025 to INFOMAR to progress its extensive seabed mapping program.

#### **JAPAN**

- Japan will assist in the formation of LNG bunkering bases.
- Japan dedicated 8.8 million to provide a fisheries and marine research vessel that will engage in monitoring the impacts of climate change on Jamaica's marine ecosystems.

#### KATHAK ACADEMY, SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS (ECOSOC)

• A 10 million commitment to empower youth and sustainable development to prevent plastic pollution.

#### **MALTA**

- Malta commits 1 million to the embellishment, reconstruction and creation of sites in Gozo.
- Malta commits EUR 63,000 to incentivize young fishers.
- Malta is committed to continue installing water and electricity service pillars in fishing ports.
- Malta commits to investing fisheries and aquaculture research by enhancing the administrative and regulatory capacity of the Aquaculture Directorate.
- Through the Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) the country commits to invest EUR 550,000 in scientific research in the marine sector.

#### MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (UNEP/MAP) - BARCELONA CONVENTION

- Commits EUR 805,000 to strengthen the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol to the Barcelona Convention.
- By 2026, through the implementation of ecosystem-based management strategies, UNEP/MAP commits 2.1 million for a healthier and more productive Mediterranean.

#### **NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM**

• Commits USD 500,000 to a system's change towards a sustainable equitable blue economy.

#### **OCEAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

• The Ocean Affairs Council launched a five-year program to set up a freak wave warning system around the island with a budget of USD 850,000.

#### OCEAN POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION

- Commits 9.72 million to forge the conservation and sustainable management of the ocean and marine and coastal resources to enhance the livelihood for all.
- Commits 6.65 million to support multiple education programs.

#### **OCEANHUB AFRICA**

 OceanHub Africa commits to support 200 ocean-impacted SMEs and start-ups in African coastal communities by 2030

#### **OPES OCEANI FOUNDATION, INC**

• Commits USD 100,000 over the next five years to research and develop synergies between marine conservation and artisanal fisheries in Panama.

#### **PASEPPE**

Commits to integrated actions for a circular economy and zero waste in the municipality of Sparta

#### **PLANBLUE**

• PlanBlue commits to accelerate knowledge on the health of marine habitats through innovation and collaboration.



### THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

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- Norway provides 275.5 million for the development of the Norwegian Ocean Technology Centre in 2023-2024.
- Norway will support with 6.2 million the Ocean Reporting Network.
- Norway contributed 1.1 million to the IOC-UNESCO and the Ocean Decade.
- Norway provided 5.7 million to support the polar research program "The Nansen Legacy".
- Norway provided 7.6 million to end Illegal Fishing in West Africa through support to the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea and UNODC.
- Norway commits to work towards a swift ratification of the BBNJ Agreement.
- Norway commits towards the adoption of environmentally robust International Seabed Authority regulations for exploitation of deep-sea minerals.
- Norway announced to support the World Bank Problue Fund with 4.5 million.

#### THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands will develop and implement species protection plans for vulnerable marine
- Together with the UK, the Netherlands committed to work on a joint funding call for feasibility studies on establishing Green Shipping Corridors between the two countries.
- Netherlands contributed 1.4 million to the JPI Oceans joint research action "Ecological Aspects of Deep-Sea Mining"

### **THE MALDIVES**

- The Maldives Marine Research Institute announced its partnership with Australia to develop a system for larval-based coral reef restoration to achieve large-scale restoration
- The Maldives unveiled the country's Ecotourism Framework and Roadmap to shift towards more responsible forms of tourism.

#### THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

 China is committed to continuously implementing the marine economic development plan, promoting the accelerated transformation and upgrading of the marine industry towards green and low-carbon development.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

• Indonesia will complete the development of 5 integrated Marine Spatial Plans in 2024, as an essential reference and approach for developing its marine and coastal areas.

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Announcement of the designation of 30 marine tourism villages in the country by 2024.

#### **PLYMOUTH MARINE LABORATORY**

#### **SUN&BLUE CONGRESS**

 Announced the commitment to hold five congresses on Blue Tourism with an investment of 3 million.

#### **ROMANIA**

 Romania committed to support the joint efforts for blue economy to protect biodiversity and a sustainable development of the Black Sea region and Ocean

#### THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

• Timor-Leste is committed to promoting a sustainable economy closely linked to the ocean and its marine resources through the country's Blue Economy Policy and Action Plan.

#### THE EUROPEAN UNION

- The European Union commits 8 million to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership's first cofunded call "The way forward: a thriving sustainable blue economy for a brighter future".
- The European Union commits 75 million to support the development of a sustainable blue economy in Angola, Mozambique and Mauritania.
- The European Union announced a 59 million program to strengthen ocean governance in West Africa ("West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme - WASOP") (2024-2030).
- Under the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (Work Programme 2024- 2025), the European Union announced a commitment of 2 million to mitigate the threat to human health and safety, the environment and to the development of a sustainable blue economy posed by the presence of submerged munitions in the Baltic Sea and 7.5 million for the Blue Mediterranean Partnership to support the sustainable development of a blue economy in the Mediterranean region.
- The European Union commits 130 million to support two investments by Italy and Portugal to support their sustainable blue economy.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

A commitment of EUR 100,000 to empower the next generation of maritime professionals.

#### THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

 Belgium commits 10 million through a European public tender to finance the setting up of a pilot project of a floating solar panel park in the Belgian part of the North Sea.

Our Ocean 2024 | Commitments



 Plymouth Marine Laboratory commits an investment of GBP 660,000 in marine research and capacity-building toward a healthy and sustainable ocean

### SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY



#### THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

• The Philippines will establish seven new marine research stations and enhance two existing stations to comprehensively represent all six marine biogeographic regions in the Philippines.

#### THE UNITED KINGDOM

• The UK Government committed a further 12.5 million to PROBLUE, a World Bank Multi Donor Trust Fund that supports the development of integrated, sustainable and healthy marine and coastal resources.

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States announced the Ocean-Based Climate Resilience Accelerators Program to develop business accelerators aligned with marine-based climate resilience theme areas.
- The United States announced 1.9 million to support the conservation of ecosystems in the Caribbean region through sustainable financing.
- The United States announced 2 million in additional funding for the Conserving Coastal Ecosystems activity in Honduras to improve coastal ecosystem management.
- The United States announced an additional 1.7 million for USAID's Central America Regional Coastal Biodiversity Project to conserve biodiversity in targeted coastal-marine areas and associated upland ecosystems.
- The United States announced an additional USD 817,540 for the Women Shellfishers and Food Security project which supports women shellfishers and mangrove conservation in The Gambia and Ghana.
- An announcement of a 1 million commitment to protect illegally traded wildlife, including sea life, by reducing illegal collection and poaching activities in the Caribbean region linked to international trade demands for food, jewelry, souvenirs, pets, and medicines.
- The United States dedicated 8.5 million to the Partnership for Atlantic Cooperation to collaborate with the Atlantic community on Atlantic Ocean observation, marine spatial planning, scientific capacity building, and sustainable blue economy development.

#### **TOFIA NIUE**

• Tofia Niue announced the 100% sustainably managed area of Niue's.

#### **WIMA**

• Commits to support green shipping through the "Electric Dream" project.

#### YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS PROGRAM TRUST

• Commits to enforce ocean literacy in academia.

#### **YOUNG EXECUTIVES & SHIPPING FORUM**

• Commits to raise awareness regarding shipping and blue economy in the young generations.

#### **B&D SOLUTIONS**

• Announced its intentions to promote ESG solutions in the Global South.









### SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES



#### **ABALOBI**

- Commits 2 million to develop a replicable and fisher-led model that directly addresses data need, IUU and unlocks community social entrepreneurship.
- An announcement to support with 1 million the development of a common monitor platform used by fishers, NGOs and governments in the Western Indian Ocean region.
- Commits 2 million to develop an accessible and relevant small-scale fisher-owned data platform.
- ABALOBI announced 5 million to support a platform on fully traceable seafood harvested by small-scale fishers using low-impact fishing methods.
- Abalodi commits USD 500,000 to support a global community of practice sharing insights and learnings related to tech in small-scale fisheries and equitable value chains.

#### **BELIZE**

• Belize commits to implement a quota system for commercially important fish species (lobster, conch and finfish) by 2030, based on scientifically determined sustainable catch levels.

#### **CHILE**

• Chile commits to raising levels of fisheries transparency through the implementation of the the International Fisheries Transparency Standard (FiTI).

#### **CONSERVATION COLLECTIVE**

- Commits GBP 75,000 to tackle illegal fisheries in Menorca and Mallorca.
- Commits to support the project Digifish for the preservation of St. Vincent, the Grenadines and the Barbados.
- The Conservation Collective announced GBP 95,000 to the sustainable management of fisheries Lamu, Cyprus and the Argolic Gulf.

#### DAVID AND LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION

• The David and Lucile Packard Foundation announced 480 million over the next five years to advance ocean science and the protection of our ocean to improve its long-term health for people, nature, and climate.

#### **DEEP SEA CONSERVATION COALITION**

• The Deep Sea Conservation Coalition commits to continue its work with all stakeholders and, in particular, States to ensure that all are supporting and implementing a moratorium or precautionary pause on destructive deep-sea mining before it begins.

#### **EACHMILE TECHNOLOGIES**

• An announcement of USD 200,00 to support the Pacific Islands Ocean Cluster (PIOC)

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION**

- A 1 million announcement to support the efforts of 15 countries to adopt the principles of The Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency.
- Commits to develop and implement the Global Toolkit for Participatory Fisheries Governance addressing the challenges faced by coastal, small-scale fisheries.

## SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES



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#### **H20CEANOS**

• Commits to promote and preserve traditional knowledge for ocean sustainability.

#### **GREECE**

- Greece commits to the permanent withdrawal of fishing licenses of boat seines (SB).
- Greece commits to support with 76 million the sustainable blue economy in coastal island and internal regions and promoting the sustainability of the fisheries and aquaculture communities.
- An announcement to ban bottom trawling in all Marine Protected Areas in Greece by 2030, starting from Marine National Parks by 2026.

#### INDONESIA OCEAN JUSTICE INITIATIVE

• Indonesia Ocean Justice Initiative announced its commitment to train 1.000 Indonesian small scale and migrant fishers about their rights and how to defend them.

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

• The International Cooperation and Development Fund commits to invest \$2.11 million in sustainable fisheries-related projects.

#### **IRELAND**

• Ireland announced EUR 640,000 to ensure that anglerfish and megrim fish stocks are managed sustainably and that the maximum sustainable yield can be obtained by the Irish fishing industry.

#### **JAPAN**

• Japan commits to support the Japan Capacity-Building Assistance Project (JCAP) working towards the sustainable use of the fish stocks.

#### **MALTA**

• Malta supports the Aquatic Resources Malta (ARM) for researching the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

#### **OAK FOUNDATION**

• The Oak Foundation announced 55 million to support efforts to ensure the food sovereignty of coastal communities and the livelihoods of sustainable small-scale fishers.

#### **PERU**

- Peru commits to share the scope and actions in ghost fishing investigations to mitigate abandoned lost and discarded fishing gear.
- Peru commits to develop a technical standard of good practice for the sustainable farming of aquaculture species in the country.
- Peru commits USD 400,000 to strengthen the communication systems of the Peruvian Coast Guard.
- Peru commits to contribute to the collection and availability of oceanographic information during the fishing seasons.

#### RARE.ORG

 Rare announced 5 million to expand the Coastal 500 network to at least 500 mayors by 2025 by prioritizing local action for sustainable coastal communities.

#### **ROMANIA**

• Romania commits to improve the ecological status of commercial and non commercial fish population of the Black Sea through the implementation of the Programme of Measures developed under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Roadmap.

#### THE EUROPEAN UNION

- Under the EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters, the European Union commits 4 million through the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2024 to reduce the environmental impacts of fisheries on marine species and habitats.
- The European Union commits 20 million to support the global development of resilient and sustainable aquatic food product value chains to increase the availability and accessibility of nutritious and safe aquatic foods to vulnerable populations (2025-2030).
- The European Union commits 1.6 million to support the 6th Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) Global Capacity Development Programme Support Project to fight IUU fishing.
- The European Union will finance actions to support Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs), Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs) and relevant International Agreements in the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Antarctic Oceans and the Mediterranean and Black Seas, through voluntary contributions under the European Maritime, Fisheries, and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) amounting to 23.5 million during the period 2024-2025.
- The European Union commits EUR 1.9 billion under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), to be used in the Member States' Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRP), to support fourteen investments and one reform, committed by Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Portugal and Spain (2020-2026) in sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

#### THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

- Germany commits 4.3 million to support sustainable marine fisheries in Africa and Latin America through transparency and stakeholder participation.
- Germany commits 18.3 million to support sustainable aquatic foods in the Southern Africa region.

#### THE FEDERAL STATES OF MICRONESIA

• Micronesia commits to optimize ocean uses, protect 30% of the FSM's waters, strengthen fisheries management, and support the development of marine industries.

#### THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

 Norway is supporting the EAF-Nansen programme in a new phase for 2024-2028 with 94 million, to implement the ecosystem approach to fisheries management.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

- Korea commits to invest 8.9 million for operating the world's first-ever system for fishing gear deposits.
- Korea will provide a total of 8.2 million to strengthen developing countries' capacity to combat IUU fishing.

## SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES



#### THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

- The Maldives announced 2 million to implement Conservation and Management Measures essential for safeguarding the Indian Ocean Tuna stocks.
- The Maldives announced 24.6 million to improve energy efficiency across the fisheries value chain by adopting renewable energy solutions.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines announced 58.7 million to support the Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) project that aims to improve the management of fishery resources and enhance the value of fisheries production in selected FMAs.

#### THE UNITED KINGDOM

• The UK commits 2.5 million to support the Joint Analytical Cell, an initiative that aims to provide authorities with fisheries intelligence analysis and capacity building to combat IUU fishing.

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States announced 20 Million from the U.S. Navy for research on the protection of marine mammals.
- An announcement of the use of the Inflation Reduction Act funding to apply new technologies and improve data to conserve and recover the endangered North Atlantic right whale.
- The United States announced 1.2 million to improve the management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The United States announced USD 353,000 to uncover and combat illegal fishing in seafood supply chains through the Countering Nature Crime activity.
- The United States committed 1.8 million to strengthen the adoption and implementation of sustainable fisheries policies, promote adoption of sustainable fishing and aquaculture practices, and increase the technical capacity of fisheries agencies in Southeast Asia.
- The United States announced 3.3 million to combat the severe population declines of sharks and rays due to overexploitation in the Ecuadorian Exclusive Economic Zones, including the Galapagos Islands.
- The United States provided a total of USD 667,500 to advance marine science and sustainable living marine resource management in international fisheries and marine science organizations.
- The United States announced 5 million to co-fund a fisheries and ocean science vessel to be managed by the SPC.
- The United States announced 26 million in 2023 funding for the Pacific Island parties to the South Pacific Tuna Treaty to support fisheries management, development and sustainability.
- The United States announced 60 million for the Economic Assistance Agreement (EAA) associated with the South Pacific Tuna Treaty for 2024 to promote economic development and fisheries management in the Pacific Islands.

#### **UPWELL TURTLES**

Commits 1 million to Pacific leatherback sea turtle conservation over 2024-2025.







