



Community of Ocean Action for Mangroves

Towards SDG 14

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Run of Show

- Welcome (10 minutes)
- Introduction to the Community of Ocean Action (5 minutes)
- Community Updates (15 minutes)
- Results from Survey & Discussion (15 minutes)
 - Gaps & challenges
 - How can the community assist with implementation of VCs?
- Q&A (10 minutes)
- Final Remarks (5 minutes)

Who's joining today from the COA



Welcome from IUCN Asia

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GLOBAL MANGROVE ALLIANCE

TAKING ACTION TO INCREASE MANGROVE HABITAT 20 PERCENT BY 2030



Global Mangrove Alliance

Connecting initiatives, increasing collaboration, and influencing policy on a global scale



ABOUT

MANGROVES

INITIATIVES

ABOUT

MANGROVES

INITIATIVES

NEWS

RESOURCES

DA

MANGROVE KNOWLEDGE HUB

Explore the latest in science, restoration and conservation.

DISCOVER MANGROVES



LIVELIHOODS



RESEARCH



POLICY



Mangroves for the Future
INVESTING IN COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS
www.mangrovesforthefuture.org





Introduction to the Community of Ocean Action for Mangroves





THE
**OCEAN
CONFERENCE**
UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 5-9 JUNE 2017



1400 commitments
made

9



**COMMUNITIES OF
OCEAN ACTION**

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14

MANGROVES

Protecting Mangroves against human activities including negative effects of coastal development, aquaculture, pollution

*Community of
Ocean Action*

#SaveOurOcean
oceanconference.un.org



83
Commitments



79
Members

**GET
INVOLVED**



Focal points

MANGROVES



Ms. Inger Andersen

Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

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Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego

Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

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Commitments platform to drive Ocean Action for SDG 14

SYMPOSIUM REPORT: SDG14 Pacific commitments 2018 Action Agenda 19 December 2017, Fiji

Summary & pictures from event on Building Community of Ocean Action on Marine pollution, 6 December 2017, UNEA

In-depth analysis of Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments to support and monitor their implementation





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ACCOUNT ▾



COMMITMENTS
85

MEMBERS
81

UPDATES
14

JOIN COMMUNITY

REGISTER COMMITMENT

SHARE UPDATE

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- HOW CAN I JOIN
- HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE



Role of Focal Points

To follow-up on the implementation of these voluntary commitments;

To catalyse and generate new voluntary commitments; and

To facilitate collaboration and networking amongst different actors in support of SDG 14

Focal point reporting to UN-DESA

1. What is the overall progress made with the implementation of the Voluntary Commitments in your Community of Ocean Action since the conclusion of the Ocean Conference?
2. What are the current gaps and challenges in your Community of Ocean Action that need to be addressed, including through new voluntary commitments and/or by engaging additional actors?
3. Please provide any illustrative examples of inspiring and impactful Voluntary Commitments in your Community of Ocean Action.
4. Please provide any other comments, including lessons learned within your Community of Ocean Action.

Role of Community Members

Keep your voluntary commitments updated with your progress at oceanconference.un.org/coa

Tell your networks and spread the word to generate new voluntary commitments

Keep in touch!



Updates from the Community



Support to the Government on Marine and Coastal Resource Management and Sustainable Livelihoods in Northern Sri Lanka

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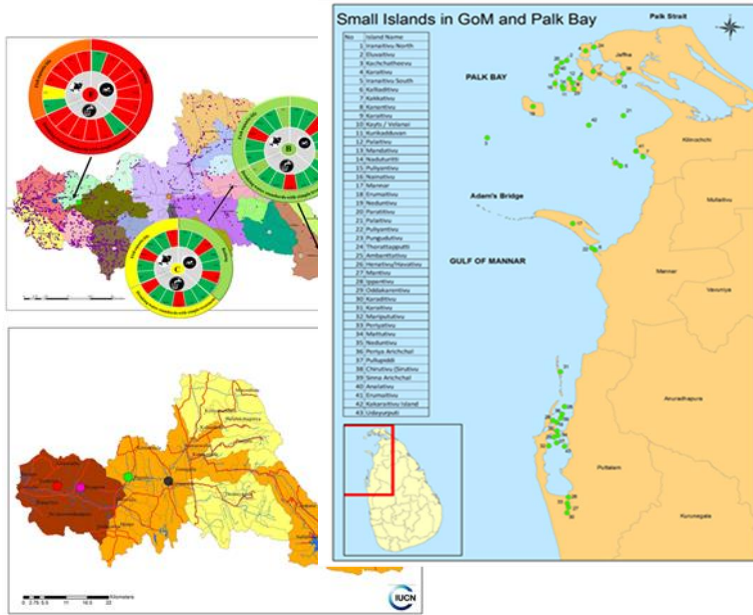


Support to the Government on Marine and Coastal Resource Management and Sustainable Livelihoods in Northern Sri Lanka – support to governance



- 2030 Strategy for Marine Pollution Control – 2018
- Identifying areas to resurrect Mangroves and method development to compute carbon potential
- Engaging communities using Dugong Conservation as the entry point including destructive fishing practices
- ICM training in 2 universities planned

Support to the Government on Marine and Coastal Resource Management and Sustainable Livelihoods in Northern Sri Lanka – landscape approaches



- Setting the stage for better Coastal and marine environment in Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay
 - Characterization of marine resources in Gulf of Mannar and Palk bay
 - Characterization of over 24 islands for better management
- Ridge to Reef multi-stakeholder approach using Kelani River Basin that brings industrial chemicals, urban pollution and other contaminants to marine environment
- Helping Govt. on Extended Producer Responsibility approach for plastics

Tun Mustapha Park - win-win for conservation and people

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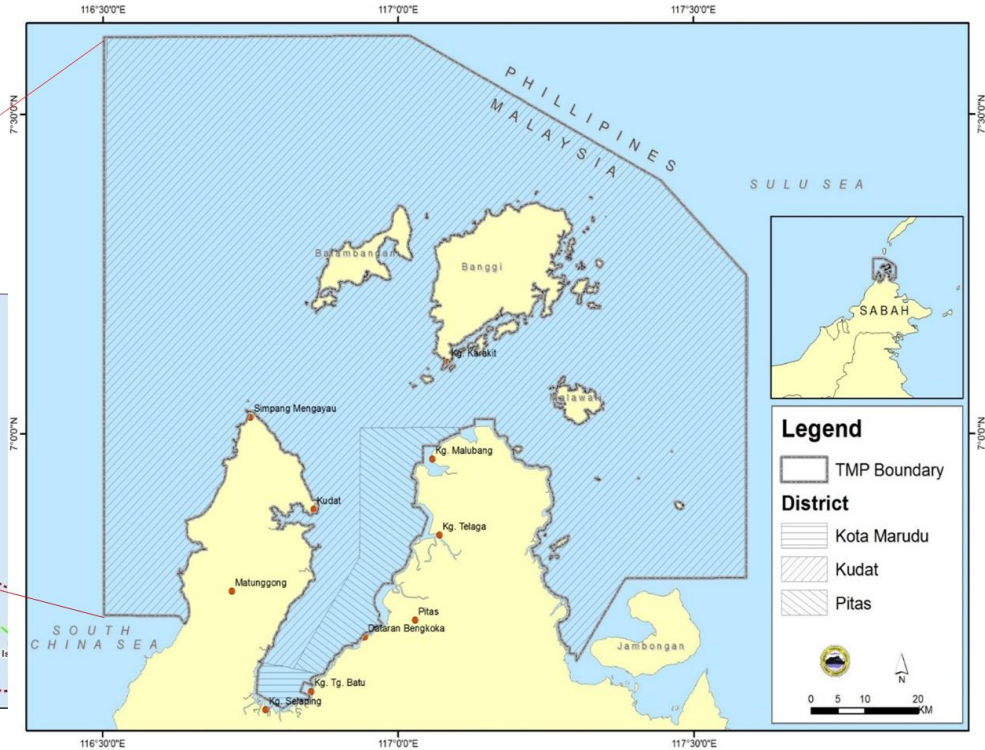
Background

Gazetted in May 2016

898,762.76 ha.

IUCN Category VI Protected Area

Collaborative Management
Mechanism



Tun Mustapha Park - win-win for conservation and people

Management:

Sabah Parks/WWF-Malaysia 8-years MOU signed in September 2017;

Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MEAT) training completed in September 2017;

TMP Integrated management plan finalised in February 2018;

Multi-stakeholder governance structure formed in February 2018;

TMP Business Plan developed in June 2018;

Multi-stakeholder enforcement task force formed in August 2018;

TMP registered its interest to be listed in *IUCN Green List* September 2018.



**MINI BENGKEL PENUBUHAN BADAN KOMUNITI BERTINDAK
TAMAN TUN MUSTAPHA**



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Community engagement:

Increasing profile of TMP communities through engagement with international journalist

(<https://thediplomat.com/2018/07/tun-mustapha-malaysias-conservation-experiment/>)

Activities:

Livelihood Programme;

Research / Monitoring;

Capacity building / trainings;

Community organising for co-management

International Year of the Reef (IYOR) celebration with the theme “[Sayangi Terumbu Karang](#)” or “Love our Coral Reefs”.



Designation of the First Ever Marine Protected Area in Pakistan

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Community Progress and Survey Results



Community Progress So Far

Modest growth in membership and VCs

Only about 13% of VCs have submitted a progress update

We are on the lookout for examples of innovative and successful VCs to report to DESA!



Mangrove Voluntary Commitments

A total of 85 commitments to date relate to the management, protection and restoration of mangroves and related ecosystems.

Most common objectives

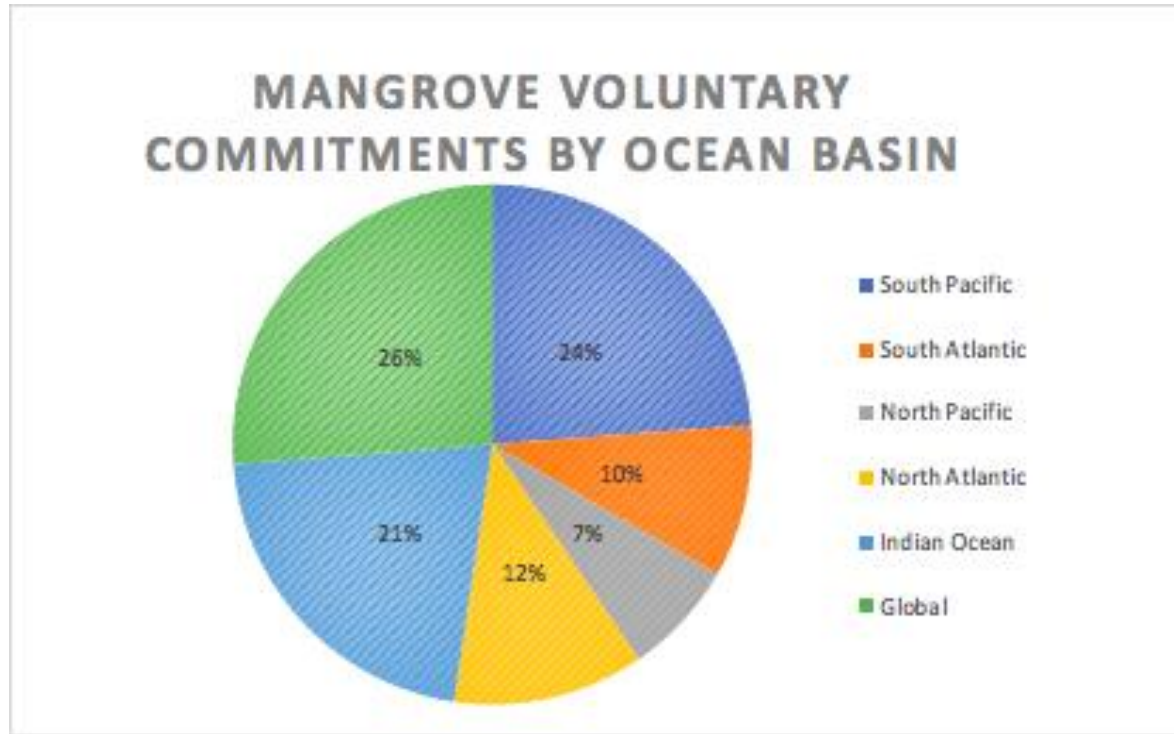
- Mangrove restoration and rehabilitation (increasing forested area)
- Mangrove protection
- Improving community livelihoods
- Empowerment through community-based stewardship, management and co-management
- Improving community and ecosystem resilience and adaptation to impacts of climate change
- Improving sustainability of fisheries
- Enhancing carbon storage (blue carbon)
- Improving knowledge base

Specific Activities

- Mangrove planting
- Putting in place and increasing MPAs and PAs
- Implementing ecosystem approach, i.e. Ridge to Reef, Marine Spatial Planning
- Enhancing participation, gender issues, social justice and human rights
- Pollution reduction
- Scientific research in carbon storage, mapping, monitoring, modeling and migratory species research
- Strengthening cultural aspects of management and use of traditional knowledge
- Quantification of ecosystem services, valuation
- Influencing policy (climate change/biodiversity)
- Ecotourism and other sustainable economic activities
- Public awareness and education
- Financing



Geographic distribution of Mangrove VCs

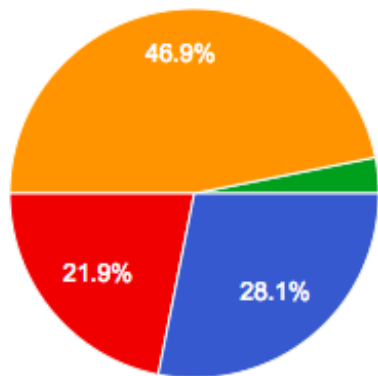


Stakeholder distribution of Mangrove VCs



Survey Results: Join the Community!

Are you already a member of the Mangrove Community of Ocean Action?



- Yes, I was grouped into this Community after I registered my Voluntary Commitment
- Yes, I joined the Community through the UN Ocean Conference Portal (but have not submitted a VC)
- No, not yet

Survey Responses: What are your expectations for the Mangrove COA?

Overwhelmingly we saw that your overall expectations for the Community are opportunities for:

- knowledge sharing
- showcasing commitments to stakeholders
- learning best practices
- building cooperation and networks
- identifying opportunities for collaboration and joint efforts
- building larger scale partnerships to address challenges to mangroves.

Survey Responses: Challenges in Implementation

- Limited technical training, knowledge, and institutional capacity for restoration projects
- Funding limitations
- Policy gaps and need for reform in local and national policy; help in influencing policy
- Community awareness and capacity; help in developing regional capacity in mangrove science and applied management solutions.
- Lack of data for national mangrove status and coastal vulnerability

Any others?



Survey Responses: How can we as Community help VC implementation?

- Advocating at the international and national policy levels
- Disseminating best practices
- Sharing of mapping information and updated mangrove coastal vulnerability data
- Coordinate efforts for outreach and educational campaigns.
- Sharing knowledge of relevant similar commitments within the mangrove community by providing an overview of the mangrove VCs by region.
- Find companies interested in investing

Voluntary Commitment Implementation

Only 14 Mangrove VCs have been updated so far!

Please update your VCs by October 1.

Updates should provide specific and clear information about progress towards your commitment.



Any questions or comments?



Upcoming Events

- Oceania regional webinar:
September 20th, 12:00-13:00 FJT
- Mangrove Community of Ocean
Action at Ramsar COP 13: Progress
and Opportunities event on October
22nd

Thank you!

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