Community of Ocean Action for Mangroves
Towards SDG 14

September 7, 2018
Run of Show

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• Introduction to the Community of Ocean Action (5 minutes)
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  • Gaps & challenges
  • How can the community assist with implementation of VCs?
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• Housekeeping
Opening Remarks

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Who’s joining the Community webinars
Welcome from Ramsar

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Save Our Mangroves Now!

SOMN! is a joint commitment of the BMZ, WWF Germany and IUCN to intensify efforts in mangrove conservation through embedding mangroves in political agendas, pooling expertise and disseminating best practices in the Western Indian Ocean.
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

MANGROVE KNOWLEDGE HUB

Explore the latest in science, restoration and conservation.

DISCOVER MANGROVES

Map | Satellite

SEE MAJOR INITIATIVES

RESTORATION

ADAPTATION

LIVELIHOODS
Introduction to the Community of Ocean Action for Mangroves
MANGROVES

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

Community of Ocean Action
#SaveOurOcean oceanconference.un.org

GET INVOLVED

83 Commitments
79 Members
Focal points

MANGROVES

Ms. Inger Andersen
Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego
Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
COMMUNITIES OF OCEAN ACTION

MANGROVES

COMMITMENTS: 83
MEMBERS: 81
UPDATES: 12

JOIN COMMUNITY
REGISTER COMMITMENT
SHARE UPDATE
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!
COA
Synergies and Opportunities with Other Communities
Updates from the Community

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Blue Forests, Blue Carbon Code of Conduct, and Oceanic Blue Carbon

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Blue Forests Project is a global initiative exploring how to harness the values of blue carbon and other ecosystem services to achieve improved ecosystem management, including engagement at the UNFCCC.

Currently in 4th year of project, global toolkit and lessons learned being produced.
Blue Carbon Code of Conduct


Will be incorporated into Blue Forests Global Applications Toolkit (Global Applications Retreat, Jakarta, Sept. 2018).

Oceanic Blue Carbon

International Fish Carbon Working Group formed (June 2108).

`Whale carbon` on the agenda at IWC 2018 next week.
Implementing Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches to mangrove coast line in Cross River State, Nigeria

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Implementing Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches to mangrove coast line in Cross River State, Nigeria

Objectives:

1. To strengthen institutional capacity on marine management and advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification.

2. To reduce causes of acidification

3. To reduce mangrove degradation and Nipa palm invasion.

4. To protect coastal communities

5. To expand public awareness and understanding of marine degradation and acidification.

6. To build sustained support for addressing marine degradation.

Methodologies

1. Seek additional support from relevant national governments and to strengthen capacity of key government Institutions through training, workshops, etc.

2. Intensify needed process to gazette mangroves as a Forest Reserve

3. Implement the UN-REDD safeguards and other state and National policies on social and environmental protection

4. Seek national, relevant international government collaboration and international non governmental organizations
Challenges & need for partnership

Increasing energy, settlement and livelihood needs:

Nigeria wood consumption ranges between 80 and 88 million m³ of which 80% is consumed as fuel wood, fuelwood account for 80% of total energy requirement annually especially in rural and semi urban areas utilizing mangrove species like Rhizophora mangle and Rhizophora racemose.

Hence we solicit for partnership and support to strengthen the areas below to address these needs and reduce coastal degradation and achieve sustainable livelihood.

1. Our institutional and human capacity
2. Our policy reform processes
3. Our Information, Communication and conservation Education strategic
4. Scale up the sustainable fuelwood and cookstove management programmes (increasing livelihood)
5. Strengthen our inventory and coastal research priorities and programmes
Community Progress and Survey Results
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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.

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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: 46.9%
- Yes, I joined the Community through the UN Ocean Conference Portal (but have not submitted a VC): 21.9%
- No, not yet: 28.1%
Survey Responses: What are your expectations for the Mangrove COA?

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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

Any others?
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

• Asia regional webinar: September 12\textsuperscript{th}, 11:00-12:00 ICT

• Oceania regional webinar: September 20\textsuperscript{th}, 12:00-13:00 FJT

• Mangrove Community of Ocean Action at Ramsar COP 13: Progress and Opportunities event on October 22
Thank you!

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