

COP28 VIRTUAL OCEAN PAVILION EXHIBITS

THE COMMON OCEANS PROGRAM



Description

The oceans are essential to life on earth. Yet, marine life is at risk from increasing pressure caused by overfishing, pollution, and climate change. The [Common Oceans Program](#) is a global alliance for action in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), supporting efforts to keep the oceans healthy through the sustainable management of marine resources and the conservation of biodiversity.

The Program aims to improve [tuna](#) and [deep-sea fisheries](#) management by strengthening regulatory frameworks and reducing their environmental impact. It will form a collaborative stewardship to demonstrate how cooperation and partnership can play a leading role in sustaining and restoring the productivity and health of the [Sargasso Sea's](#) ecosystem. Another important aspect is capacity building. Key officials from regional and national organizations will participate in training programs that will allow them to exchange experiences and strengthen [cross-sectoral collaboration](#) on issues such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, seabed disturbance, marine and land-based pollution and climate change. A new treaty on conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), known as the 'BBNJ Agreement', is underway. The Common Oceans Program has a key role in preparing the ground for this agreement that could be a game changer for its work towards invigorated cooperation in the management of shared marine waters.

About the Program

The Common Oceans Program is a global partnership funded by the Global Environmental Facility ([GEF](#)), promoting sustainable fisheries and conservation of marine biodiversity in the ABNJ. Led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Program brings together the United Nations Development Program ([UNDP](#)) and United Nations Environment Programme ([UNEP](#)), regional fisheries management organizations, national governments, intergovernmental organizations, the private sector, civil society and academia.

Links

1. About us <https://www.fao.org/in-action/commonoceans/en/>
2. Newsroom <https://www.fao.org/in-action/commonoceans/newsroom/en/>
3. Resources <https://www.fao.org/in-action/commonoceans/documents/en/>
4. Partners <https://www.fao.org/in-action/commonoceans/partners/partners/en/>
5. Twitter
<https://twitter.com/search?f=tweets&q=%23CommonOceans%20OR%20%23ABNJ%20&src=typd>

Videos

1. Common oceans – the areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJA4G4PHLF0>
2. A partnership for sustainability in the common oceans – achievements from 2014-2019
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9S3rafJrkTA>
3. Not a drop in the ocean <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWiVVMzmyzI>

Documents

1. Common oceans program <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc3954en>
2. Common oceans program – tuna fisheries
<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4043en>
3. Common oceans program – deep-sea fisheries
<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4046en>
4. Common oceans program – sargasso sea
<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4044en>
5. Common oceans program – cross-sectoral cooperation
<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4146en>
6. Not a drop in the ocean <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb3698en>
7. Common oceans program survey
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aMQ6Ffr0ESB_dnbFeOvlobkK8zWFrhDg2DJetVx5nxUOUpWVvRLQIFOWjFYRIBNTkI3OTNKMUdOSi4u