

Treasure Trove



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All Virtual Ocean Pavilion Events are accessible from the [Pavilion platform](#). Register [here](#) to gain access to the platform and its many resources available this year.

From EEZs to the High Seas: Leveraging the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus in accelerating the implementation of ocean-climate action

11 November, 13:00-14:30 Azerbaijan Standard Time (GMT+4)

[Join](#) the Global Ocean Forum and Plymouth Marine Laboratory in collaboration with Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of Southeast Asia and the Common Oceans Cross-sectoral

Project on 6 November for a panel discussion from 17:00 – 18:30 China Standard Time. The event will consist of two segments and will feature two panels of speakers representing government, intergovernmental, and civil society organizations.

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From EEZs to the High Seas: Leveraging the Ocean-Climate-Biodiversity Nexus in Accelerating the Implementation of Ocean-Climate Action
A COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion Preview Event at the 2024 East Asian Seas Congress

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MODERATOR

6 November 2024
13:00-14:30 Azerbaijan Standard Time or
17:00-18:30 China Standard Time

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Segment 1: From EEZs to the High Seas

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Segment 1 aims to discuss integrated and collaborative approaches used to advance the ocean agenda in the climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development frameworks. It will highlight the opportunities presented by the BBNJ Agreement for leveraging the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus in accelerating the implementation of ocean-climate action by exploring the mitigation and adaptation potential of the vast high seas.

Segment 2 focuses on what's to come for the ocean community at COP29, providing a preview of the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion (VOP) and of ocean events at COP29 more generally. This segment will open with high-level remarks on what to expect for the ocean from COP29 negotiations. Next, the Ocean Breakthroughs and the activities of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MP-GCA) at COP29 will be presented, followed by a presentation on the activities of the Friends of the Ocean and Climate at COP29. An introduction to the Virtual Ocean Pavilion will then follow, with a preview of the Pavilion exhibits and live events, an overview of the searchable COP29 ocean-related events tracker and other Pavilion features.

Live Events at the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion

This year's COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion offers nine live events organized with collaborating partners from around the world. All events are accessible from the [Pavilion platform](#). Register [here](#) to gain access to the platform and its many resources available this year. Please find an overview of this year's live event agenda included below.

COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion
Live Event Agenda




Monday, 11 November :
High-level Opening Event
Impacts of the Green Transition and Food Security on the Ocean's Role in Climate
Oceans of Innovation: Leveraging Technology for Ocean Biodiversity and Community Empowerment

Tuesday, 12 November :
The Future of Shipping at the Biodiversity and Climate Nexus

Monday, 18 November :
Unlocking Ocean-based Solutions to Climate Change: A Youth-led Workshop
The Critical Role of Regional Research and Academic Institutions in Promoting the Development and Adoption of Strategies to Combat Climate Change by Leveraging Ocean-Climate-Biodiversity Interlinkages

Thursday, 21 November :
Ocean, Climate, and Biodiversity Interlinkages: Advances in Understanding of the Nature-Climate Nexus
High-level Closing Event

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Virtual Exhibit Booths at the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion



Virtual exhibit booths are organized by leading ocean and climate organizations to showcase new and ongoing ocean-climate-biodiversity initiatives. Throughout the Pavilion, the Treasure Trove will spotlight virtual exhibit booths to provide a deep dive into the many resources provided by collaborating partners.

Booth representatives will also be available to chat with Pavilion attendees during each spotlight day. Be sure to check the Treasure Trove daily to see the latest booth feature. Plan to visit each booth and take advantage of the free access to a wealth of information that can be ‘taken away’ in your virtual delegate bag. Exhibits for the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion include the following:

- African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
 - Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security (ANCORS)
 - Blue Ports Initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - Center for Coastal Studies
 - The Common Oceans Program
 - Communications Inc
 - Global Ocean Forum
 - MarViva
 - Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML)
 - Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Academy (TBA21)
 - United Nations Ocean Conference 2025 (UNOC 2025)
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Ocean & Climate Trivia



Interested in testing your ocean and climate knowledge? Follow the daily updates from the Treasure Trove to find questions prepared by Virtual Ocean Pavilion collaborators on topics across a wide spectrum of ocean and climate topics with varying levels of difficulty. Answers will be shared in subsequent issues of the Treasure Trove. Make sure to tune in every day to complete the set of trivia offered at the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion.

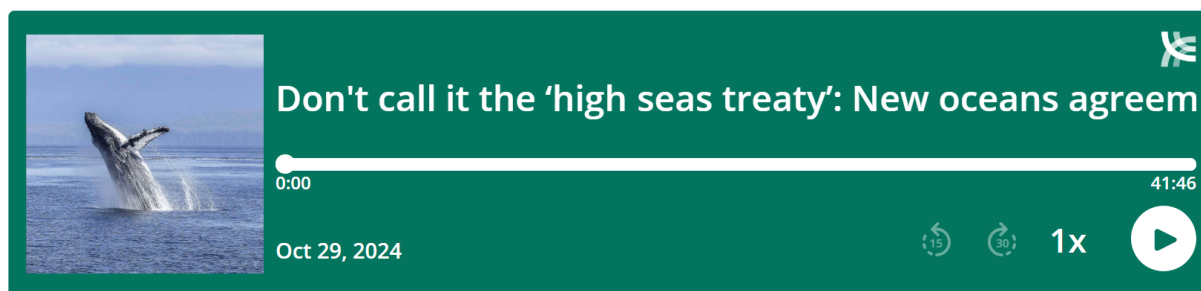
1. *Which of the following is considered the most significant, long-term threat to ocean ecosystems?*
 - a. *Overfishing*
 - b. *Climate change*
 - c. *Pollution*
 - d. *Destructive fishing practices*

2. Coral reefs, vital for supporting fisheries, are a key feature of the South China Sea. What percentage of the world's coral reefs can be found in this region?

- a. 60%
- b. 30%
- c. 25%
- d. 15%

Stories from Under the Sea

'Don't call it the high seas treaty': Ocean biodiversity risks being sidelined in new deal
A Podcast Discussion by Mike Digirolamao and Rachel Donald, Mongabay News



[Listen](#) to a podcast reaction to [commentary](#) from Elizabeth Mendenhall and Fuad Bateh on the potential pitfalls of popular abbreviations for the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, commonly referred to as the BBNJ Agreement.

Upcoming Ocean & Climate Events at COP29

A full overview of Ocean events at COP29 is available on the [Pavilion platform](#) via the COP29 Ocean Events tab on the main navigation bar. Highlights of events coming up throughout COP29 (11-22 November) are included below.

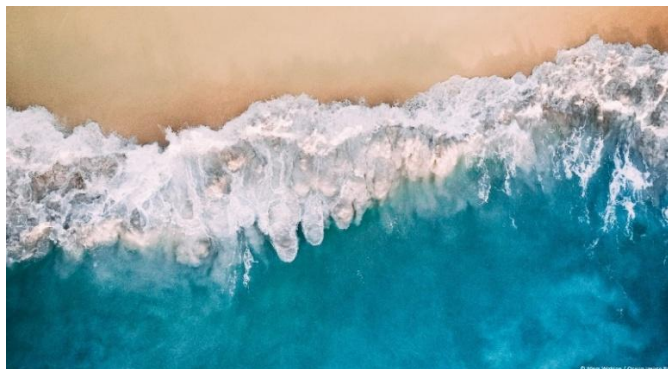


Are you involved with ocean events in and around COP29? Share event details through the [COP29 Ocean Event Tracker](#) to ensure your information is included in the Overview of COP29 Ocean Events accessible through the Virtual Ocean Pavilion Lobby. The Treasure Trove will include daily spotlights on events of

interest, including how to access the event if livestreaming is available. All events will be listed in Azerbaijan Time (AZT).

Incorporating Ocean Acidification Across Mainstream Climate-Ocean Policy

13 November, 9:00-10:00 Azerbaijan Time (GMT+4), Ocean Pavilion, Blue Zone



Building on the leadership of the United States' release of the U.S. National Ocean Acidification Action Plan at COP28, this side event showcases the work of the National OA Action Planning Leadership Circle, launched in April this year. The event will showcase Leadership Circle government members' efforts to incorporate ocean acidification science, mitigation and adaptation aspects across mainstream policy documents including: (1) Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans. (2) Sustainable Ocean Plans. (3) Marine Strategy Framework Directive (for EU member states).

This event is organized by the UN Foundation, OA Alliance, and World Resources Institute. Find more information [here](#).

Open Creating Space for Nature: Visions of Arctic Futures Aligned with the 1.5°C Emission Reduction

13 November, 10:00-11:00 Azerbaijan Time (GMT+4), Cryosphere Pavilion



The planetary cryosphere is shrinking in response to rising temperatures. Because of climate change, these ice-covered regions are losing their natural safeguards against industrial pressures to tap into

marine and terrestrial environments containing non-renewable resources such as fossil fuels and minerals that were deemed previously inaccessible. In the face of intensifying pressures and competing interests, the need to safeguard Arctic nature has never been more urgent. Creating space for nature amidst these unprecedented challenges means to protect the basis on which the well-being and economic future of people in the region depends. Speakers will discuss the global and regional implication of growing extractivism in the Arctic and the associated levels of greenhouse gas emissions that are incompatible with the 1.5°C emissions reductions pathways.

This event is organized by the WWF Global Arctic Programme. Find more event information [here](#) and check out the Cryosphere Pavilion's [YouTube Channel](#) for livestreaming of COP29 events.

Contact Details for the Virtual Ocean Pavilion

If you are interested in receiving additional information about the Virtual Ocean Pavilion or its events and exhibits, contact the representatives included below.

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From EEZs to the High Seas: Leveraging the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus in accelerating the implementation of ocean-climate action	Miriam Balgos	mbalgos@globaloceanforum.com
11 November 2024		
The Ocean Carbon Cycle: Bridging science, policy development and concrete action	Niels Krabbe	nk@wmu.se
Oceans of Innovation: Leveraging technology for ocean biodiversity and community empowerment	A.R. Siders	siders@udel.edu
High-level Opening Event: Managing and conserving our ocean together through transformative ocean-climate-biodiversity solutions	Miriam Balgos	mbalgos@globaloceanforum.com
12 November		
The future of shipping at the biodiversity and climate nexus in the Arctic	Mary Wisz, Maud Quinzin	mws@wmu.se , mq@wmu.se

18 November		
COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion Youth-led Workshop: Unlocking ocean-based solutions to climate change	Iwona Gin	iwona.gin@nausicaa.fr
19 November		
Towards greater engagement of regional research, academic, environment, and economic institutions in addressing climate change challenges	Miriam Balgos	mbalgos@globaloceanforum.com
21 November		
Ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages: Advances in understanding of the nature-climate nexus	Daniel Bayley	daniel.bayley@fauna-flora.org
High-level Closing Event: Taking the Leap into the ABNJ: Navigating the BBNJ Agreement together in the context of climate change	Miriam Balgos	mbalgos@globaloceanforum.com

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