



2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

Challenges for the South Pacific in Latin America: learned lessons and future pathways in the implementation of the SDG 14

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Background on the event (one paragraph)

This side event aimed to highlight the strategic position of the South Pacific and the role of different Latin American countries such as Chile, Peru and Ecuador in the management and conservation of marine resources, being their participation crucial in the coming decades for global food security and ocean-based economies. Through different speakers from regional and local organizations (NatGeo Pristine Seas for Latin America, Fundación Meri, Oceana Chile and Sustainable Ocean Alliance Hispanoamérica), the importance of partnership between actors across Latin America was emphasized, connecting their work with the management, protection, conservation and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems. The aim was to present to the audience the lessons learned from the speakers with a regional perspective that will allow the future implementation of solutions for the South Pacific area for and from Latin America, according to the challenges previously raised. The format of this side event was virtual and in Spanish in order to reach a wider audience that can connect with a debate sometimes far from their own reality.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- Ecosystem services need to be valued and it is necessary to include it in public policies in order to measure the impact of the regulatory decisions and economic activities.
- Marine protected areas (MPA's) are a way to protect fisheries and an alternative for marine restoration of exhausted fisheries.
- Protection of mega aquatic mammals is a virtuous circle for the health of the ocean and its ecosystems (umbrella effect).
- Impacts of aquaculture with alien species on the natural environment.
- Good practices in public participation on aquatic protection.

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Strengthen the public participation in decision making.
- Promote the valuation of ecosystem services.
- Enhance the use of technologies and public-private partnerships.

Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)