

2025 United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3)

Input by Germany to the concept papers on the Ocean Action Panels

Germany has contributed to the discussion of the EU/MS suggestions for the UNOC3 Ocean Action Panels, which will be submitted by the EU.

In addition, in its national capacity, Germany wishes to submit the following input to the concept papers on panels e and g, which were not addressed in the EU/MS suggestions:

Panel e. Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages

(1) Concrete topics to be discussed within the specific Ocean Action Panel could be to bridge alignment of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

(2) Why these topics should be discussed

Efforts to work more coherently across conventions have been made in recent years, and ocean solutions can play a vital part in bridging the gap. The need to address climate and nature in an integrated way has been highlighted manifold. Yet there is a need to replicate and upscale solutions across national and sub-national jurisdictions.

(3) Expected deliverables/outcomes of the discussion

The discussion should aim at showing practical steps and synergies with concrete examples from the national level.

Panel g. Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security

(1) Concrete topics to be discussed within the specific Ocean Action Panel

How to join efforts to integrate the topic of aquatic foods in global discussions and action for food and nutrition security.

(2) Why these topics should be discussed

Although aquatic foods have always played an important role in local food security and supporting livelihoods around the world, they are still not fully integrated into

global discussions and political agendas on food and nutrition security. Given their enormous potential to contribute to food and nutrition security and at the same time achieve our climate goals and many other SDGs we cannot afford to continue to discuss aquatic foods only on the sidelines of global action.

(3) Expected deliverables/outcomes of the discussion

Inclusion of climate-friendly, sustainable aquatic foods into national pathways, while supporting fishing communities and especially women, who play important roles in developing organisational skills and viable economic options for their operations.

Highlighting the work of the Aquatic Blue Food Coalition formed after the UNFSS, and other action networks to engage with high-level decision-makers at national, regional, and international levels advocating for the recognition and integration of blue foods' potential in transformations towards food systems that deliver for both people and the planet.