



## Protecting Climate-Resilient Coral Reefs: A High-Level Commitment

At a historic high-level event co-hosted by Papua New Guinea, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the World Wide Fund for Nature, and The Nature Conservancy, eleven governments launched the first-ever political commitment to protect climate-resilient coral reefs.

### Signatory Countries and Representatives

- Papua New Guinea – Hon. James Marape, Prime Minister and Member of Parliament
- Belize – Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation
- France – Mr. Thani Mohamed Soilihi, Minister delegated to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for International Partnerships
- Indonesia – Sakti Wahyu Trenggono, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
- Madagascar – Hon. Andoniaina Max Fontaine, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development
- Palau – Steven Victor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and the Environment
- Panama – Juan Carlos Navarro, Minister of the Environment
- Solomon Islands – Hon. Trevor Mahaga, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
- Tanzania – Hon. Shaaban Ali Othman, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries
- Vanuatu – Hon. Ralph John Regenvanu, Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Energy, Environment, and Disaster Management
- Bahamas – Hon. Vaughn Miller, Minister of the Environment & Natural Resources (unable to join event)

### Signatories commitment to

- Integrate coral reef conservation into national biodiversity and climate strategies, including NBSAPs, NDCs, and relevant development plans, ensuring alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement.
- Prioritize climate-resilient reefs within 30x30 commitments by identifying and protecting reefs most likely to persist and serve as recovery sources for the future.
- Strengthen national coral reef action plans and monitoring systems, building on existing mechanisms to reduce local threats, measure progress, and guide adaptive management.
- Enact and enforce policies to reduce land-based pollution, eliminate destructive and illegal fishing, and manage coastal development to minimize cumulative stress on reef ecosystems.
- Mobilize financing and build capacity, with emphasis on community leadership,
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge, and technology transfer.
- Partner with Indigenous people and local communities, as well as other stakeholders, to ensure that coral reef solutions are equitable, inclusive, and grounded in place-based stewardship.

The Commitment will be registered on the UN Voluntary Commitments Platform

[Event website, including signed commitment.](#)

[Press release.](#)

[Pictures from the event.](#)

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