

# An overview of SDG 14 Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments, including mangroves



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# Overview of Voluntary Commitments

## & Total 1400 Voluntary Commitments

- ⌘ 616 are made by governments (~43%)
- ⌘ 285 by NGOs
- ⌘ 116 by UN entities
- ⌘ 84 by civil society
- ⌘ 81 by private sector
- ⌘ 60 by IGOs
- ⌘ 50 by partnerships
- ⌘ 46 by academic institutions
- ⌘ 23 by scientific community
- ⌘ 18 by philanthropic organizations
- ⌘ 16 by other



# Coverage by target

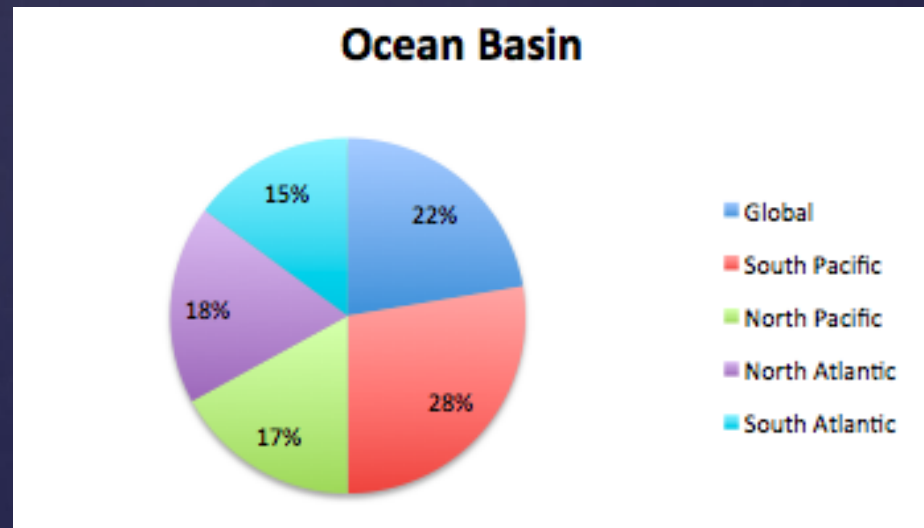
- ⌘ All ten SDG 14 targets covered in Voluntary Commitments
- ⌘ Most VCs related to more than one target
  - ⌘ 14.2 (*sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems*): 713 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.1 (*preventing and reducing marine pollution by 2025*): 546 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.a (*increasing scientific knowledge, research capacity and technology transfer*): 541 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.4 (*effectively regulating harvesting and ending overfishing and IUU fishing by 2020*): 423 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.5 (*conservation of at least 10% of coastal and marine areas by 2020*): 389 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.7 (*increasing economic benefits to SIDS and least developed countries by 2030*): 335 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.c (*implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS*): 278 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.b (*providing access to small-scale and artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets*): 241 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.3 (*minimizing and addressing impacts of ocean acidification*): 236 commitments
  - ⌘ 14.6 (*prohibiting certain forms of fisheries subsidies*): 95 commitments

# Overview of mangrove-related commitments

- ⌘ Mangroves important for fisheries, water quality, coastal protection, carbon sequestration
- ⌘ 67% of global mangroves have been lost in the past century
- ⌘ Mangrove commitments made against this backdrop
- ⌘ **A total of 91 voluntary commitments related to the management, protection and restoration of mangroves and related ecosystems**

- ⌘ 30 by NGOs
- ⌘ 28 by Governments
- ⌘ 12 by Civil society
- ⌘ 9 by UN entities
- ⌘ 3 by academic institutions
- ⌘ 3 by other relevant actors
- ⌘ 2 by IGOs

- ⌘ 4 by **partnerships** (e.g. Global Mangrove Alliance, the Blue Carbon Initiative, Fiji Locally Managed Marine Areas Network, and Fishing Community)



# Specific measures and activities

- ↳ A majority of mangrove commitments related to management and protection of multiple ecosystems
- ↳ Some specifically focused on mangroves, wetlands, seagrasses
- ↳ **Most common objectives:**
  - ∅ Mangrove restoration and rehabilitation (increasing forested area)
  - ∅ Mangrove protection
  - ∅ Improving community livelihoods
  - ∅ Empowerment through community-based stewardship, management and co-management
  - ∅ Improving community and ecosystem resilience and adaptation to impacts of climate change
  - ∅ Improving sustainability of fisheries
  - ∅ Enhancing carbon storage (blue carbon)
  - ∅ Improving knowledge base

# Specific activities

- ∞ Mangrove planting
- ∞ Putting in place and increasing MPAs and Pas
- ∞ Putting in place and increasing Marine Managed Areas
- ∞ Implementing ecosystem approach, Ridge to Reef, Marine Spatial Planning
- ∞ Enhancing participation, gender issues, social justice and human rights
- ∞ Pollution reduction
- ∞ Scientific research in carbon storage, mapping, monitoring, modeling and migratory species research
- ∞ Strengthening cultural aspects of management and use of traditional knowledge
- ∞ Quantification of ecosystem services, valuation
- ∞ Influencing policy (climate change/biodiversity)
- ∞ Ecotourism and other sustainable economic activities
- ∞ Public awareness and education
- ∞ Risk mitigation (climate change-related risk)
- ∞ Financing
- ∞ **In summary: a diversity of excellent projects and commitments on different scales**