



Program

OCEAN CONSERVATION

National/Global

(Australia)



Vision

We envision a climate resilient future where ocean biodiversity is restored, and socio-economic benefits from the blue economy are equally distributed among communities and stakeholders.

2030 Goal

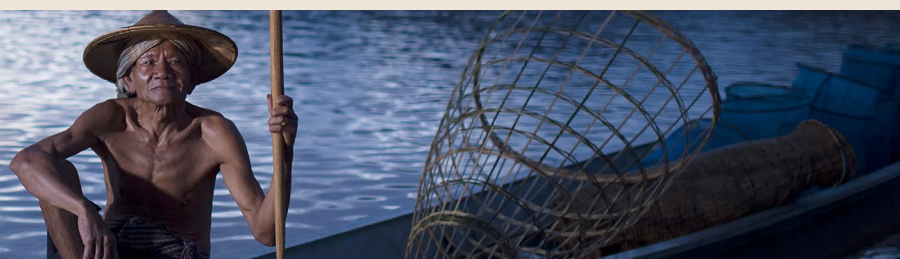
Full protection of 30% of the world's ocean

Theory of change

Without a healthy ocean, there is no healthy planet or people. The ocean contains unique biodiversity, provides valuable food resources and is a major sink for anthropogenic carbon. The establishment of equitable and effectively managed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) is a proven way to restore ocean biodiversity, ecosystem health and related services, generate socio-economic benefits, and reduce and mitigate the impacts of climate change on communities.

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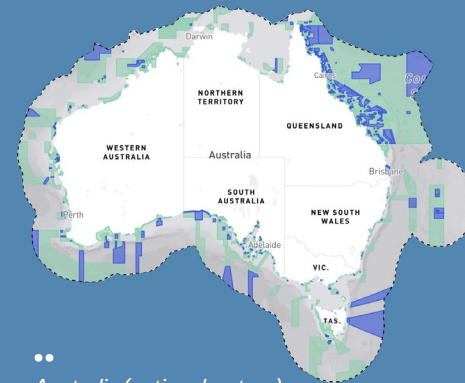
Outcome

1. Increased and improved Ocean Protection:

We will:

- Contribute to the Blue Nature Alliance - an ambitious global partnership that collaborates with governments, NGOs, Indigenous peoples, and scientists to advance effective large-scale ocean conservation with the goal to establish 18 million square kilometres of highly protected marine areas by 2025.

- Promote the conservation of swimways (marine migratory routes) throughout the world and help accelerate the establishment of fully and highly protected marine areas.
- Advocate for a High Seas Treaty and increase the level of fully and highly protected marine parks in Commonwealth waters.
- Work with the Western Australian state government to increase the level of protection for state marine parks (e.g. project area Shark Bay).



•• Australia (national waters) 9.2% IUCN I and II coverage (or 36% total MPA designated for shown commonwealth waters).

• IUCN Ia and II;
• other IUCN categories;
Source: Marine Atlas



2. Increase socio-economic benefits of marine conservation:

We will:

- Prioritise community engagement and stakeholder consultation for the development of conservation projects.
- Work to develop innovative financing solutions that generate sustainable revenue for conservation projects while reducing climate-related risks for communities.

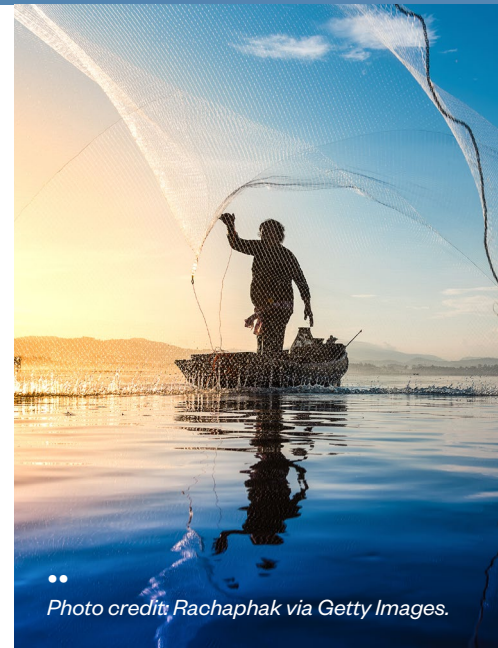
- Support and advocate for effective and sustainable co-management planning and implementation of marine and coastal areas.
- Promote diversity, inclusion and equitable access to benefits generated through nature-based solutions.

3. Improve conservation monitoring and management

We will:

- Enable data-driven conservation by leveraging remote sensing technology to automate and scale the monitoring of ecological health and biodiversity as well as threats.

- Focus on evidence-based conservation monitoring and evaluation.
- Share data with governments and policymakers to inform decision making, and with conservationist to improve management and implementation of marine protected areas.



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