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1. STATUS OF OCEAN UNDER THE UNFCCC PROCESS

- **Ocean related mandates (COP25, COP26, COP27)**
- **Ocean and climate dialogue 2023**
 - First facilitated Ocean Dialogue took place from 13 – 14 June 2023 in conjunction with SBSTA58
 - Dialogue addressed two topics, defined in consultation with Parties and observers
 1. Coastal ecosystem restoration, including blue carbon
 2. Fisheries and food security
 - Wide participation in dialogue (250+ participants, from government representatives and NPS)
 - 250 positive climate solutions submitted by Parties and stakeholders
- **Informal summary report published on 15 September 2023.** Contains key messages for COP28 from Parties and NPS. Report to be presented at COP28 under SBSTA reporting.

2. SELECTED CROSS-CUTTING AND COP28 KEY MESSAGES OCEAN DIALOGUE 2023

Selected Topics 1 and 2 Cross-cutting Key Messages

1. Integration of ocean – based mitigation and adaptation in ocean-based climate policies, including into NDCs and NAPs, is vital to attract finance
2. It is essential for Parties to strengthen blue carbon accounting methodologies and tools.
3. Decarbonization of blue food production chains is integral to the just transition to renewable sources of energy and low carbon practices.
4. Ocean-based systematic observation, research and data management must be strengthened.
5. Fostering partnerships with other international processes and with communities and IPs is vital.

Selected Key Messages for COP28

1. The GST is a unique opportunity to highlight the importance of the ocean in the global response to climate change
2. GST political outcomes [could] promote the establishment of guidelines for Parties to be able to include and strengthen ocean-based measures in their updated NDCs, NAPs, etc.
3. Parties mainstream ocean-related mandates from COP 26 and COP 27/ CMA 4 into their national climate goals including in the global stocktake political outcomes. All constituted bodies are encouraged to continue reporting on ocean-related activities in the context of their mandates, and at the Ocean Dialogue
4. Secretariat resources should be strengthened to follow-up on Parties' policies and practices to enable the necessary scaling up of ocean-based climate mitigation and adaptation actions.
5. Institutional linkages must be strengthened between partners at national and international levels and across UN mandates and processes (such as the GBF and BBNJ Treaty)

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(FOR TOPICS)

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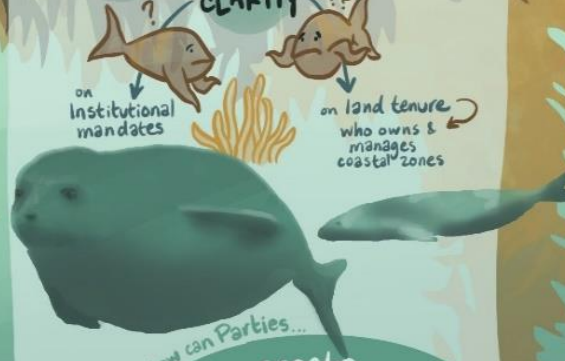
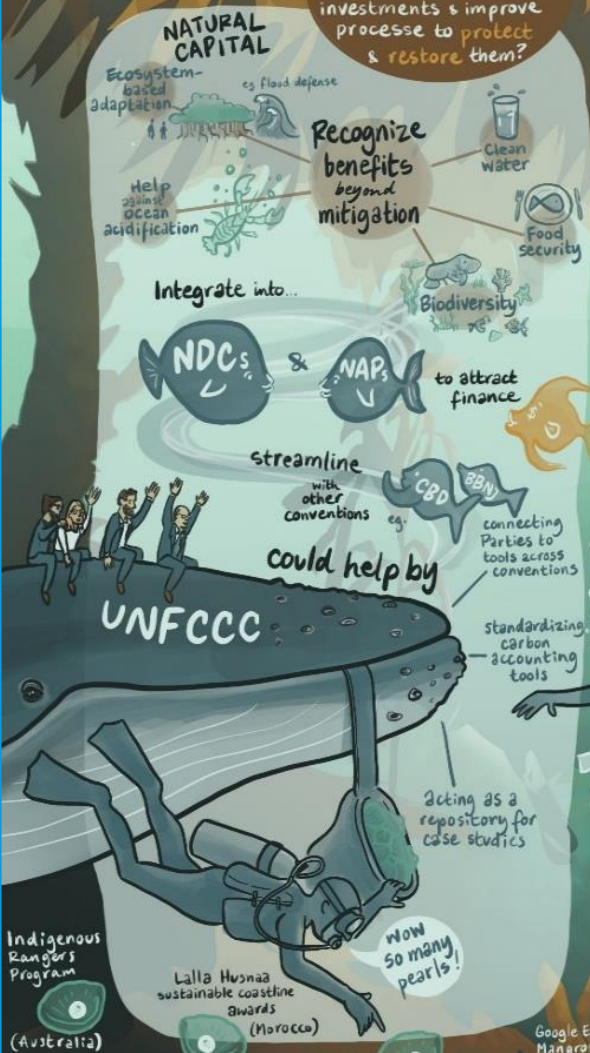
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Coastal ecosystem restoration including blue carbon

13-14 June 2023
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How can Parties...
Strengthen recognition of coastal ecosystems as assets, to increase investments & improve processes to protect & restore them?



How can Parties...
create enabling environments, especially to attract resilient investment?



How can Parties...
further include Blue carbon ecosystems as part of their mitigation strategy?



#climatevisualstories

Label Bas-Carbone (France)

Google Earth Mangrove mapping methodology (Madagascar)

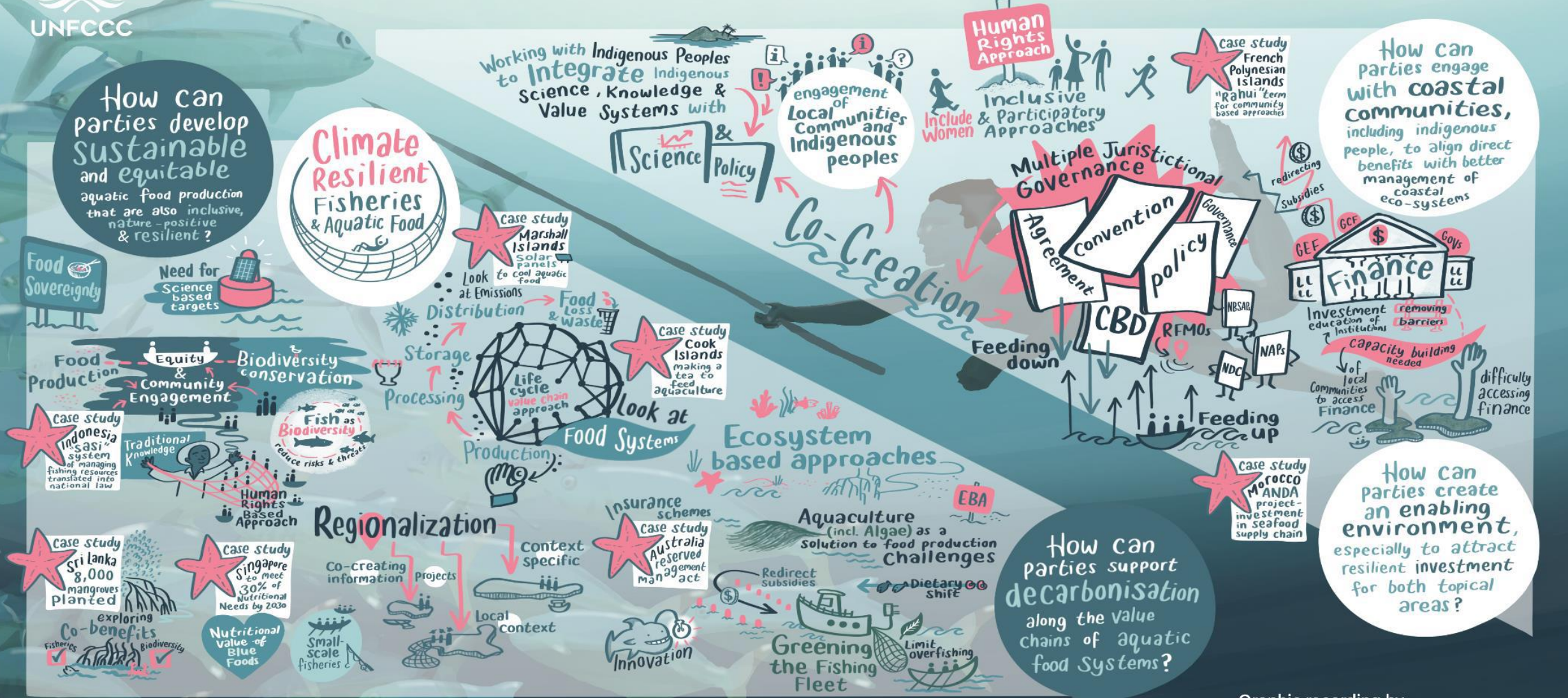
Seagrasses in NDC (Seychelles)

Blue Carbon Inventory Project (US)

Centre for Nbs (NUS, Singapore)

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(FOR GST AND
COP28)

- The **GST is a unique opportunity** to highlight the importance of the ocean in the global response to climate change
- GST political outcomes [could] promote the establishment of **guidelines for Parties** to be able to include the ocean in their updated NDCs, NAPs, etc.
- All **constituted bodies to continue reporting** on ocean-related activities
- **Secretariat resources** should be strengthened.
- **Institutional linkages must be strengthened** between partners and across UN mandates and processes (such as the GBF and BBNJ Treaty)

3. LINKS TO GST AND PROCESS TILL COP

- Ocean Dialogue 2023: There is an urgent need to focus on the ocean as a key solution and this should include a deeper integration of the ocean in the GST process.
- Encourage Parties and NPS to read and consider the informal summary report, especially key messages.
- Ocean present in the submissions by Parties and NPS on the elements for the consideration of outputs component of GST.
 - Ocean mentioned in roughly half of the 69 submissions.
 - Key messages from the synthesis report of secretariat on the GST submissions on ocean (aligned with summary report)



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Read the informal summary report :
<https://unfccc.int/documents/632292>



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