

We breathe the ocean, we eat from the ocean, and the ocean heals us—with its medicines for both body and soul. Its ancestral guardians are Indigenous Peoples and local communities whose lives are deeply connected to the sea, and we need to learn from them.

When we talk about the ocean's role as a climate regulator, we're not just referring to the vast body of water that covers 70% of our planet—we're talking about the entire web of life that pulses within it.

Every element of its biodiversity plays a vital role in delivering this ecosystem service, which is offered to us free of charge. Protecting this biodiversity is therefore essential for climate mitigation and adaptation, and for ensuring the well-being of humanity. Ocean-based climate solutions can make meaningful contributions to global mitigation and adaptation targets, while delivering essential co-benefits for sustainable development and the resilience of coastal communities.

Blue carbon ecosystems, in particular, are among our most powerful allies in addressing the climate crisis. These ecosystems are some of the most efficient carbon sinks on the planet. They stabilize shorelines, support biodiversity, and sustain the livelihoods of millions. For countries like Brazil, they are not only ecological assets—they are strategic pillars for climate action, biodiversity conservation, and social equity.

Brazil has presented its new NDC, which is ambitious and aligned with the 1.5°C target, covering all economic sectors and all greenhouse gases. For the first time, it includes ocean-based actions as part of its implementation. These actions are integrated into our NBSAP and aligned with our National Climate Plan.

We can highlight that we have included Marine Spatial Planning as a decarbonization instrument, along with our programs for mangroves and coral reefs.

And, recognizing the urgency of ocean-climate action, Brazil and France launched the Blue NDC Challenge. We invite all Parties to join us in advancing ocean-climate action and strengthening synergies between international commitments and national implementation.

Looking ahead, COP30 in Belém offers a unique opportunity to place nature—and blue carbon ecosystems in particular—at the center of global climate ambition.