



Informal meeting on the summary report of the ocean and climate dialogue

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1. STATUS OF OCEAN UNDER THE UNFCCC PROCESS

- **Ocean related mandates: COP25** (the Chile Madrid Time for Action 2019), **COP26** (Decision 1/CP.26 paras. 60-61), **COP27** (Decision 1/CP.27 para. 50 and Decision 1/CMA.4 para. 79).
- **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 Parties 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 was presented at the COP28 Opening Plenary session under the SBSTA reporting agenda item.

2. SELECTED KEY MESSAGES (FOR TOPICS)

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



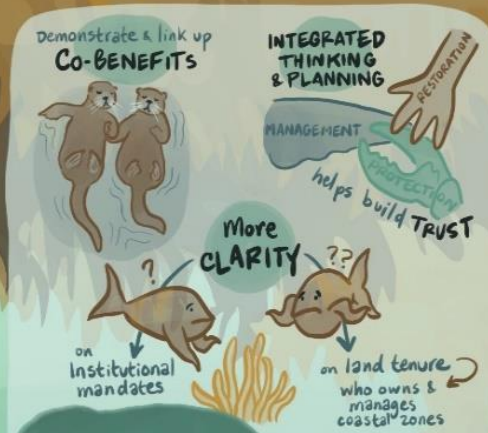
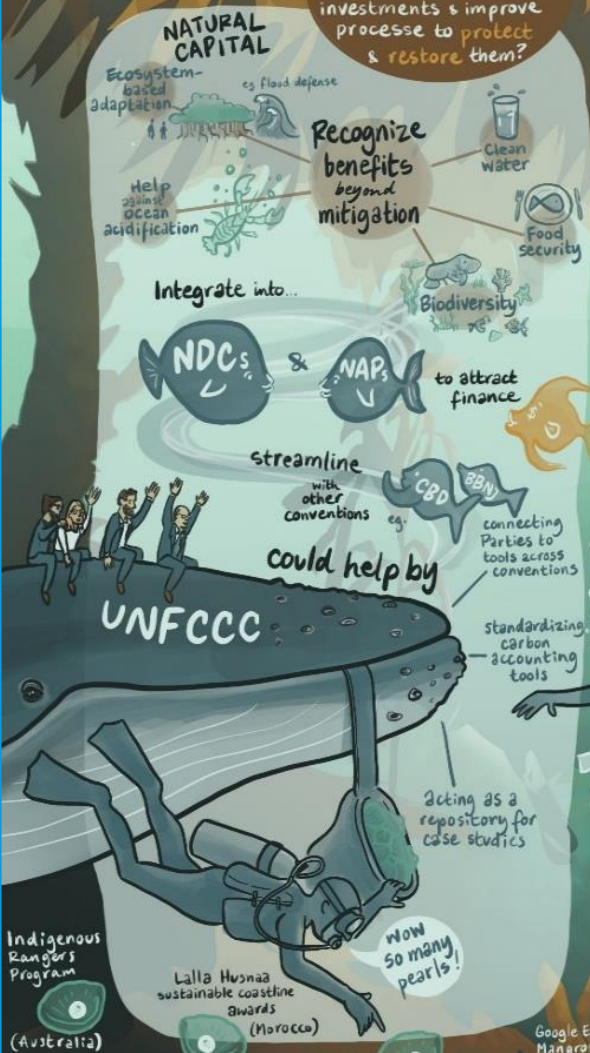
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Coastal ecosystem restoration including blue carbon

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?



If you don't know it's there you can't protect it

Human rights-based approach

Involving local communities & Indigenous Peoples from conception...

There is a **HUGE GAP** between what is negotiated & what is communicated to local communities & Indigenous Peoples

context specific

How can Parties... engage with local communities & Indigenous Peoples to align direct benefits with better management of ecosystems?

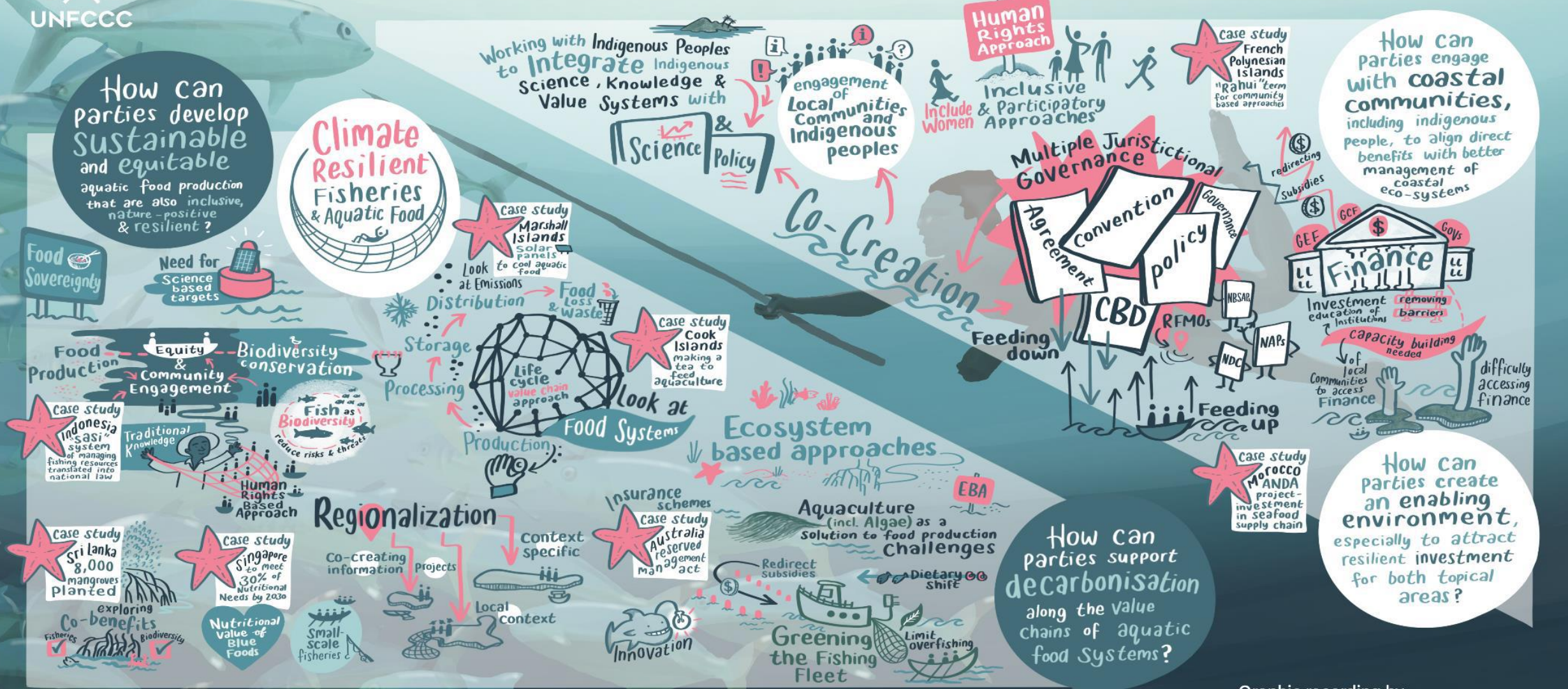
through co-design...

- education
- citizen science
- blue jobs

FACILITATE ACCESS to FINANCE

The finance might be there, but people don't know about it or can't reach it.

to implementation



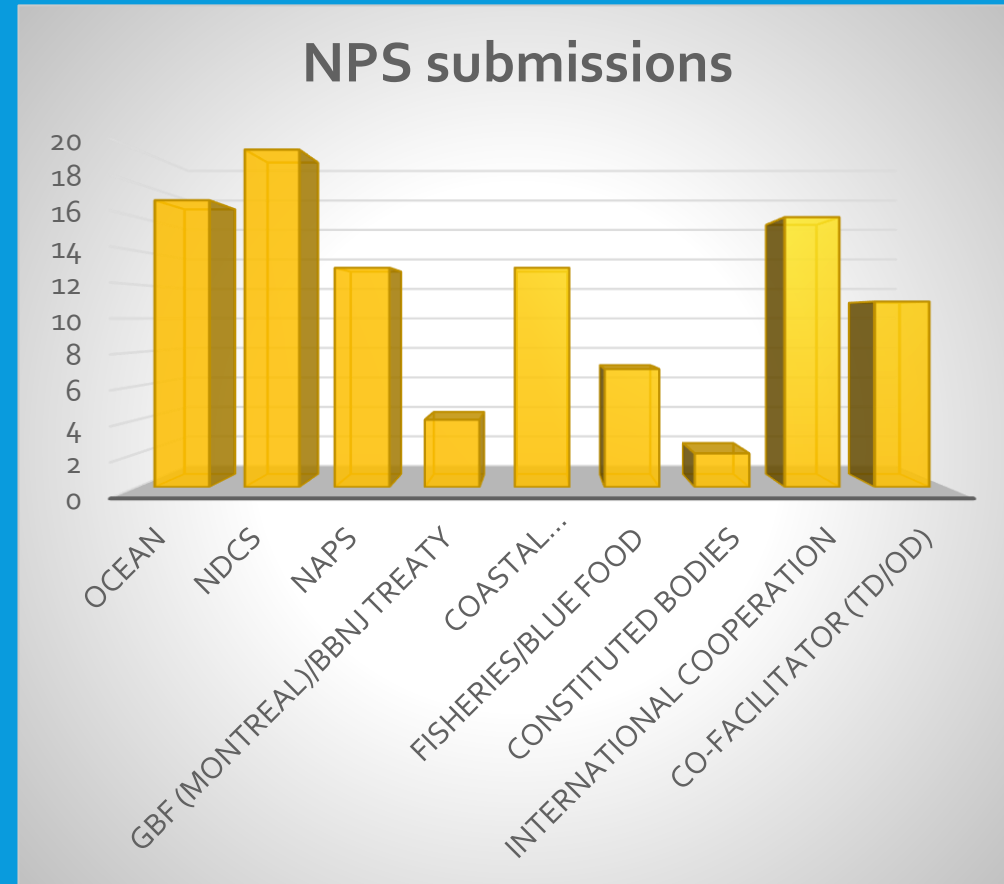
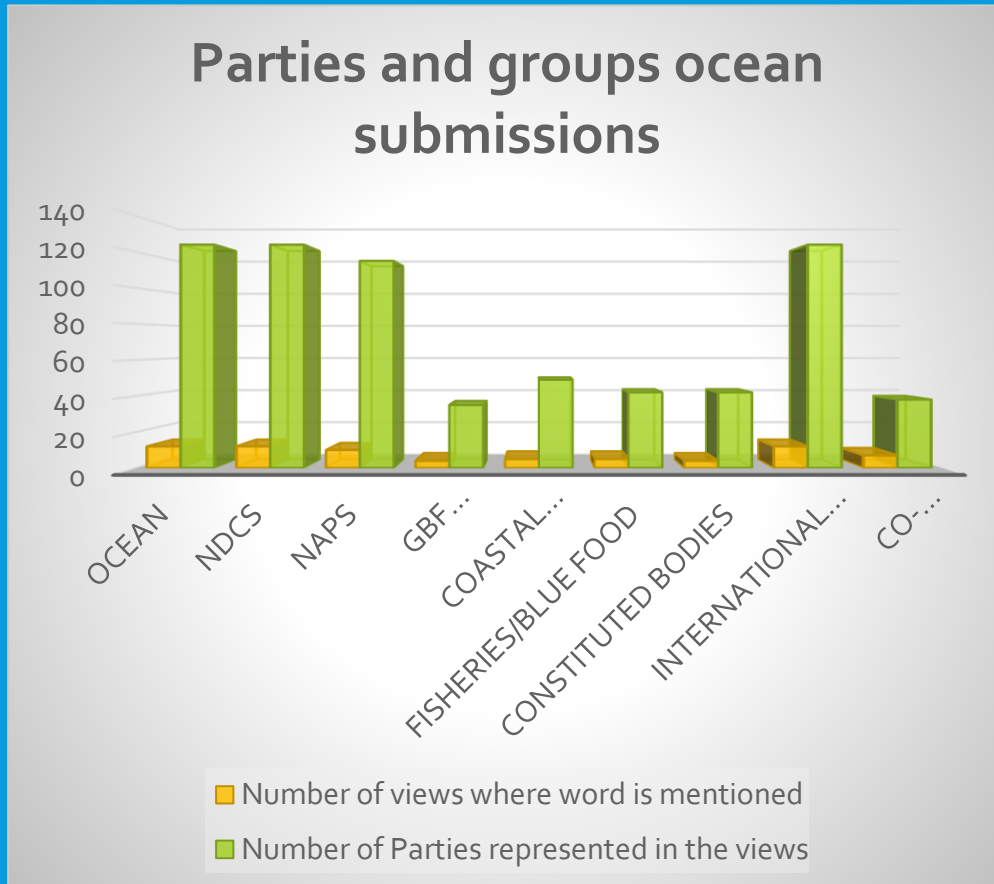
2. SELECTED KEY MESSAGES (FOR GST AND COP28)

- 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 THE GST PROCESS

- **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.
- **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.
 - Ocean and climate dialogue 2023 recognized in the submission(s), and encouragement to implement the COP25, COP26, COP27 ocean related mandates.
 - Key messages from the synthesis report of secretariat on the GST submissions on ocean (aligned with summary report)
- **Inter-sessional workshop in Abu Dhabi, to develop the GST output elements**
 - Dialogue summary report presentation as a relevant development under the GST
 - Ocean included as a “forward looking” element for mitigation and adaptation sections in the “Opportunities, responses for transformative action building on good practices”

OCEAN IN THE GST SUBMISSION



The graphs provide information pertaining to the top key words used by Parties and non-Parties stakeholders in their ocean related GST submissions.

NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT. 2023 SYNTHESIS REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT

- 55 per cent of Parties specifically emphasized the vulnerability of coastal areas and islands. Of the adaptation components, 91 per cent described key climatic changes, referring in particular to temperature increase, precipitation changes and sea level rise.
- Of the 158 Parties with an adaptation component in their NDCs, 30 per cent identified ocean ecosystems as a priority sector for adaptation and 11 per cent developed quantified targets for both fisheries and ocean ecosystems.
- A total of 56 per cent of the 148 Parties integrated coastal and marine nature-based solutions within new or updated NDCs as part of mitigation or adaptation measures.
- **Key Message:** *New or updated NDCs reflect an increased recognition of the ocean's role in strengthening climate action. Parties are encouraged to continue strengthening ocean-based measures in their updated NAPs, on the basis of the best available science.*

OCEAN UNDER CONSTITUTED BODIES AND RELEVANT WORK PROGRAMMES

- Technology Executive Committee: In its key messages and recommendations for COP 28 and CMA 5, *“The UNFCCC process presents opportunities to strengthen ocean-based climate action, including through relevant work programmes and constituted bodies and the ocean and climate change dialogue.”*
- NAPs. Adaptation of coastal ecosystems was highlighted as a source of co-benefits by Parties when reporting on NAPs in the NDCs synthesis report 2023.
- WIM Excom Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management: Recent report on how early warning systems can improve communities’ resilience and minimize loss and damage.
- Nairobi Work Programme. Establishment of new thematic area on knowledge and innovation in relation to mountains, high-latitude areas and the cryosphere

OCEAN DIALOGUE AND REPORT PRESENTATION AT COP₂₈

- Presentation at the opening plenary on 30 November under the SBSTA reporting agenda item.
- Presentation at ocean flagship side events
 - Dec. 1: (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm) DFO-Ocean Panel co-hosted side event at Canada Pavilion
 - Dec. 3: (8:00 am - 9:00 am) Friends of the Ocean and Climate side event at the Ocean Pavilion
 - Dec. 3: (9:30 am - 12:00 pm) UNESCO-IOC event on the Ocean Decade at the Ocean Pavilion
 - Dec. 4: (11:30 am – 1:00 pm) UN Oceans side event “Coordinating for greater ocean-based climate change ambition - A UN-Oceans perspective”
 - Dec. 4: (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm) SEORS side event “Ocean-Climate-Society: the UNFCCC & ocean mitigation, adaptation, finance and capacity building”
 - Land Use & Ocean Action Day, 9 December: 11.35 am to 12.15 pm



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Read the informal summary report :
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