

Agenda Item 4.1:
Report on the
Implementation of the UN
Decade of Ocean Science
for Sustainable
Development (2021 –
2030)

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Decade Actions across the world

2021 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Opportunities

Decade Actions built from the ground up

Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2020 & 02/2021



43 programmes
146 projects (and > 90 in pipeline)
51 contributions

Call for Decade Actions No. 03/2022 15 April – 30 August (Sustainable Blue Food & Sustainable Ocean Economy)

Call for Decade Actions No. 04/2022 15 October – 31 January 2023

Challenges

Creating collective, strategic ambition & avoiding dispersal

Addressing geographic gaps & leadership in SIDS & LDCs

Building relevant & transformative ocean science through co-design

Measuring & narrating true progress and impact inc. links to StOR

Regional & national momentum

Opportunities

African and
Adjacent Island
States

Western Pacific

Tropical Americas and Caribbean

Arctic Regional Initiative

Southern Ocean Regional Initiative

Pacific Solutions to Save our Ocean Programme

The Science We Need for the Mediterranean Sea We Want





Challenges

Increasing coverage of National Decade Committees

Competition for resources – national, regional and global

Risk of creating "Decades within Decades"

Complexity of ecosystem

Ensuring collective impact at global scale

Governance & coordination

Opportunities

- Active, engaged & diverse Decade Advisory Board
- Growing but still understaffed DCU key positions missing & lack of stability of other posts
- First set of six Decade Collaborative Centres approved June
 '22
- Three Decade Coordination Offices presented at EC55
- 5 Decade Implementing Partners approved

Western Pacific DCO

• IOC WESTPAC

Observations DCO

• GOOS / IOC

Data DCO

• IODE / IOC

Ocean Prediction DCC

Mercator Ocean
 International

Coastal Resilience

University of Bologna

Ocean-Climate Nexus

• FIO China

Solutions & Innovation for O-C Nexus - APPROVED

Ocean Visions

Indian Ocean

• INCOIS

North East Pacific -APPROVED

Tula Foundation

South Pacific DCC (Q3 2022)

PCCOS / SPC

Challenges



Resource needs of DCU & DCOs

Filling the gaps to cover thematic & geographic needs

Other UN agency engagement in coordination



Resource mobilisation for Decade Actions



Opportunities

- Approach of alignment of priorities and matchmaking via flexible and diverse mechanisms to support Decade Actions and coordination costs
- Global convening power of Ocean Decade Alliance and Foundations Dialogue

Reported Resource Needs from 19 Decade Programmes (2022 – 2025)

Total Required Budget	Budget Secured	Budget Gap
3.9 billion USD	924 million USD (24%)	3.0 billion USD (76%)

 Total resource needs for Decade Actions expected to be in the order of USD 5 – 7 billion by 2025 Scale of needs over the life of the Decade

Challenges

Expectations of Decade Action proponents vs. capacity of DCU

Building on science financing to include 'sustainable development' and climate financing

Creating innovation in financing via new partners / tools

Increasing additionality of resource mobilisation vs. re-labelling

IOC Contribution to Decade

Opportunities

- IOC is leading UN agency in terms of number of endorsed Decade Actions & Decade Coordination Offices:
 - Leading 4 endorsed programmes
 - Leading 11 endorsed projects
 - Leading 3 Decade Coordination Offices
 - Key partner in 5 other endorsed programmes
- Unique opportunity to use Decade to reinforce IOC globally and regionally:
 - Umbrella of Sustainable Ocean Planning for IOC role in Decade cf. IOS evaluation report
 - Reinforcement of sub-commissions as regional ocean science hubs via DCO creation
 - Reinforcement of programmatic leadership via Decade Actions & DCOs
 - Attraction of new skills and talent via DCU



IOC Contribution	Resource Needs
Decade Coordination Unit	800,000 USD / year in ExB resources to maintain current level of activity. Growth of DCU to optimal level will require close to 1.5 million / year
Data Sharing DCO	780,000 USD / year in in-kind or financial support
Ocean Observing DCO	670,000 USD / year in in-kind or financial support
GOOS endorsed programmes x 2	314 million USD from 2022 - 2025
CoastPredict	71 million USD from 2022 - 2025
OARS / GOOD	16 million USD from 2022 - 2025
Ocean Literacy with All	1 million USD from 2022 – 2025
Ocean Best Practices	5 million USD from 2022 – 2025

Perspectives



Role of
Sustainable
Ocean
Planning as a
point of
convergence
and one key
end-use of
ocean
science and
knowledge

investment in
co-design =>
pooled fund
being
developed
with
philanthropy
seed funding
& ongoing
MS support

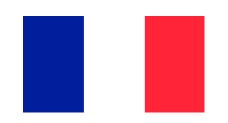
Increasing focus on supporting Africa and SIDS for Decade Actions & regional coordination inc. ongoing MS support

Process for strategic ambition setting for Ocean Decade Challenges via Ocean Decade Expert Roster

Support from
Decade
Advisory
Board and
other experts
on strategic
resource
mobilisation
(MDBs,
Member
States)

Visibility
opportunities
at 2022 UN
Ocean
Conference
in Lisbon and
COP27 in
Sharm el
Sheik

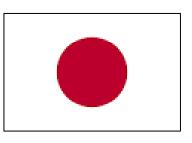
Second
International
Ocean
Decade
Conference
2023 / 2024
(EOI deadline
will be
extended)

































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