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Update on implementation of the Ocean Decade



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General Update

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THE OCEAN DECADE

in a snapshot

As of November 2024

ENDORSED OCEAN DECADE ACTIONS

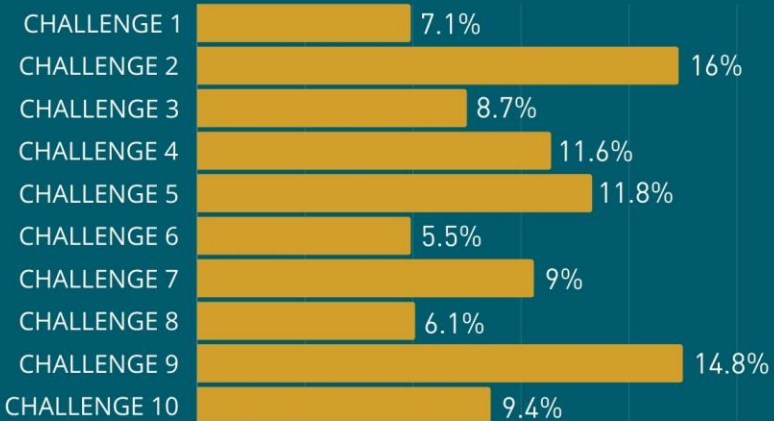


57 PROGRAMMES **98** CONTRIBUTIONS
440 PROJECTS **920** ACTIVITIES



DECADE ACTIONS LED BY PARTNERS FROM **79** COUNTRIES

ENDORSED ACTIONS PER CHALLENGE



REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COORDINATION

11
DECADE COLLABORATIVE CENTRES/ COORDINATION OFFICES

18
DECADE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



39
NATIONAL DECADE COMMITTEES



Ocean Decade Progress Report

July 2023 – June 2024

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ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

7 INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS

11 PATRONS AND
19 INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS OF THE OCEAN DECADE ALLIANCE



OVER **20** MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE DIALOGUE



9,400 MEMBERS FROM **173** COUNTRIES ON THE OCEAN DECADE NETWORK



3.5+ MILLION REACH

2024 OCEAN DECADE CONFERENCE

Take Stock – Set Priorities – Catalyze Action



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2024 UN OCEAN DECADE CONFERENCE

*Delivering the science we need
for the ocean we want*

10-12 April 2024

Barcelona, Spain



- 2,630 in-person attendees from **124 countries**
- > 3,000 online viewers
- 165 Satellite Events



2024 OCEAN DECADE CONFERENCE BARCELONA STATEMENT

12 April 2024

Barcelona, Spain

Ocean Decade Vision 2030 Outcomes Report



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[2021-2030]



10 Vision 2030 White Paper

1. SCIENCE &
KNOWLEDGE
PRIORITIES

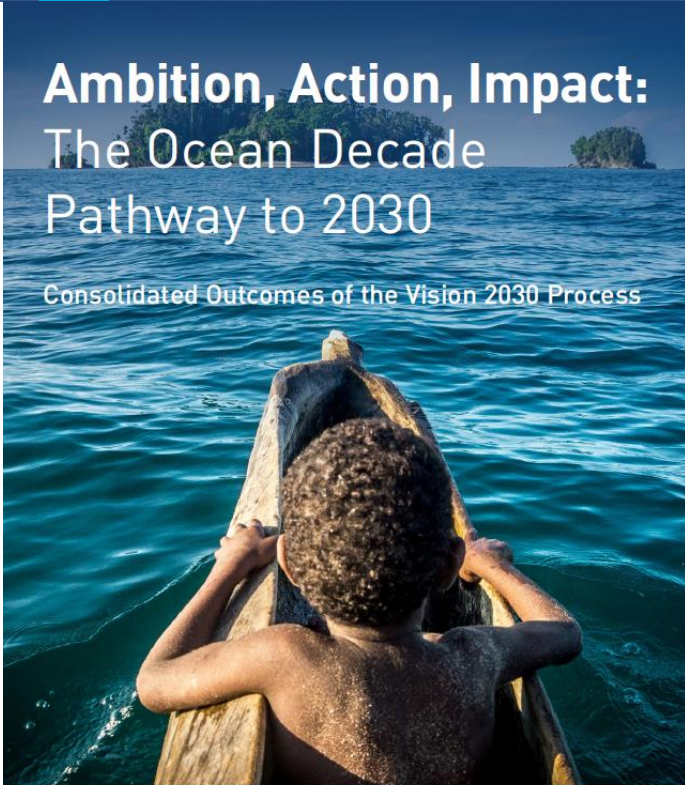
2. CROSS-CUTTING /
ENABLING
ENVIRONMENT
PRIORITIES

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ambition, Action, Impact Report

Ambition, Action, Impact: The Ocean Decade Pathway to 2030

Consolidated Outcomes of the Vision 2030 Process



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(2021–2030)



- Launched at AAORIA Forum, October 2024 with action-oriented recommendations drawing on Vision 2030 and Barcelona Statement priorities
- Actions structured around following categories:
 1. Fulfil science and knowledge priorities
 2. Strengthen policy frameworks as drivers of Decade Actions
 3. Enhance recognition and role of all knowledge systems
 4. Translate global priorities to the regional and national levels
 5. Increase action and impact at national level
 6. Increase sustained and sustainable investment in essential ocean science infrastructure
 7. Increase meaningful investment in capacity development
 8. Create meaningful engagement of industry and the innovation sector
 9. Develop and share best practices, standardised methodologies, and policies
 10. Ensure targeted, expanded, and sustained financing and resourcing for Decade Actions
 11. Enhance diversity, inclusivity, and equity
 12. Strengthen links between the scientific community and professional communicators, and expand efforts in ocean literacy to address all sectors of society
 13. Further optimise Ocean Decade coordination for collective impact and ownership

2024 Wrap-up: Successes & Challenges in the Ocean Decade

What we have collectively achieved...

Significant mobilisation of scientific community, governments, philanthropy & industry

Increased awareness of role of ocean science to underpin sustainable development

Relevant science generated for emerging global policy frameworks

Recognition of Indigenous and local knowledge and advances in inclusivity in ocean science

What remains to be done...

Remaining critical knowledge gap – persistent & emerging issues

Clear process for policy triggers for science globally, regionally & nationally

Support to SIDS and LDCs to set and fulfill national & regional priorities

Investment in science & in infrastructure for observations, data and predictions

Mid-Term Evaluation

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Background

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Fifty-seventh Session of the Executive Council
UNESCO, Paris, 25–28 June 2024

Item 4.7 of the Provisional Agenda

DRAFT SCOPING FRAMEWORK FOR OCEAN DECADE MID-TERM EVALUATION

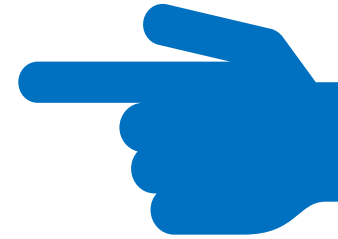
Summary

With reference to the UN General Assembly A/RES/72/73, which proclaimed the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021–2030, the year 2025 marks the mid-point in the implementation of the Ocean Decade under the coordination of UNESCO-IOC and the launch of a mid-term evaluation process.

This document outlines the proposed scope, modalities, and timing of the mid-term evaluation process. Following discussions at the Executive Council it will be used to develop the detailed Terms of Reference of the evaluation, the results of which will be presented at the next IOC Assembly.

Financial and administrative implications: The evaluation will be funded through UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service.

The proposed decision is referenced as Draft Resolution EC-57/4.7 in the Action Paper (document IOC/EC-57/AP Prov. Rev.)



Draft scoping framework for mid-term evaluation presented to IOC Executive Council in June 2024, as in Dec 4.7:

10. ...develop the detailed **Terms of Reference** of the Evaluation...;
11. Requests the **UNESCO Internal Oversight Service** to carry out the Evaluation...and to present the results to the IOC Assembly at its 33rd session

Evaluation purpose

"...review the structures, processes, partnerships, and resources that underpin the delivery of the Ocean Decade and make recommendations to optimise the impact of the Ocean Decade."

"...explore both causes and solutions to issues that are identified as hindering implementation and delivery of the Decade..."





Evaluation scope

Timeframe: January 2021 to early 2025

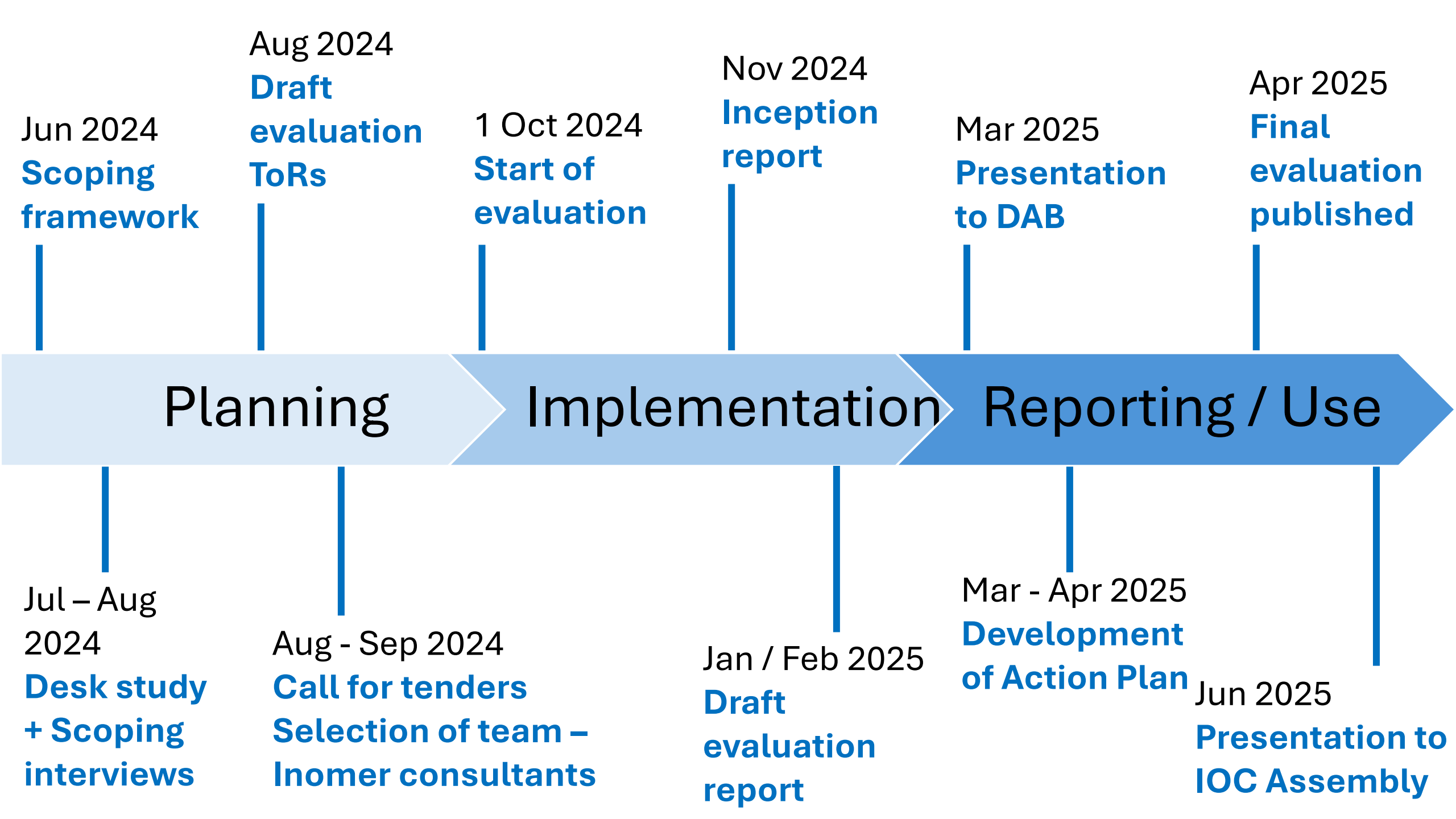
Focus on 5 main areas:

- ✓ **Governance and coordination**
- ✓ **Resource mobilization**
- ✓ **Science knowledge and delivery including consolidation of impact**
- ✓ **Tracking progress, engagement, inclusivity and outreach**
- ✓ **Leveraging of Ocean Decade to contribute to IOC vision and evolution**



Data collection methods

- Document review
- Raw data analysis
- Individual survey (> 450 responses)
- Focus groups (NDCs, DCCs, DAB etc.)
- One on one interviews (> 80 discussions with MS, key partners etc.)
- Social network analysis
- Policy / bibliometric analysis



2027 Ocean Decade Conference

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2027 Ocean Decade Conference

- Instrumental to track progress of achievements since 2024 Ocean Decade Conference and lay groundwork for post-2030 legacy of Ocean Decade
- Call for Expressions of Interest for host country: 22 November 2024 – 10 January 2025 via Circular Letter No. 3013
- 6 EOIs received and will be discussed with Officers on basis of following criteria:
 - i. Strategic interest in hosting*
 - ii. Overall approach to design and development*
 - iii. Experience in organizing similar events*
 - iv. Approach to ensuring diversity*
 - v. Travel and logistical information*
 - vi. Financial and logistical support*
 - vii. Government support / NDC engagement*
- Shortlisted EOIs will be requested to submit full proposal in May 2025

Considerations for IOC Assembly

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Considerations for IOC Assembly Draft Resolution

- Take note of newly endorsed Decade Actions and coordination structures including those led or co-led by IOC
- Take note of results of Ocean Decade mid-term evaluation and relevant specific actions in the Secretariat Action Plan responding to the evaluation results
- Recognition of the selected host country of the 2027 Ocean Decade Conference
- + other relevant issues...