



2021 United Nations Decade  
2030 of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

## Ocean Decade Contribution Endorsement Application

Information - Please read it entirely before proceeding with your application

**This form should only be used to request endorsement for a Decade Contribution. According to the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan, a Decade Contribution "supports the Ocean Decade through provision of a necessary resource (e.g. funding or an in-kind contribution). A contribution can support either the implementation of an Ocean Decade Action or the coordination costs of the Ocean Decade."**

**Please read all the supporting documentation to the Call carefully before submitting your application:**

1. Ocean Decade Implementation Plan and Summary
2. Publication Co-designing the science we need for the ocean we want
3. The Barcelona Statement
4. Publication Ambition, Action, Impact: the Ocean Decade Pathway to 2030
5. FAIR and CARE principles of data sharing

### Important Information:

**Please note that all character limits include spaces.**

**Decade Contributions need to have all budgetary resources secured. If your initiative is not fully funded, please consider other categories of Decade Actions.**

**You can find PDF and Word versions of the form here. Please note that these are for your use only, e.g. to help prepare your submission. Only submissions sent via the online form will be accepted.**

**For any questions, please contact [oceandecade@unesco.org](mailto:oceandecade@unesco.org) with "Contribution Submission" in the subject line.**



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### Institutional Affiliation Details

#### \* 1. Lead Institution Name

Please enter the lead institution's name **exactly as it appears in this list**, using the following format:  
"Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If your institution is not listed, please enter the full name of the lead institution in English (if available), without using any abbreviations.

#### \* 2. Lead Institution Type

#### \* 3. Lead Institution Physical Address

Street Address

Town/City

Postal/Zip Code

#### \* 4. Lead Institution Country

#### \* 5. Is your institution based in a Least Developed Country, Small Island Developing State, or Africa

Please find a list of SIDS [here](#).

Please find a list of LDCs [here](#).

Yes

No

#### \* 6. Lead Institution Website

#### \* 7. Lead Institution Primary Contact

This is the person responsible for the proposal and who will be directly contacted in future communications throughout the review process, and will be expected to sign the letter of endorsement should your application be successful.

First Name

Last Name

\* 8. Lead institution primary contact gender

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

\* 9. Lead Institution Primary Contact Email Address

\* 10. Email contact of person completing survey

This person might not be the same as the lead institutional contact, but will be someone we will include in future communications throughout the review process.



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### Partner Institution

11. Does your initiative have any partners?

- Yes
- No



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## Partner Institution Details

**You will now be asked to provide the names of up to 5 partner institutions.**

**Additional details about partners can be included in the supplementary information section.**

**If you have fewer than 5, leave the remaining sections blank.**

### Partner No. 1

\* 12. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears in this list, using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

\* 13. Focal point contact information

First name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

\* 14. Institution country

### Partner No. 2

15. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears in this list, using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

16. Focal point contact information

First name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

17. Institution country

### Partner No. 3

**18. Institution name**

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears in this list, using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

**19. Focal point contact information**

First name

Last name

Email address

**20. Institution country****Partner No. 4****21. Institution name**

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears in this list, using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

**22. Focal point contact information**

First name

Last name

Email address

**23. Institution country****Partner No. 5****24. Institution name**

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears in this list, using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

**25. Focal point contact information**

First name

Last name

Email address

26. Institution country



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### Decade Action Description

\* 27. Name of Decade Contribution

The public facing name used to refer to your Decade Action. The name must be fewer than 50 characters.

28. Short name or acronym of Decade Contribution

\* 29. Summary of Decade Contribution

This summary will be **used publicly** on the Ocean Decade Webiste should your initiative be endorsed (max. 1000 characters)

\* 30. When will your proposed Contribution start and end?

Please use the first of the month in which your Action will start if you do not have a specific start date in **DD/MM/YYYY format.**

Start Date

Date

 

End Date

Date

 

\* 31. Please select all countries in which the Decade Contribution will be implemented.

All Countries

Gabon

Oman

<input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/> Gambia (Republic of The)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistan
<input type="checkbox"/> Albania	<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Palau
<input type="checkbox"/> Algeria	<input type="checkbox"/> Germany	<input type="checkbox"/> Palestine
<input type="checkbox"/> Andorra	<input type="checkbox"/> Ghana	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama
<input type="checkbox"/> Angola	<input type="checkbox"/> Greece	<input type="checkbox"/> Papua New Guinea
<input type="checkbox"/> Anguilla	<input type="checkbox"/> Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> Paraguay
<input type="checkbox"/> Antigua and Barbuda	<input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala	<input type="checkbox"/> Peru
<input type="checkbox"/> Argentina	<input type="checkbox"/> Guinea	<input type="checkbox"/> Philippines
<input type="checkbox"/> Armenia	<input type="checkbox"/> Guinea-Bissau	<input type="checkbox"/> Poland
<input type="checkbox"/> Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> Guyana	<input type="checkbox"/> Portugal
<input type="checkbox"/> Austria	<input type="checkbox"/> Haiti	<input type="checkbox"/> Qatar
<input type="checkbox"/> Azerbaijan	<input type="checkbox"/> Honduras	<input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Korea
<input type="checkbox"/> Bahamas	<input type="checkbox"/> Hungary	<input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Moldova
<input type="checkbox"/> Bahrain	<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/> Romania
<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh	<input type="checkbox"/> India	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian Federation
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbados	<input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia	<input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda
<input type="checkbox"/> Belarus	<input type="checkbox"/> Iran (Islamic Republic of)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Kitts and Nevis
<input type="checkbox"/> Belgium	<input type="checkbox"/> Iraq	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Lucia
<input type="checkbox"/> Belize	<input type="checkbox"/> Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
<input type="checkbox"/> Benin	<input type="checkbox"/> Israel	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoa
<input type="checkbox"/> Bhutan	<input type="checkbox"/> Italy	<input type="checkbox"/> San Marino
<input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamaica	<input type="checkbox"/> Sao Tome and Principe
<input type="checkbox"/> Bosnia and Herzegovina	<input type="checkbox"/> Japan	<input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia
<input type="checkbox"/> Botswana	<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/> Senegal
<input type="checkbox"/> Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/> Kazakhstan	<input type="checkbox"/> Serbia
<input type="checkbox"/> British Virgin Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenya	<input type="checkbox"/> Seychelles
<input type="checkbox"/> Brunei Darussalam	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiribati	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leone
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria	<input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait	<input type="checkbox"/> Singapore
<input type="checkbox"/> Burkina Faso	<input type="checkbox"/> Kyrgyzstan	<input type="checkbox"/> Slovakia
<input type="checkbox"/> Burundi	<input type="checkbox"/> Lao People's Democratic Republic	<input type="checkbox"/> Slovenia
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabo Verde	<input type="checkbox"/> Latvia	<input type="checkbox"/> Solomon Islands
<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/> Somalia
<input type="checkbox"/> Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesotho	<input type="checkbox"/> South Africa
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada	<input type="checkbox"/> Liberia	<input type="checkbox"/> South Sudan
<input type="checkbox"/> Central African Republic (CAR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Libya	<input type="checkbox"/> Spain
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad	<input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lanka
<input type="checkbox"/> Chile	<input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania	<input type="checkbox"/> Sudan
<input type="checkbox"/> China	<input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg	<input type="checkbox"/> Suriname
	<input type="checkbox"/> Madagascar	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweden

<input type="checkbox"/> Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/> Malawi	<input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland
<input type="checkbox"/> Comoros	<input type="checkbox"/> Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/> Syrian Arab Republic
<input type="checkbox"/> Congo	<input type="checkbox"/> Maldives	<input type="checkbox"/> Tajikistan
<input type="checkbox"/> Cook Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Mali	<input type="checkbox"/> Thailand
<input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica	<input type="checkbox"/> Malta	<input type="checkbox"/> Timor-Leste
<input type="checkbox"/> Cote d'Ivoire	<input type="checkbox"/> Marshall Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Togo
<input type="checkbox"/> Croatia	<input type="checkbox"/> Mauritania	<input type="checkbox"/> Tonga
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuba	<input type="checkbox"/> Mauritius	<input type="checkbox"/> Trinidad and Tobago
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyprus	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Tunisia
<input type="checkbox"/> Czechia	<input type="checkbox"/> Micronesia (Federated States of)	<input type="checkbox"/> Türkiye
<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic People's Republic of Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkmenistan
<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Republic of the Congo	<input type="checkbox"/> Mongolia	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuvalu
<input type="checkbox"/> Denmark	<input type="checkbox"/> Montenegro	<input type="checkbox"/> Uganda
<input type="checkbox"/> Djibouti	<input type="checkbox"/> Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominica	<input type="checkbox"/> Mozambique	<input type="checkbox"/> United Arab Emirates (UAE)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Republic	<input type="checkbox"/> Myanmar	<input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador	<input type="checkbox"/> Namibia	<input type="checkbox"/> United Republic of Tanzania
<input type="checkbox"/> Egypt	<input type="checkbox"/> Nauru	<input type="checkbox"/> United States of America (USA)
<input type="checkbox"/> El Salvador	<input type="checkbox"/> Nepal	<input type="checkbox"/> Uruguay
<input type="checkbox"/> Equatorial Guinea	<input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	<input type="checkbox"/> Uzbekistan
<input type="checkbox"/> Eritrea	<input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/> Vanuatu
<input type="checkbox"/> Estonia	<input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua	<input type="checkbox"/> Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
<input type="checkbox"/> Eswatini	<input type="checkbox"/> Niger	<input type="checkbox"/> Viet Nam
<input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia	<input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/> Yemen
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiji	<input type="checkbox"/> North Macedonia	<input type="checkbox"/> Zambia
<input type="checkbox"/> Finland	<input type="checkbox"/> Norway	<input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe
<input type="checkbox"/> France		

\* 32. Please select all ocean basins in which the Decade Contribution will be implemented.

<input type="checkbox"/> North Atlantic Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Ocean
<input type="checkbox"/> South Atlantic Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Ocean
<input type="checkbox"/> North Pacific Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Ocean
<input type="checkbox"/> South Pacific Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea

### 33. Regional seas (if applicable)

You can select up to 3 regional seas. The list of regional seas is based on the International Hydrographic Organization catalogue.

Regional Sea No. 01	<input type="text"/>
Regional Sea No. 02	<input type="text"/>
Regional Sea No. 03	<input type="text"/>

\* 34. Please select which Decade Outcomes your Decade Contribution addresses (Max. 3).

- Outcome 1: A clean ocean where sources of pollution are identified and reduced or removed.
- Outcome 2: A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored and managed.
- Outcome 3: A productive ocean supporting sustainable food supply and a sustainable ocean economy.
- Outcome 4: A predicted ocean where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions.
- Outcome 5: A safe ocean where life and livelihoods are protected from ocean-related hazards.
- Outcome 6: An accessible ocean with open and equitable access to data, information and technology and innovation.
- Outcome 7: An inspiring and engaging ocean where society understands and values the ocean in relation to human wellbeing and sustainable development.

\* 35. Please select which Decade Challenges your Decade Contribution addresses (Max. 3).

- Challenge 1: Understand and map land and sea-based sources of pollutants and contaminants and their potential impacts on human health and ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to remove or mitigate them.
- Challenge 2: Understand the effects of multiple stressors on ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to monitor, protect, manage and restore ecosystems and their biodiversity under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- Challenge 3: Generate knowledge, support innovation and develop solutions to optimize the role of the ocean in sustainably nourishing the world's population under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- Challenge 4: Generate knowledge, support innovation and multi-sectoral partnerships and develop solutions for equitable, resilient and sustainable development of the ocean economy under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- Challenge 5: Enhance understanding of the ocean-climate nexus and generate knowledge and solutions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to the effects of climate change across all geographies and at all scales, and to improve services including predictions for the ocean, climate and weather.
- Challenge 6: Enhance multi-hazard early warning services for all geophysical, ecological, biological, weather, climate and anthropogenic related ocean and coastal hazards, and mainstream community preparedness and resilience.
- Challenge 7: Ensure a sustainable and sustained ocean observing system across all ocean basins that delivers accessible, timely and actionable data and information to all users.
- Challenge 8: Through multi-stakeholder collaboration, develop a comprehensive digital representation of the ocean, including a dynamic ocean map, which provides free and open access for exploring, discovering, and visualizing past, current, and future ocean conditions in a manner relevant to diverse stakeholders.
- Challenge 9: Ensure comprehensive capacity development and equitable access to data, information, knowledge and technology across all aspects of ocean science and for all stakeholders.
- Challenge 10: Meaningful society-ocean connections are strengthened, driving increased motivation, capability and opportunity for people, across all sectors of society, to make decisions, act and behave in ways that ensure a healthy ocean.

\* 36. In addition to SDG 14 (Life below water), which we assume is relevant to all Decade Actions, please indicate which of the other Sustainable Development Goals your Decade Contribution addresses (Max. 3).

<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 1: No Poverty.	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 2: Zero Hunger	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 4: Quality Education	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 5: Gender Equality	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 13: Climate Action
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 15: Life on Land
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	<input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

\* 37. Is your Decade Contribution proposal:

- Financial
- In-kind
- Financial and In-kind



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\* 38. Total Budget estimate for the Decade Contribution to the nearest whole number with no punctuation.

\* 39. Please indicate the currency of the above budget.

\* 40. Please confirm that you have full budgetary resources for your contribution.

Please note that Decade Contributions need to have all budgetary resources secured. If your initiative is not fully funded, please consider other categories of Decade Actions.

I confirm that I have the full budgetary resources for my Decade Contribution proposal.

\* 41. Please describe any in-kind resources you will be contributing to the Decade (Mx. 2000 characters).

If your contribution is only financial, please indicate with 'N/A'



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### Ocean Decade Endorsement Criteria

**The endorsement criteria are a set of ideals endorsed Decade Actions are held to**

**and encouraged to progress on throughout the Decade. They aim to support the progress being made on the Decade Challenges and Outcomes.**

**This section is essential for the evaluation of your application, so please provide tangible actions on how your project will meet all the endorsement criteria. If a particular criterion does not align with your proposal, please explain why. There is a limit of 5000 characters per criteria.**

\* 42. Contributes to achieving one or more of the following Decade objectives: Objective 1: Identify critical ocean knowledge; Objective 2: Build capacity and generate knowledge; Objective 3: Increase the use of ocean knowledge.

\* 43. Accelerates the generation or use of knowledge and understanding of the ocean, with a specific focus on knowledge that will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and complementary policy frameworks and initiatives.

\* 44. Is co-designed and/or co-delivered by knowledge generators and users, and thus facilitating the uptake of science and ocean knowledge for policy, decision-making, management and/or innovation.

Please also include in your answer the role of partners and stakeholders in co-designing/co-delivering your initiative.

\* 45. Ensures that all data and resulting knowledge are provided in an open access, shared, discoverable manner.

Please refer to FAIR and CARE principles of data sharing. Mention which existing databases/repositories you will be using. If you are creating one, please explain how it will work and how it will synergize with existing ones, as well as meeting the principles mentioned above.

\* 46. Strengthens existing or creates new partnerships across nations and/or between diverse ocean actors, including users of ocean science.

\* 47. Contributes toward Capacity Development, including, but not limited to, beneficiaries in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Land Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs).

Capacity Development refers to a broad range of opportunities that enable individuals, institutions, and industries to participate in and benefit from ocean research and services essential to sustainable development and human well-being. These opportunities include access to equipment and infrastructure, as well as funding mechanisms such as grants, scholarships, and fellowships. They also extend to internships, jobs, and mentorships; research and training; conferences, workshops, and webinars; and professional networks that support community building. Capacity Development may further involve access to ocean data, information, and documentation, public communication and literacy initiatives, and opportunities such as expeditions, travel grants, and visiting scholars or lecturers.

\* 48. Overcomes barriers to diversity and equity, including gender, generational and geographic diversity.

Please make sure to detail in your response the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) mechanisms adopted by your initiative.

\* 49. Collaborates with and engages local and indigenous knowledge holders.



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### Decade Action Objectives and Outcomes

\* 50. How do you benefit from having your Contribution endorsed by the Ocean Decade? (Max. 2000 characters)

\* 51. What are the key outcomes of your Decade Action? (max. 2000 characters).

Please also describe any impact that your initiative will create that you expect will continue to generate benefits following the end of the Decade.

\* 52. What are key discrete activities that you will carry out in the first 3 years of your Decade Action? (max. 5000 characters)

\* 53. Please describe the management structure which will be used to coordinate your Decade Action (max. 2000 characters)



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### Capacity Development Components

**This section allows the Decade to gauge how it can best support the capacity development elements, whether planned or existing, within your initiative.**

**Capacity Development refers to opportunities such as:**

- ***Access to equipment***
- ***Access to infrastructure***
- ***Awards***
- ***Conferences/forums***
- ***Fellowships***
- ***Funding, grants, and scholarships***
- ***Internships/jobs***
- ***Mentorships***
- ***Ocean data, information, and documentation***
- ***Ocean literacy, public information, and communication***
- ***Onboarding expeditions, research, and training***
- ***Professional networks and community building***
- ***Training/Workshops***
- ***Travel grants***
- ***Visiting lecturers/scholars***
- ***Webinars***

**These activities aim to build skills and knowledge among individuals or groups, lowering barriers to equitable access and directly addressing Decade Challenge 9: Skills, knowledge, technology and participation for all. They are not intended for profit generation.**

\* 54. Does your initiative provide or offer Capacity Development activities?

Yes

No



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### Capacity Development Components

**This section invites you to indicate your interest in featuring your initiative on IOC platforms dedicated to Capacity Development. Your expression of interest will be confirmed only if your initiative is endorsed as a Decade Action. Two options are currently available and you may choose one or both, depending on your initiative. Please note both platforms are managed by IOC.**

- **Ocean Connector is a digital platform that provides a space to advertise open opportunities with application or registration deadlines, where individuals can apply directly through a URL listed on the platform. If no opportunities are currently open but are expected in the future, you may still indicate "yes" in your response. The Decade Coordination Unit will then contact you and provide access to the platform so you can submit the opportunity once it is ready to be advertised. After an opportunity is uploaded, the Decade Communication Team will support its promotion through the Ocean Decade networks. For more details, please [visit here](#).**
- **Ocean CD-Hub is a repository of Capacity Development activities. It is suited for showcasing tools, initiatives, materials, or program webpages, even in the absence of open opportunities. For more details, please [visit here](#).**

\* 55. If your Decade Action proposal is endorsed, would you like to feature the capacity development opportunities or elements of capacity development initiative on IOC platforms (Ocean Connector or Ocean CD-Hub)?

If you indicate "Yes," the Ocean Decade Secretariat will follow up and guide you through the process after the endorsement occurs. Uploading your opportunities to the platform provides benefits such as increased visibility and wider promotion of your activities.

Yes

No



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\* 56. If your Decade Action proposal is endorsed, where would you like to upload your initiative?

Select all that apply.

Ocean Connector

Ocean CD-Hub



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### Supplementary Information

57. Please provide any supplementary information you would like reviewers to take into account as they review your Decade Contribution (max. 5000 characters).