

# Sustainable Ocean Planning

**Name of the initiative:** Development and Implementation of National 100% Sustainable Ocean Plans

**Duration:** 2024–2027

**Participating countries:** OAS member states

**Objective:** The global ocean is facing unprecedented threats from climate change, pollution, overfishing, and other causes, posing critical challenges to the countries of the Americas and impacting the lives and livelihoods of millions. These challenges include sea level rise, increased strength and propensity of hurricanes, the loss of healthy reefs and mangroves, the expansion of sargassum, and other consequences. Thirty-two of 34 OAS member states border the ocean and collectively represent approximately 45% of the world’s ocean front shorelines. This initiative will deliver technical assistance to OAS member states for the preparation of national 100% Sustainable Ocean Plans. Such plans will outline critical actions that will lead to substantial ocean conservation while supporting sustainable investments that support a healthy ocean.

**Activities:** Share knowledge and information on the importance of developing Sustainable Ocean Plans. Provide expert training on the preparation of the Plans. Support research and data acquisition for inclusion in the Plans. Convene regional dialogue on opportunities to coordinate ocean protection activities.

**Cost and financing:** US\$1,000,000 in full program financing is required.  
Country contributions: In-kind

**Request for partners:**

- Additional financing.
- Share technical information and data pertaining to ocean conservation and protection.
- Offer access to educational programs and specialized training on sustainable oceans management.

## Sub-topics

- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Fisheries
- Ports and Shipping
- Sustainable Tourism
- Climate Change

## Beneficiaries

All member states

## Expected outcomes

- A commitment by ten or more member states to prepare their 100% Sustainable Ocean Plan
- Development of a technical assistance program for sustainable ocean planning at the OAS
- The convening of regional and global dialogues on the importance of ocean protection initiatives

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