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INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE TO  
COMBAT OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

# WELCOME PACKET

AFFILIATE MEMBER

## Thank you for your interest in joining the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance)!

OA Alliance members are leading discussions across climate and ocean platforms, ensuring that climate and ocean commitments, policies and communications accurately reflect their interdependence.

Together, we are increasing ambition for climate action and transforming response to climate-ocean change.

In joining the OA Alliance, members become part of a global community of OA practitioners (science, managers, policy makers, industry leaders, community leaders) who are defining OA information needs for discrete decision making and elevating the issue of OA across international and domestic climate-ocean platforms.

As an affiliate member, you commit to elevating the issue of ocean acidification within your own institution, business or organization and helping to advance the work of the OA Alliance in keeping with your own capacity, resources, and networks.



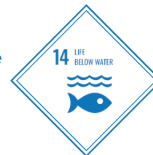
Membership  
accounting for nearly  
**300 million**  
people



OA Action Plans  
that will cover  
**366,414 km**  
of coastline



Contributor to the  
**Ocean and Climate**  
**Change Dialogue**  
created through the  
UNFCCC



Active member of the  
**UN SDG 14**  
Communities  
of Ocean Action

In this welcome packet, you will find:

1. [Link to the Welcome Letter](#) from the Governors of California, Washington, Oregon and the Premier of British Columbia inviting you to join the OA Alliance.
2. [Link to the Global Call to Action](#) that all members formally endorse upon joining.
3. Overview of the OA Alliance.
4. A Letter of Commitment affirming your decision to join the OA Alliance, to be signed and returned to the OA Alliance's team.





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## INCREASING AMBITION FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND TRANSFORMING RESPONSE TO CLIMATE-OCEAN CHANGE

The **International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance)** brings together governments and organizations from across the globe dedicated to taking urgent action to protect coastal communities and livelihoods from the threat of ocean acidification and other climate- ocean impacts.

Together we are:

- Elevating urgency and ambition for climate action.
- Integrating ocean across climate commitments and frameworks.
- Translating knowledge into policy actions and investments.

## THINKING GLOBALLY AND ACTING LOCALLY

- The OA Alliance is **providing global context for local actions** that help governments and communities understand and respond to climate-ocean change.
- The **OA Alliance helps decision-makers** better understand climate-ocean impacts to marine resources and implement actions that increase coastal biodiversity, adaptive capacity, and resiliency.
- **By increasing local understanding of OA and its impacts, OA Action Plans help members prioritize local responses** that support food security and sovereignty, increase resilience of marine ecosystems, and build a sustainable ocean economy in the face of future change.

## BUILDING INTERNATIONAL MOMENTUM

- National OA Action Plans call forth renewed ambition to **realize mitigation and adaptation targets** already in place across the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** and **deliver on Sustainable Development Goal 14.3**, “to minimize and address ocean acidification.”
- Additionally, OA Action Plans help prioritize science, policy, and funding needs across the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainability**

OA ALLIANCE REPRESENTS NEARLY  
**120 MEMBERS ACROSS 24 COUNTRIES.**



## International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification LETTER OF COMMITMENT

With this letter, we join the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification as an **Affiliate Member**, and in doing so, endorse the Global Call to Action. This means—within our capacity—we commit to advancing the following key goals:

- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions, the #1 cause of ocean acidification.
- Advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification.
- Reduce land-based pollutions that exacerbate ocean and coastal acidification.
- Explore adaptation and resilience building strategies that protect marine species, ecosystems, and coastal communities from the impacts of climate-ocean change.
- Expand awareness and understanding of ocean acidification.
- Build sustained international support for tackling this global problem.

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(Member Name)

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(Signature)

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(Printed Signers Name)

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(Title/Position)

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**Disclosure:**

We understand that joining the OA Alliance and signing this document is voluntary and shall have no legal effect; impose no legally binding obligation enforceable in any court of law or other tribunal of any sort, nor create any funding expectation; nor shall signatories be responsible for actions of third parties or associates.

