



International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification Commitment to Our Ocean Conference 2022

Since our initial launch at the 2016 Our Ocean Conference held in Washington D.C. under the leadership of then Secretary John Kerry, the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification ([OA Alliance](#)) has grown to 120 members across 22 countries working to raise ambition for climate action and promote local actions that help governments and communities understand and respond to climate-ocean change.

Between 2022-2024 the OA Alliance will advance policy, coordination, and investments by taking the following actions:

- Increase OA Action Planning efforts across **145,000 kilometers of coastline** and support the creation of **10 new national and subnational OA Action Plans by 2024**, further promoting policy integration and increasing climate financing for activities that increase the health of coastal ecosystems and communities.
- Increase coordination between U.S. state, Tribal and municipal members' OA related priorities, risk assessments and investments and those of the federal government. This will further **support goals and objectives of an Ocean Climate Action Plan to be put forward by the Biden-Harris Administrations' Ocean Policy Committee in 2022** and **leverage \$4 million in new OA investments by U.S. States.**
- **Support national government members in seeking \$10 million through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF)** to preserve and expand regional ocean acidification and coastal monitoring networks that inform climate risk assessments, local management actions, and resilience strategies by 2024.
- Share and promote inclusion of **ocean acidification mitigation and adaptation actions** throughout the **UNFCCC Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue**, the **Global Stocktake** and across **UN Sustainable Development Goals 13 (climate) and 14 (ocean).**

Between 2022-2024 the OA Alliance will advance knowledge and communication by taking the following actions:

- Share and co-develop tools and methods for **measuring carbon sequestration potential** from natural and working lands, including **aquatic and marine ecosystems.**
- Through partnerships with OceanSoda Satellite Oceanographic Datasets for Acidification Project, contribute to a global understanding of how **satellite observations can inform risk assessments and management of climate-ocean change at regional and local scales.**
- Encourage and promote **OA awareness and "climate-ocean literacy"** activities across our membership, including by government and civil society.

Between 2022-2024, the OA Alliance will support implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainability by:

- Beginning to carry out its unique obligations under UN Decade endorsed programs, "Understanding and Addressing Ocean Acidification and Changing Ocean Conditions Through the Development of OA Action Plans," project ID 8 and "Ocean Acidification Research for Sustainability (OARS)," project ID 219.

