



Philanthropic support to accelerate ratification and equitable implementation of BBNJ by CPLP countries

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High Seas Strategy

At least 30 percent of the high seas effectively protected **by 2030**-enabling delivery of an **equitable and inclusive 30x30 target**

The High Seas Treaty enters into force **by 2025** and is fully operational by **2026**

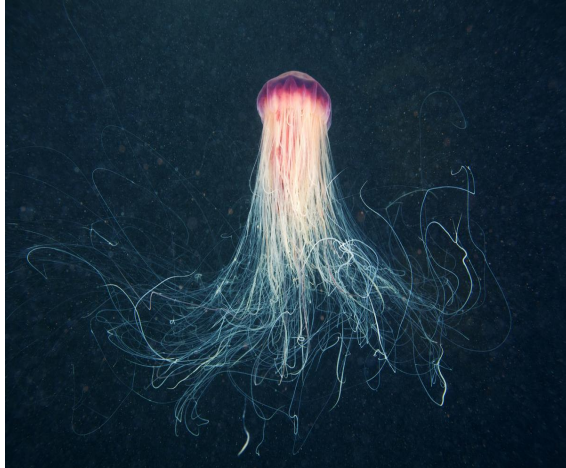
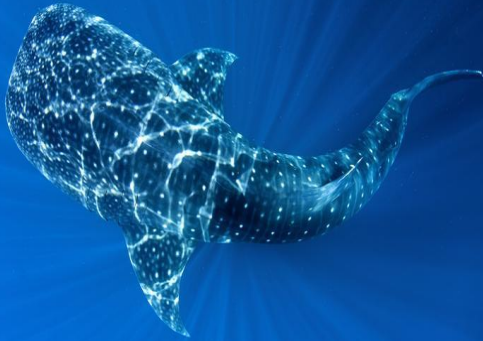
Fast-track new high seas MPAs under the High Seas Treaty, and **additional protected areas** under existing frameworks **to make significant progress toward 30x30**

At least 60 countries to ratify by **2025**

Institutional framework in place by first Conference of the Parties **in 2026**

Pending entry into force of the Treaty **advance interim protection within existing regional bodies**

Use regional work to lay ground for and **advance high seas MPA proposals** under treaty



Mobilizing and scaling up funding for early BBNJ ratification/implementation by developing countries

- **PLEDGE MEMBERS:** Bloomberg Philanthropies, Bezos Earth Fund, Blue Nature Alliance, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Minderoo, Oceankind, Oceans 5, Paul M Angell Family Foundation, Vere Initiatives
- Launched a package of BBNJ regional support projects **responsive to regional/country needs**
- **To be implemented via non-government partners**, in partnership with **responsible regional intergovernmental entities**
- **REGIONS:** Caribbean; West Africa/ECOWAS; Western Indian Ocean; Pacific, Small Island Developing States, Global (via High Seas Alliance)

- **Original pledge funding:** \$5M
- **Current pledge funding:** \$10M+



COUNTRY *signed BBNJ	Latin America (AIDA)	ECOWAS (NRDC)	Western Indian Ocean (+ East Africa) (IUCN)	Small Island Developing States (UOW/OV)	Global (High Seas Alliance)
Angola			X		X
Brazil*	X				X
Cabo Verde*		X		X	X
Guinea-Bissau			X		X
Equatorial Guinea					X
Mozambique			X		X
Portugal*					X
Sao Tome and Principe				X	X
Timor-Leste*				X	X

Accelerating BBNJ Ratification and Implementation in Latin America

Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA)

Timeline: Jan 2023-Dec 2025

Priority countries: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Uruguay (2024) and Argentina and **Brazil** (2025)

Goal and Objectives: to support BBNJ ratification by 2025, prepare for early implementation and strengthen LatAm participation in BBNJ related fora through a mix of national and regional activities:

- Awareness raising and capacity building
- Technical and legal support (upon request)
- Fostering regional cooperation (including coordination of High Seas Alliance's members in LatAm)
- Advocacy and communication

Upcoming Activities:

- BBNJ workshop for Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor's member States (Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Panamá), Panamá, May 16; and for NGOs and academia, Panamá, May 17.
- BBNJ national workshop in Guatemala (July 2024)
- **Regional BBNJ workshop** for the Core Latin American Group (Chile, August 6-7 TBC)

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Accelerating BBNJ Ratification and Implementation in ECOWAS

National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in support of Government of Nigeria and the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission

Timeline: Sept. 2023-July 2025

Overall Goal: to support ECOWAS member States to ratify and build their capacity to implement the BBNJ treaty to enable meeting the 30x30 target

Activities:

- Needs assessment.
- Adoption of prioritised regional activities and national roadmaps.
- Appointment of a country-led ECOWAS BBNJ Coordination Committee (including Guinea Bissau) and ECOWAS BBNJ Expert Mentor Panel.
- Development of regionally endorsed legal resources (PT translation)
- Facilitate regional discussion on an area-based management tool (e.g. webinar on options for a possible MPA proposal in the Gulf of Guinea)

Material available in Portuguese:

- 2 PowerPoint presentations
- Template ratification instrument
- A practical guide to the BBNJ treaty and a guidance document on anchoring the treaty in the ECOWAS legal and political framework
- A BBNJ booklet for outreach (coming up)

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Accelerating BBNJ Ratification and Implementation in the Western Indian Ocean

IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa in cooperation with the African Union Secretariat, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Nairobi Convention and Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association

Timeline: March 2024- Feb 2026

Target countries: WIO regional and targeted national level support (Comoros, Kenya, **Mozambique**, Seychelles and Tanzania, plus **Angola** and Namibia).

Objectives:

- Raise awareness and build capacity
- Strengthen legal and institutional frameworks
- Foster regional and Pan-African cooperation
- Build capacity and supporting identification of potential candidate sites for high seas ABMTs/MPAs under the BBNJ treaty.

Potential Activities: workshops (ag. AU workshop in Q3 or Q4 2024); regional and national high-level dialogues; needs assessment; technical & legal support; regional network of experts; monitoring/evaluation of progress

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Early Ratification and Equitable Implementation of the BBNJ Treaty by SIDS

ANCORS, University of Wollongong on behalf of Ocean Voices

Timeline: Dec 2023 - Dec 2025

Goal and Objectives:

- Maintain SIDS leadership role in ensuring the equitable and effective conservation of BBNJ by strengthen capacity in SIDS for (i) rapid ratification and (ii) equitable and effective implementation of the BBNJ treaty

Focus areas:

1. Ratification:

- National and regional support in (i) CARICOM and (ii) Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS (AIS);

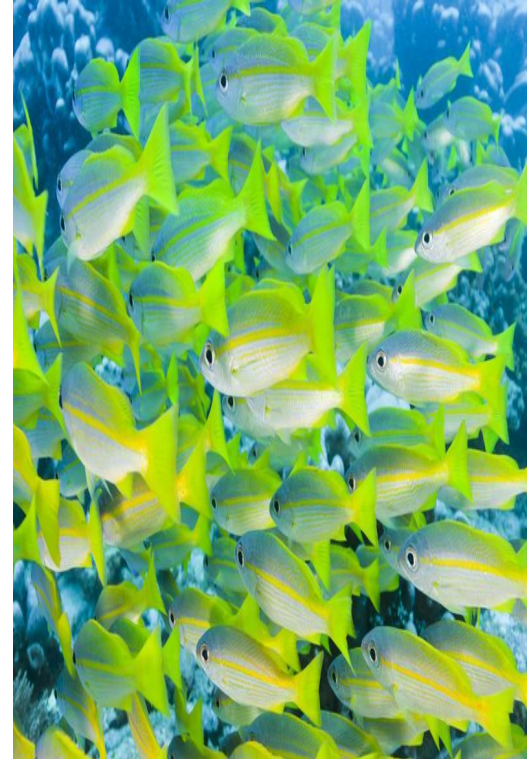
2. Preparing for implementation:

- Cross-regional SIDS networking and knowledge exchange (e.g. quarterly webinars, regional & cross-regional workshops, events);
- Policy briefs on technical aspects (starting with financing)
- Support and strengthen capacity of SIDS experts

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Accelerating BBNJ Ratification and early Implementation_Global High Seas Alliance

Timeline: Jan 2024-Dec 2025

Objectives: Provide legal, technical, strategic support and capacity building, and build public and political momentum (e.g., via [high level events](#)) towards:

- Accelerating ratification by 60 governments by 2025.
- Advancing BBNJ institutional setup and operationalisation by BBNJ COP1.
- Supporting members' campaigns to develop the first tier of BBNJ MPA proposals in order to contribute to 30x30.

Relevant to CPLP:

- 3 min BBNJ film also available in Portuguese ([HERE](#))
- PT speaking members: Sciaena; Birdlife (Cabo Verde); EJF, EarthEco (Brazil) and youth ocean ambassador [from Brazil](#)
- South Asia BBNJ workshop w/ Bay of Bengal program (Aug. 27-28 Chennai, India)
- HSA side events during SIDS4, 27-31 May, Antigua and Barbuda
- Plus many useful resources in EN, FR and ES that could be translated in PT ([HERE](#))

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Concluding remarks

- **Need for strengthening coordination** among regions, and with other donors and stakeholders
- **Need to mobilise financial resources at the right scale for effective and equitable implementation of the treaty**
- Bloomberg Ocean Fund and partners are eager to support at every stage of the high seas treaty process, from **signature**, to **ratification**, to **implementation**, especially of **high seas MPAs**, and **provide a platform for celebrating government leadership**



THANK YOU!