



Supporting sustainable oceans in the Pacific

We share an ocean and a future, custodians of the vast Blue Pacific Continent.

The ocean sustains and connects us. Protecting the ocean and sustainably using its resources is vital to the Pacific.

Australia and Pacific partners are working together to support sustainable oceans and livelihoods

Ocean governance:

- Supporting the **Pacific Ocean Commissioner** and their role in **oceans governance, management and advocacy**
- Joining the Pacific, and other countries, to agree the historic High Seas Treaty, which provides a new framework for the **conservation and sustainable use of approximately 60% of the world's oceans**
- Recognising the important contribution of the **Commonwealth Blue Charter** to progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water

Marine ecosystems:

- **Protecting and restoring coastal blue carbon ecosystems** to mitigate climate change through nature-based solutions and **improving coral reef monitoring and management**
- Investing in regional initiatives to address **waste management challenges**, including phasing out single use plastics through the Pacific Ocean Litter Project and supporting Pacific island countries in negotiations for a new global plastics treaty

Ocean science:

- Enhancing the Pacific's capacity to **monitor, analyse and communicate climate and oceans information** through the Climate and Ocean Support Program in the Pacific
- Participating in **global and regional ocean observation efforts** to inform decision-makers on the impact of climate change, warming and acidification on the ocean



Photo: Through the Climate Resilient by Nature initiative, Australia works with WWF-Pacific to support communities to protect ecosystems (WWF-Pacific / Ethan Daniels)

Australia partners with Pacific island countries to promote ocean health and resilience in the face of climate change and other threats

HOW WE DELIVER

We work closely with regional organisations, including the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program and the Pacific Community