

UNDP contribution

Section X. Capacity building and technical assistance to States:

In 2021-2022, UNDP supported a wide range of ocean-related capacity building and technical assistance activities in over 80 UNDP programme countries. This included support to advancing area-based ocean and coastal management through Marine Spatial Planning, Integrated Coastal Management, Marine Protected Areas, Large Marine Ecosystem approach and Locally Managed Marine Areas. UNDP continued its long-term support to the management and governance of the [West and Central Pacific tuna fishery](#), the world's largest, that is rated as 100% sustainable since 2019. UNDP supported and mobilized resources for 15 countries, including all 7 AIS SIDS, in the development of their Blue Economy assessments, policies, strategies and plans. Through a broad-based global competition, UNDP's [Ocean Innovation Challenge](#) identified, financed, mentored and incubated some twenty entities piloting and scaling up transformational innovations that address marine pollution and sustainable fisheries challenges. UNDP is also a founding partner of the [Global Fund for Coral Reefs](#) and is playing a leading role in the development and implementation of the Fund's policy architecture and knowledge management system, strategic partnerships, and flagship programming. During the reporting period, UNDP mobilized a total of \$29.148 million in new financial resources for ocean-related capacity building and technical assistance to States.