



Call for Commitments & Tracking of Previous Commitments

Impactful, measurable, and concrete commitments for ocean sustainability are the cornerstone of the Our Ocean Conferences. The 9th Our Ocean Conference in Greece on April 16-17, 2024, requests that its invitees submit new commitments to be announced at the conference and provide progress updates on commitments made at past Our Ocean Conferences.

Submitting New Commitments

The conference organizers asks that all New Commitments be submitted by February 29, 2024. The organizers will consider commitment submissions after that time on a case-by-case basis. Commitments should be based on at least one of the six Areas of Action: Marine Protected Areas, Marine Pollution, Sustainable Blue Economies, Climate Change, Sustainable Fisheries, and Maritime Security. NOTE: Within these 6 main areas of action, Greece will particularly place emphasis on four aspects as horizontal elements cutting across the six areas of action of the Conference: Sustainable tourism in coastal areas and islands, Green Shipping, Reduction of marine plastic and microplastic pollution and the Green Transition in the Mediterranean, will be specific areas of focus at the 9th Our Ocean Conference. New commitments that relate to these topics are greatly welcomed and encouraged. All commitments should be bold and measurable. To submit a new commitment, log in at www.ouroceanconference.org. If you are not an existing user, you may create your profile by viewing the OOC User Manual and following the steps User Manual - POC.pdf. If you require assistance accessing the commitment registry, please email oocgreece@prv.ypeka.gr.

Please note that the conference organizers will review all submitted commitments for their boldness, measurability, and expected impact before inclusion in the Our Ocean Conference commitment registry. We ask that new commitments include the full name of the organization proposing it in the main Title along with the main concept of the commitment. In the Description section, we ask that all commitments include a detailed summary of the proposal with comprehensive information of how the commitment will be implemented, anticipated date of completion and amount of funds destined for the commitment (if there are any). Please use the Impact section to provide updates on the commitment(s). If a new commitment involves multiple

actions, please number and separate in the Impact section. Also, please indicate whether this commitment relates to a previously made commitment at an earlier Our Ocean Conference.

For Marine Protected Area commitments, please specify the following in the Description section:

- The intended surface area (km²).
- The current ‘Stage of Establishment’ (Proposed/Committed, Designated, Implemented, or Actively Managed), as defined by The MPA Guide (<https://mpa-guide.protectedplanet.net/explore/stages-of-establishment>).
- Actual or intended ‘Level of Protection’ (Fully Protected, Highly Protected, Lightly Protected, Minimally Protected), as defined by The MPA Guide (<https://mpa-guide.protectedplanet.net/explore/levels-of-protection/by-level>).
- If the protected area is zoned with different regulations and uses in different areas of the MPA, the different Levels of Protection, areas, and coordinates of each zone should be described.

Updating Previous Commitments

Over the past seven Our Ocean Conferences, participants have announced 2,160+ commitments worth over \$130 billion and have protected more than three million square miles of ocean. Transparency and accountability are an essential element of the Our Ocean Conference. It is important to track progress of previous commitments, provide detailed updates on the OOC Platform and demonstrate their impact to inspire future announcements and actions.

Greece and the 9th Our Ocean Conference urge invitees who have made commitments at past Our Ocean Conferences to provide updates on the progress of their previous commitments and their impact. Existing users of the commitment registry can log in at www.ouroceanconference.org to provide updates. If you are not an existing user or require assistance accessing the commitment registry, please email oocgreece@prv.ypeka.gr.

If a previous single commitment involves multiple actions, please number and separate in the **Impact** section:

Also, please indicate whether this commitment relates to a previously made commitment at an earlier Our Ocean Conference. For Marine Protected Area commitments, please specify the following in the **Impact** section: The current ‘Stage of Establishment’ of the MPA (Proposed/Committed, Designated, Implemented, or Actively Managed), as defined by The MPA Guide (<https://mpa-guide.protectedplanet.net/explore/stages-of-establishment>)

Level of Protection was not previously included or has changed, this should be specified as Fully Protected, Highly Protected, Lightly Protected, or Minimally Protected, as defined by The MPA Guide (<https://mpa-guide.protectedplanet.net/explore/levels-of-protection/by-level>). If the protected area is zoned with different regulations and uses in different areas of the MPA, then the Level of Protection, areas, and coordinates of each zone should be described.

The Conference organizers will be producing an analysis of updated commitments based on progress updates received as of February 29, 2024. Should you have any further questions about the commitment submission and update process, please contact oocgreece@prv.ypeka.gr.

See below for commitment format example (zoom in for better viewing).

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COMMITMENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN MADE UP FOR EXAMPLE PURPOSES

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Theme [Dropdown menu] **Budget** [Text input field with currency symbol]

Deadline [Date picker with checkmark and calendar icon] **Progress** [Progress bar with percentage indicator]

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Description [Large text area]

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External attachments [Add link button]

Area actively managed [Toggle switch] **Protected area surface** [Text input field with km² unit]

Longitude [Text input field] **Latitude** [Text input field]

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Callouts:

- Please include your entity's name and a brief but detailed description of the commitment (if funds are involved, specify amount).
- Expected date to complete commitment
- Use this section to provide a detailed description of your commitment and include any information you consider to be relevant to your commitment.
- Please use the Impact section to provide regular updates of your commitment.
- Insert link that provides supplementary information about your commitment
- The progress shown must match the information provided in the impact section.
- When providing progress update (%), specify the actions taken to reach each percentage
- Use this section for MPA commitments
- Provide exact coordinates of where the commitment is being developed