

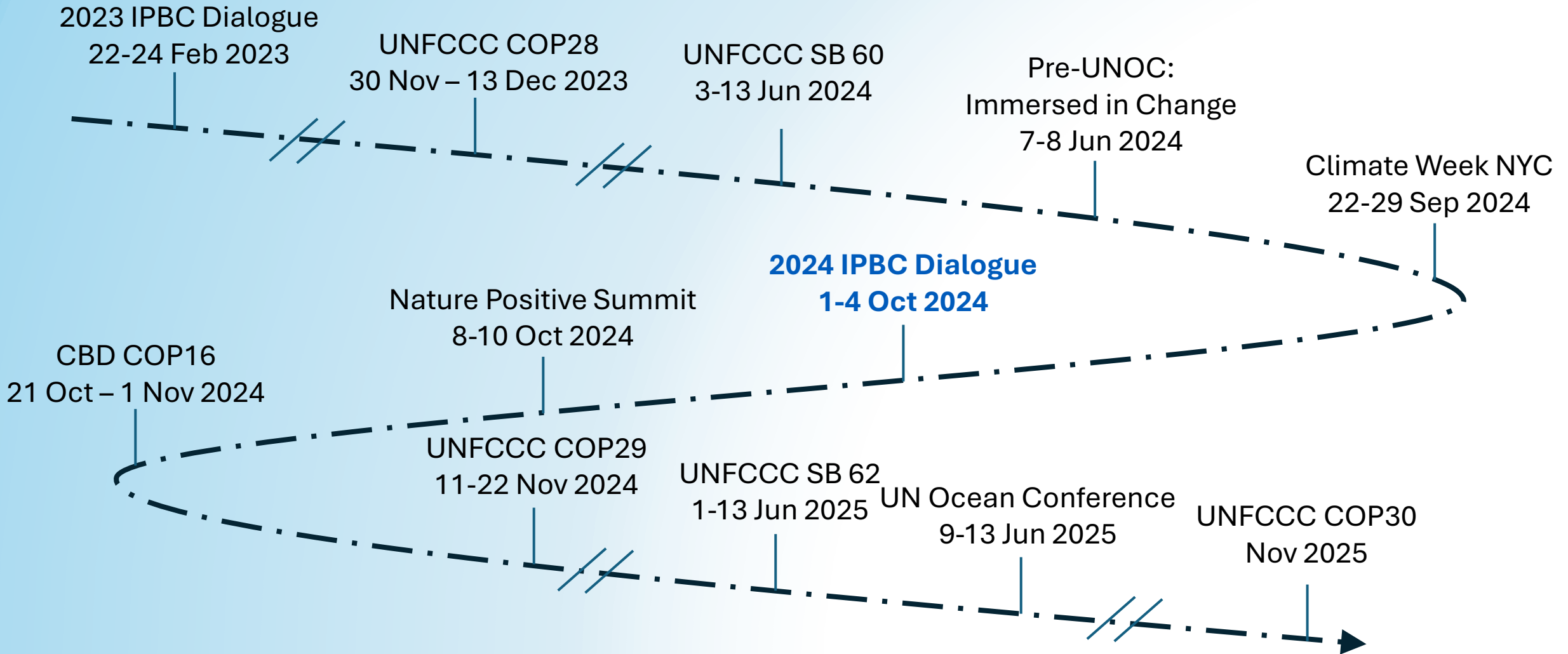
Stocktake from 2023 IPBC Dialogue and Key 2023-2024 Events

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Timeline





LOOKING BACK

22-24 FEB
2023

IPBC Members Dialogue 2023: Refresher

- State of play of blue carbon science
- Need to synergise policies at the national level e.g. climate and biodiversity strategies
- Capacity for project implementation
- Access to funding, including to private sector funding, carbon credits, and blended finance mechanisms
- Private sector engagement - risks and opportunities



22-24 FEB
2023

IPBC Members Dialogue 2023: Takeaways

1. Growing recognition of ecosystem services beyond carbon.
2. Capacity constraints can undermine countries' implementation.
3. Need to fill the funding gap between early-stage and shovel-ready projects.

This partnership plays a vital role for critical collaboration.

There is growing interest in emerging blue carbon ecosystems.



30 NOV-
13 DEC
2023

UNFCCC COP28 Dubai

- **1st Global Stocktake | UAE Consensus**
- **New nature & climate finance commitments**
USD 186.6 million
- **Operationalization of the Climate Impact and Response Fund**
USD \$792 million initial pledges
- **Mangrove Breakthrough**



➤ **COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature & People**

8/18 IPBC countries are signatories

➤ **Joint declaration on urgent need to sustainably manage 100% of ocean under national jurisdictions**

10/18 IPBC countries are signatories

➤ **MDBs agreed on principles for tracking nature-positive finance**



3-13 JUN
2024

UNFCCC SB 60 Bonn

➤ Ocean Climate Dialogue

- Strengthen ocean climate action in the context of the UNFCCC
- Enhanced ambition is urgent!
 - 2025 NDCs are an opportunity to strengthen targets and enhance ambition with Nature-based Solutions
 - Synergies across UN forums (CBD, SDG)
- New co-facilitators will be selected for 2025 – 2026

➤ Article 6, Carbon Markets and Non-Market Mechanisms



7-8 JUN
2024

Immersed in Change, Costa Rica

- **Pre-UN Ocean Conference stage-setting**
- **Growing role and attention to the ocean – and coastal ecosystems – in global forums**

2-5 SEP
2024

Blue Carbon Initiative

- **Scientific Working Group, updates on blue carbon research in Africa**
- **Applications for blue carbon research in policy, communication, conservation, and climate mitigation**
- *[More to come later during the IPBC Dialogue]*



22-29 SEP
2024

Climate Week NYC

- **Investment in climate resilience**
- **Nature Action 100:**
 - *Business case for nature*
 - *Private sector's role in global nature goals*
- **Finance and biodiversity-climate linkages as a cross-cutting theme**



An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. The trees are tightly packed, creating a vibrant green canopy. In the center of the image, there is a large, dark blue circular overlay. Inside this circle, the words "LOOKING FORWARD" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically.

LOOKING FORWARD

8-10 OCT
2024

Global Nature Positive Summit

COLLABORATION TO MANAGE AND RESTORE COASTAL BLUE CARBON ECOSYSTEMS AND COUNTER CLIMATE CHANGE

VITAL ECOSYSTEMS

Protecting and restoring the world's mangroves, tidal marshes and sea grasses has never been more important.

That's because coastal ecosystems don't just provide habitat for marine species, protect coastlines in storms and sustain livelihoods for local communities. They also store 'blue carbon' in their soils, roots and plants, helping to manage climate change.

Investing in coastal ecosystems is good for the environment and climate, the economy and our communities.



IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS

We can achieve so much more by working together and drawing from the combined local and global expertise on blue carbon.

There is a depth of knowledge and expertise in blue carbon science, policy and implementation to engage with and build upon. This provides great opportunities to support collaboration with communities and experts that build solutions using high quality principles and employ best practice approaches.

WHAT IS BLUE CARBON?

Coastal blue carbon ecosystems are environments that support mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrasses.

They are one of nature's superheroes in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss and help to build community resilience.

Climate benefits

Scientific assessments show that blue carbon ecosystems can store two to four times more carbon per hectare and sequester it much faster than terrestrial forests. They can therefore make a significant contribution to action on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Sadly, around the world coastal ecosystems continue to decline. In degraded ecosystems, this carbon is released into the atmosphere contributing to climate change.

There are a range of actions we can take to recognise and harness these ecosystems.

Ecosystems benefits

Coastal ecosystems are some of the most productive on earth.



They are home to important biodiversity and provide many ecosystem services, such as essential breeding grounds for commercial fish, habitat for threatened marine species such as turtles and dugongs, feeding and staging grounds for migratory birds, and filter water flowing into our ocean and reef systems.

Coastal wetlands provide 61% of the food that grow and sustain fish species targeted by commercial and recreational fishers¹.

Community benefits

They play a vital role in food security and sustain coastal livelihoods, by supporting fishing, tourism, cultural benefits and mental health.

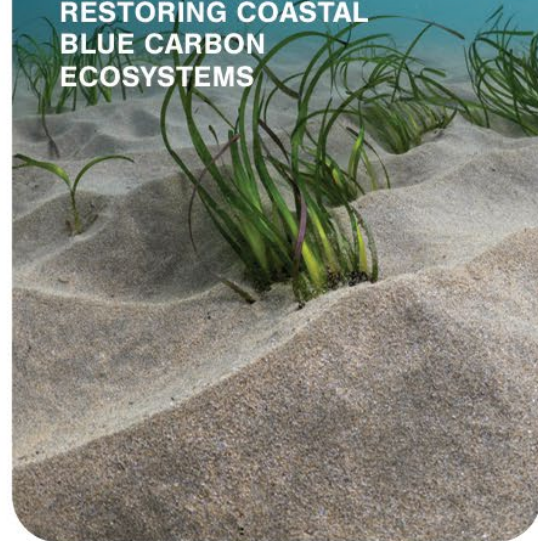
Restoration projects can directly benefit communities through local job creation, spiritual and cultural connection to Country, gender empowerment and access to new financial opportunities.

Coastal wetlands are valuable community 'natural infrastructure' assets, that can lower the impact of storm surges, reducing infrastructure damage and can protect lives. Wetlands can be valued and managed in the same way as built infrastructure like roads or seawalls.

¹Ref: Mapping Ocean Wealth, IUCN



A GLOBAL NETWORK COMMITTED TO PROTECTING AND RESTORING COASTAL BLUE CARBON ECOSYSTEMS



- *Boosting private sector investment in environment*
- *Other focuses: sustainable ocean, blue finance, biodiversity markets*

RESOURCES

See over 60 IPBC Partners and Key Resources Catalogue

Blue Carbon Accelerator Fund – supporting projects from funding to finance

Investing for Ocean Impact (IUCN Podcast)



21 OCT-
1 NOV
2024

CBD COP16, Cali

- *Global Biodiversity Framework Implementation*
- *NDC-NBSAP alignment opportunities*



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11-22 NOV
2024

UNFCCC COP29, Baku

- **The ‘Finance COP’**
- **Aim to operationalize Article 6**
- **Growing Loss & Damage Fund**
- **Adaptation finance gap**
- **Enhanced Transparency Framework**
 - *GHG inventory; mitigation co-benefit to adaptation action; REDD+ technical annex*
- **Side events on blue carbon finance**
 - *November 16 (Week 1)*



9-13 JUN
2025

UN Ocean Conference 2025

- **Selected Ocean Action Panel themes:**
 - ✓ *Sustainable fisheries management*
 - ✓ *Ocean, climate, biodiversity interlinkages*
 - ✓ *Sustainable ocean-based economies*

NOV
2025

UNFCCC COP30, Belém

- **Enhanced & updated 2025 NDCs**
- **Brazil is a mangrove hot spot**





THANK YOU