



THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR BLUE CARBON (IPBC)

Coastal blue carbon ecosystems – mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrasses – provide habitat for marine species, support coastal communities and livelihoods, filter water flowing into our oceans and reef systems, and protect our coastlines from storm surges. Coastal blue carbon ecosystems are also significant carbon sinks. They can sequester two to four times more carbon than terrestrial forests, and thereby can make a serious contribution to global action on climate change. Yet coastal blue carbon ecosystems are increasingly under threat of destruction and deforestation.

The International Partnership for Blue Carbon (IPBC) builds awareness, shares knowledge and accelerates practical action on blue carbon protection by connecting governments with blue carbon practitioners and scientists.

The goals of the IPBC are:

1. **Increased** international commitments to protect coastal blue carbon ecosystems
2. **Improved** national policies to conserve, protect and restore coastal blue carbon ecosystems
3. **Accelerated** on-the-ground implementation of blue carbon conservation, protection and restoration activities.

IPBC Partners

Partners include government agencies, non-governmental organisations, regional organisations and scientific institutions that share the **vision to protect, restore and sustainably manage global blue carbon ecosystems – contributing to climate change mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity, ocean economies and livelihoods of coastal communities.**

In 2021, the Partnership has 48 Partners, of which 17 are country government agencies. The Partnership is coordinated by the Australian Government and supported by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO.

Together, Partners hold an extensive range and depth of knowledge and expertise on blue carbon science, policy development and program implementation. The diversity and expertise of Partners is a fundamental strength, and enables the Partnership to be recognised as a source of credible information, tools and guidance. Partners benefit by sharing their experiences and accessing the expertise of the global community.

Join us and become a Partner!

How would you benefit?

Partners benefit from being directly connected with the broad skill set within existing blue carbon practitioner groups, enabling them to gain insights into the latest blue carbon science, international policy developments and creating opportunities for collaborative action.

As a Partner, you will:

- gain access to a multidisciplinary network of representatives from government agencies, NGOs, and inter-governmental and research organisations, to exchange information and build collaborative relationships
- have the opportunity to stimulate further development and to influence the directions of international, regional and national blue carbon policy through participating in policy and technical exchanges on global best practices and international frameworks
- be invited to participate in regional and international events and meetings on blue carbon
- receive the latest information on blue carbon policy, program or scientific developments
- be recognised for acting on climate change, ocean and biodiversity protection and in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, and be able to shape or be part of joint public announcements
- have the opportunity to provide ideas and influence the priority setting for Partnership activities.

How could your Country contribute to the Partnership?

Countries seeking membership should have the capacity or the ambition to contribute to international efforts to protect and restore coastal blue carbon ecosystems.

There is no fee for joining the Partnership. However, Partners are asked to actively participate or contribute to IPBC activities, such as through:

- hosting of workshops or side-events at international climate change or environment meetings
- allocating in-kind resources to participate in policy and technical discussion groups, or to support communication and guidance products
- funding or in-kind support for administration and communication activities of the IPBC secretariat.

Partners can also take leading roles in the Partnership by becoming Coordinating or Focal Group members on a rotational basis.

How can you join the Partnership?

If you are interested in joining the Partnership, or you have any questions, please contact the Coordinator Team at: ipbc@environment.gov.au

You might also want to check our website

 bluecarbonpartnership.org

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