

DECISION 11

Marine Protected Areas and Critical Habitats Outlooks

The Secretariat was requested to revitalize and strengthen coral reef networks and other critical habitat networks and to periodically prepare thematic outlooks on the state of the marine and coastal environment.



MARINE PROTECTED AREAS OUTLOOK

The MPA Outlook, which documents the progress made by countries in the region towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 14.5 target (to conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas by 2020) and provides lessons and opportunities to increase momentum for achieving post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework targets, was launched in 2021. The Critical Habitats Outlook will be launched in the coming months.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

From the MPA Outlook included the need for (i) dedicated budgets for MPA management; (ii) adopting proactive law enforcement and compliance strategies to ensure MPA regulations and guidelines are being respected; (iii) incorporating research and monitoring programmes on biodiversity and ecosystems into decision-making in MPAs; and (iv) strengthening community engagement in marine protection.



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