

“Enhancing resilience and health of Western Indian Ocean 2022-2024”

- France would like to share some recent information on the international Ocean agenda and to suggest making linkages between global ocean prioritised and the future strategy of Nairobi Convention.
- We consider that the Ocean has to be managed as a Global Common and that Western Indian Ocean is part of it. This is why we have to join efforts towards a common objective: a better protection and conservation of our Global Ocean.
- **G7 and G20 communiqués** adopted this year at ministerial level call for concrete actions for our Ocean and seas protection. It seems relevant to have a look to the **priorities identified at global level** to further implement them as appropriate to all levels
- **IUCN Congress** (taking place in France from 4 to 10 September 2021) will deliver key messages through specific motions relevant for the marine environment protection and conservation
- Supporting the **UN negotiations** concerning the adoption of an ambitious and balanced UN Ocean treaty, the so called “**BBNJ treaty**” whose last session of negotiations (ICG4) is envisaged in March 2022. The areas of interest for Nairobi Convention might be the future provisions on :
 - 1) Marine protected areas
 - 2) Environmental impact assessment of activities undertaken within national jurisdictions and having an impact beyond national jurisdictions
 - 3) Access to marine genetic resources and sharing of scientific knowledge
 - 4) Capacity building and transfer of technology
- Supporting the **adoption of a specific marine target within the CBD COP15** and its Post 2020 Strategic Plan including the **MPAs protection target of 30% of the Global Ocean**
- Join the **High Ambitious Coalition for Nature and People** aiming to implement the “30 x 30” target with MPAs representing 30% of marine space by 2030
- Continue contributions to the implementation of SDG 14 and to the Blue Economy