

# Ocean Programme | Equitable ocean conservation

## SUMMARY

Across 13 countries, Synchronicity Earth's Ocean Programme responds to urgent but underfunded marine conservation challenges by backing overlooked species, ecosystems and communities. Its work combines locally-led conservation, strategic research and policy engagement to improve ocean protection, while helping build the longer-term systems change needed for more equitable and effective marine conservation.

## OVERVIEW

The programme works across three connected areas:

- Addressing research gaps and policy issues that are often overlooked in ocean conservation
- Supporting targeted action for threatened and overlooked marine species and ecosystems
- Promoting local community and Indigenous knowledge, culture and experience in ocean conservation and fisheries management

In 2025, this included grant-making and active participation in major policy and sector forums, including the UN Ocean Conference.

The programme also continued to support advocacy linked to the High Seas Treaty. This agreement aims to improve the protection and management of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

## OUTCOME

This approach is strengthening both practical conservation outcomes and longer-term capacity in the marine sector.

Programme-funded work is helping improve protection for threatened marine habitats and species. Workshops, advocacy and strategic engagement are strengthening regional coordination. They are also supporting more diverse participation in policy spaces and drawing attention to historically overlooked conservation priorities.

### Sustainable development goals:



## IMPACT

The Ocean Programme has:

- Supported 26 partners across 13 countries, with 54% receiving multi-year funding.
- Contributed to improved protection for 9,120 hectares of ocean from destructive activities through partner work.
- Delivered two capacity-building workshops supporting 44 academics and conservationists working on seagrass, sharks and rays in Southeast Asia.
- Used Synchronicity Earth's accredited status at the UN Ocean Conference to provide attendance badges to four representatives from Ocean Voices.
- Continued to support advocacy that contributed to the High Seas Treaty entering into force on 17 January 2026.



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