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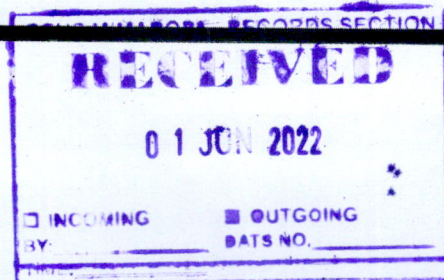
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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
All DENR Regional Office

FROM : The OIC Director  
Biodiversity Management Bureau

SUBJECT : **CELEBRATION OF WORLD OCEANS DAY AND CORAL TRIANGLE DAY FOR CY 2022**



Annually, the World Oceans Day (WOD) and Coral Triangle Day (CT Day) are celebrated every 8th and 9th of June respectively, to shed light on ocean conservation and the numerous ways to protect and conserve our coastal and marine resources. For this year, the celebrations support and join the UN's initiative on Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030.

This year, the WOD adopts the theme **"Revitalization: Collective Action for the Oceans"**. The theme emphasizes the need to work together to create balance with the ocean that no longer depletes its resources but rather restores its vibrancy.

On the other hand, CT Day's theme and focus is on **"Sustaining the Coral Triangle Ecosystems through Blue Economy"**. It will highlight innovative solutions/actions being undertaken at the regional, national, and local levels by organizations, institutions, groups, communities, and individuals who are already involved in effort towards the promotion and establishment of the blue economy and its initiatives.

In line with this, we are encouraged to align our celebration with the above themes not just to promote the importance and value of Coral Triangle ecosystems (coastal and marine resources) but also promote collaboration of stakeholders for the benefit of the world's oceans, as they connect us all.

Attached are the details of both events for your reference.

For your information and guidance.

  
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**ECOSYSTEM  
RESTORATION**  
2021-2030





## About this event

This year's 2022 United Nations World Oceans Day (UN WOD) celebration will be taking place on **Wednesday 8 June 2022** around the theme **Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean**.

United Nations World Oceans Day is hosted by the **United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS)** with the generous contribution of **Oceanic Global** made possible by **La Mer**.

This year's celebration will be adopting a hybrid format, featuring an in-person event at the UN Headquarters in New York and a virtual broadcast. **We invite you to Save the Date and join us for the virtual broadcast of this globally-reaching event.** If you would like to join us in-person, please register your interest in attending by completing the **registration form**.



## 2022 THEME

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The ocean connects, sustains, and supports us all—but its health is at a tipping point. As the past years have shown us, **we need to work together to create a new balance with the ocean** that no longer depletes its bounty but instead restores its vibrancy and brings it new life.

The programming will **shed light on the communities, ideas, and solutions that are working together to protect and revitalize the ocean** and everything it sustains.

## LEADING TOPICS FOR THE DAY

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- Nature-based Solutions
- Science & Innovation
- Cross-sector & Cross-discipline Collaboration
- Biodiversity & Resilience
- Local & Indigenous Knowledge
- Community & Collaborative Efforts
- Blue Economy, Responsible Management & Finance



## MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED ---

- **Register your ocean-related event** to feature on the UN World Oceans Day website
- Contribute to the #RevitalizeTheOcean Campaign (**Toolkit for Individuals, Toolkit for Organizations**)
- Share the **UN WOD Screening Guide**

## ABOUT UN WORLD OCEANS DAY ---

Since its inception in 2008, United Nations World Oceans Day (UN WOD) has celebrated the ocean and its importance to the planet and our lives, while raising awareness about the many threats it faces. As the challenges to the ocean continue to grow, so does the need to understand and mobilize globally.

### **Explore Previous Events**

Website: [www.UNWorldOceansDay.org](http://www.UNWorldOceansDay.org)

Instagram: [@unworldoceansday](https://www.instagram.com/unworldoceansday)





## CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY



(Draft) Concept Note

**Celebration of Coral Triangle Day, 9th June 2022**

**"Sustaining the Coral Triangle Ecosystems through Blue Economy."**

### Context

The Coral Triangle Day, which is celebrated every 9<sup>th</sup> of June, is an annual open-sourced event that brings together individuals, organizations, and establishments on one special day of the year to shed light on ocean conservation and the numerous ways to protect and conserve the Coral Triangle through Blue Economy.

The CTI-CFF and the Regional Secretariat together with its Strategic Partners share UN's view that 'much more needs to be done to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health and create improved conditions for the sustainable usage and development of the ocean, seas and coasts.'

As such, CTI-CFF through the CT Day celebration supports and joins UN's initiative on Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030, and in alignment with the UN World Ocean's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 themed: Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean. The June 9 CT Day this year is particularly focused on the importance of **Sustaining the Coral Triangle Ecosystem through Blue Economy**.

CTI-CFF shall highlight innovations and actions being undertaken by each member country and the partners towards attaining a healthy and sustainable Coral Triangle. Efforts of organizations, institutions, groups, communities, and individuals shall be recognized and promoted to herald a regional, national, and local movement that protects, manages, and improves the health of the marine ecosystems and to strengthen economic conditions of coastal communities through blue economy.

The 2022 Coral Triangle Celebration will build upon:

- The initiatives and/or accomplishments of CT6 at the regional, national and local levels to address issues of climate change, overfishing, illegal and destructive fishing, marine and man-made pollution and natural disasters.
- The initiatives/activities of Strategic Partners in collaboration with various groups and stakeholders that are creating an impact on the ground using innovations.
- The national and/or regional plan of actions of the CTI-CFF.

### Objectives

The objective of the 2022 Coral Triangle Day aims to highlight the importance of Sustainability of the Coral Triangle Ecosystem through Blue Economy. It will highlight innovative solutions/actions being undertaken at the regional, national, and local levels by organization, institutions, groups, communities, and individuals who are already involved in effort towards the promotion and establishment of blue economy and initiatives.

### Specifically,

1. To promote the Coral Triangle Ecosystem as one of the most valuable resources in the region benefiting millions of people living in the coastal communities and beyond.



2. To promote the importance of sustainability of activities/projects of the CT6 countries towards attaining a healthy Coral Triangle ecosystem.
3. To highlight/promote the innovative actions being undertaken by organizations, groups, communities, and individuals at the regional, national, and local levels to address issues faced and threatening the Coral Triangle through Blue Economy.

#### Target audiences

- Key officials/leaders
- Heads of Government Offices
- Like-minded organizations/institutions
- Strategic Partners and potentials partners
- Business enterprises
- Communities within the Triangle Area including the Youth
- Women Groups/Organizations
- Indigenous groups
- Media

Possible theme of webinars/online fora to be undertaken, possible resource persons and target audience are as follows:

1. Big Data for CTI Ocean Governance  
Resource persons from: ASEAN ACB, Allen Coral Map, UNEP WCMC, WorldFish, etc  
Focus: Show importance of good data and data management  
Resource persons from: IUCN Red List
2. Baseline Data for Conservation Work  
Focus: Baseline for green turtles' conservation, fish, marine mammals, etc  
to show importance of baseline data for conservation work
3. Women in Marine Development & Conservation in CTI  
Resource persons: national, regional, and international luminaries e.g., Sylvia Earle, UN ABNJ legal expert Dr Kristina Gjerde, IUCN SSC Sea horse expert Dr Amanda Vincent, CTI fisheries/Biodiversity experts
4. The Coral Triangle in Relation to Blue Economy

#### Other Possible Activities

(Now that physical activities are allowed, we may join the following activities)

1. Shoreline Clean-up
2. Coral Reef Planting
3. Mangrove Reforestation
4. Publish a one-page article featuring CTI-CFF
5. Hold a Press Conference with dignitaries who can attend the CT Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June that shall be covered by media (A press release will be arranged prior to the Press Conference)

**Note:** Activities 1 to 3 shall be undertaken in collaboration with the Marine Office if possible