

Approved Projects (updated on a biannual basis – Last updated August 2025)

Lead grantee	Project title	Project description	Geography	Main Country	Project Start Year	Project Duration	JTTFI Total Funding (USD)
Pew Charitable Trusts, Wildlands Conservation Trust	Prince Edward Islands Protected Areas	Expand and strengthen the marine protected area in South Africa's sub-Antarctic territory of Prince Edward Island and develop a proposal for an adjacent high seas MPA.	Polar	South Africa	2025	3	\$1,400,000
Irish Environmental Network	Ireland Protected Areas	Secure new protected areas and strengthen existing ones in Ireland.	Europe	Ireland	2025	3	\$750,000
Hen Mpoano	Community OECM in Cape Three Points Ghana	Support Ghana to engage with local communities to enable the establishment of the country's first coastal marine protected area.	Africa	Ghana	2025	3	\$410,965
Reef Check Malaysia	Peninsula Malaysia Protected Areas and OECMs	Strengthen and develop new coastal protected and conserved areas integrated with the management of the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia seascape, delivering improved protection for marine and coastal resources, and sustainably managed fisheries that results in increased income and food security for coastal communities.	Asia	Malaysia	2025	3	\$228,870
Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC)	High Seas Capacity Support for the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC)	Support policy and technical assistance to the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) for the development and delivery of OPOC's work program in the areas of High Seas Treaty implementation, including the development of high seas MPA proposals in the Pacific region.	Oceania	Fiji	2025	1	\$39,600
Sustainable Finance Coalition	Sustainable marine finance in Tanzania	Develop and implement sustainable finance plan and solutions for Tanzania co-managed small scale fisheries management system, and in support of coastal OECMs.	Africa	Tanzania	2024	3	\$284,491
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Capacity Building support to Angola and Namibia to advance ratification of the High Seas Treaty	Provide capacity building to Angola and Namibia to support High Seas Treaty ratification.	High Seas	Angola, Namibia	2024	2	\$200,000
Rare	Coastal OECMs in Brazil's Amazon Mouth Region	Support the establishment of a large new coastal OECM(s) in northern Brazil, and management plans to implement recently designated coastal OECMs.	LAC	Brazil	2024	2	\$1,448,715
Regional Partnership for the Conservation of the Coastal and Marine Zone in West Africa	30 Percent Effective Protected Areas in Guinea-Bissau	Support creation of the new Cacheu-Jeta-Pecixe Biosphere Reserve that will become part of the Guinea-Bissau National System of Protected Areas (SNAP), thus ensuring greater representation of the biological diversity of the country protected areas.	Africa	Guinea-Bissau	2024	3	\$980,651
Blue Resources Trust	Sri Lanka Fisheries and Protected Areas	Support Sri Lanka's national 30x30 goals within and beyond the EEZ through the implementation of the Department of Wildlife Conservation's National Marine Policy and Action Plan (2025 – 2029) and the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources' National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy frameworks (2026 – 2030).	Asia	Sri Lanka	2024	3	\$250,000

University of New South Wales	High Seas Treaty Finance Mechanism	Establish an expert advisory group to co-develop the High Seas Treaty financial mechanism in order to support swift implementation of the Treaty toward establishment and effective management of high seas MPAs.	High Seas	N/A	2024	1	\$280,000
University of Edinburgh	Strengthening Indigenous People's Engagement in BBNJ	Co-develop indigenous participation mechanisms and integrate Indigenous input and traditional knowledge in high seas Treaty governance, ensuring swift implementation of the Treaty for establishment of high seas MPAs.	High Seas	N/A	2024	1	\$173,850
Por el Mar	Coastal protected areas and BBNJ Ratification in Argentina	Support work to expand and create new provincial MPAs in key biodiversity and habitat areas and ensure Argentina's ratification of High Seas Treaty.	LAC	Argentina	2024	3	\$405,000
SkyTruth	Tracking and Accelerating Progress Toward Marine 30x30 Goals	Integrate additional resources in the SkyTruth 30x30 platform, building critical buy-in and strengthening partnerships with key marine stakeholders.	Global	Global	2024	6 months	\$330,000
Asociacion Sotz'il	Promote and Support Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' (IPLCs) Initiatives on Biodiversity Marine Conservation	Support indigenous-led organizations to contribute to the implementation of Target 3 of the KMGBF and High Seas Treaty implementation at the national, regional, and international level.	Global	Global	2024	2	\$400,000
Conservation des Espèces Marines (CEM)	Protected Areas in Cote d'Ivoire	This project works with local fishing communities and the government to develop and implement five new MPAs. The project will strengthen capacity of communities, NGOs, and the government to protect 10% of the country's waters and lay the foundation for the government's eventual 30x30 goal.	Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	2024	3	\$358,000
Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition	Southern Ocean Protected Areas Campaign	Advance the establishment of CCAMLR marine protected areas.	Polar	Antarctic	2024	1	\$250,000
Conservation International Foundation	Salas y Gómez and Nazca Ridges High Seas MPA	Advance the establishment of a high seas MPA in the Salas y Gomez and Nazca Ridges and build capacity of indigenous communities to engage in the process.	High Seas	N/A	2024	3	\$725,000
Ngāti Kuri Trust Board	New Zealand Protected Areas (Te Puna Ora o Te Moananui-a-Kiwa)	Address key barriers to achieving the 30% marine protection target in Aotearoa New Zealand.	Oceania	New Zealand	2024	4	\$800,076
Rare	Mozambique OECMS and 30x30	Strengthen OECM awareness and criteria design in Mozambique's national 30x30 roadmap process.	Africa	Mozambique	2024	6 months	\$150,000
Wild Earth Allies, Inc.	Advancing Thirty Percent Protection in Cambodia	Support the government of Cambodia (RGC) to set and advance 30 x 30 marine conservation targets through the establishment and co-management of marine protected areas (MPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in Cambodia.	Asia	Cambodia	2024	3	\$347,950
Angel Shark Project, Fundacion Universidad Las Palmas	Protected Areas in the Canary Islands, Spain	Strengthen effective management of existing protected areas, create new coastal and offshore protected areas covering at least 10% of the Canary Islands' waters, and optimize expansion of offshore renewable energy production with marine conservation goals.	Europe	Spain	2024	3	\$815,000

International Center for Dialogue and Peacebuilding	BBNJ Informal Dialogues	Advance a consistent, constructive and substantive informal space, virtually and in-person, for government representatives and other relevant stakeholders to advance the next steps in the High Seas Treaty process.	Global	Global	2024	2	\$50,000
Blue Ventures Conservation	International policy engagement at the 2024 Our Ocean Conference	Leverage the opportunity of the Our Ocean conference to secure policy commitments from African governments in relation to fisheries and ocean conservation.	Africa	N/A	2024	6 months	\$20,000
Comunidad y Biodiversidad	Fish Refuges (OECMs) and MPAs in Mexico	Create three new refuges in the state of Yucatán, support the establishment and management of Bajos del Norte National Park, and support the development of Mexico 's National System of Fish Refuges.	LAC	Mexico	2024	3	\$300,000
Citizens Institute for Environmental Studies	Protected Areas, Treaty Ratification in South Korea	Launch a campaign to secure South Korean ratification of the High Seas Treaty and sponsorship for a high seas protected area and strengthen policy measures to enhance national marine area protection and implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.	Asia	South Korea	2024	3	\$133,000
High Seas Alliance	High Seas Ratification and Protected Areas 2023-2026	Secure ratification of the High Seas Treaty by sixty nations by the United Nations Ocean Conference in 2025, as well as establish strong treaty institutions and processes, and support Alliance members' campaigns to advance at least three large-scale protected areas under the treaty.	Global	Global	2024	3	\$750,000
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Pacific Islands Ratification of High Seas Treaty	Strengthen capacity in in Pacific Island Countries for (i) rapid ratification and (ii) equitable and effective implementation of the High Seas Treaty.	Oceania	Pacific Islands	2024	2	\$700,000
NaturePlus Climate Initiative	ECOWAS 30x30 Strategy Workshop	Launch an ECOWAS coordination process to identify gaps in the regional network of protected areas, produce an action plan to implement an existing strategy to combat the biodiversity crisis in West Africa, and develop mechanisms for funding and monitoring implementation of the plan.	Africa	Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Mali	2024	0.5	\$30,000
Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance	30x30 Ocean Regeneration and Resilience Financing Facility	Conduct a feasibility study to explore the potential to establish a self-replenishing 30x30 Ocean Regeneration and Resilience Financing Facility assessed through a small fee on these sectors through their insurance premiums as part of their price of doing business.	Global	Global	2024	1	\$50,000
Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)	Protected Areas in the Congo Republic	Provide policy support to the government to accelerate the creation of MPAs, strengthen the capacity of national and local authorities to effectively manage the MPAs, and catalyze the integration of the newly extended Conkouati-Douli National Park (CDNP) into the existing park management structures.	Africa	Congo Republic	2024	3	\$200,000

World Wildlife Fund Indonesia	Protected Areas and OECMs in Indonesia	Provide support to the government as it develops and implements a plan to protect 30% of its waters by 2045. This will include producing national guidelines for operation of provincial MPAs; drafting a legal framework for OECM recognition; creation of at least 4 MPA and 5 OECM pilot sites to demonstrate objectives.	Asia	Indonesia	2024	2	\$400,000
Ocean Voices Programme/University of Wollongong	Small Island Developing States Ratification of the High Seas Treaty	Strengthen capacity in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for (i) rapid ratification and (ii) equitable and effective implementation of the High Seas Treaty.	Global	Global	2023	2	\$600,000
Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA)	Latin America Ratification of the High Seas Treaty	Strengthen capacity in Latin American countries for (i) rapid ratification and (ii) equitable and effective implementation of the High Seas Treaty.	LAC	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay	2023	2	\$505,704
Coral Triangle Centre (CTC)	Timor Leste 30x30 Strategy	Accelerating the process of MPA establishment and developing a tool to monitor the effective management of MPAs. In addition, it is proposed to conduct assessment studies on Tara Bandu and the Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECM) opportunities in Timor-Leste.	Asia	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	2023	2	\$150,000
World Wildlife Fund	Protected Areas in Greece	Launch a campaign to protect 25% of Greece's waters; strengthen implementation, enforcement and financing for existing protected areas; and secure new marine spatial planning legislation.	Europe	Greece	2023	3	\$300,000
Marine Environment and Resources Foundation	Strengthening Partnerships Towards Philippines National 30x30	Enhance policy environment towards determining the 30x30 national goal, strengthen capacity of institutions for MPAs through science-based and community-led resource management, and enhance partnerships and knowledge management in support of biodiversity conservation.	Asia	Philippines	2023	3	\$475,000
Nature Conservation Society of Japan	Protected Areas and OECMs in Japan	Improve policies to promote effective MPAs and OECMs; develop pilot cases for regional management systems and methods for monitoring and evaluation of MPAs and OECMs.	Asia	Japan	2023	3	\$400,000
Resources Legacy Fund	Campaign for Nature: Accelerating Implementation of 30x30 Globally	Support for an implementation campaign for Target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework with a focus on: 1) keeping it high on global political agenda and in the media; 2) holding governments accountable to their commitment to increase financing; 3) increasing support for Indigenous-led conservation	Global	Global	2023	3	\$1,000,000
Natural Resources Defense Council	ECOWAS Region Ratification and Implementation of the BBNJ agreement	Develop the capacity of ECOWAS member States to ratify and implement the new international ocean treaty for the high seas to enable them to actively seek the protection of at least 30 percent or more of the global ocean by 2030.	Africa	Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Mali	2023	2	\$600,000
Marine Conservation Institute	The Marine Protection Atlas: A Global Accountability Tool for Tracking Marine Protected Area Progress	Track new MPA commitments and fully integrate the MPA Guide framework for assessing and tracking MPA implementation and expected outcomes on the MPAtlas.org.	Global	Global	2023	2.5	\$250,000

Ocean Conservancy	New Central Arctic Ocean Protections	Launch and implement a campaign for a binding international agreement imposing a moratorium on mineral extraction, oil and gas development, and transpolar shipping in the Central Arctic Ocean while supporting Arctic Indigenous people to participate in development and future decision-making. Ocean Conservancy is co-leading this project with Oceans North.	Polar	Arctic	2023	4	\$1,000,000
Oregon State University	Alternative Protected Area ("OECEM") Standards	Support accurate accounting for OECEMs by developing an "OECEM Guide" - a science-based, inclusive, equitable, cross-sector method for evaluating which sites are contributing effective conservation.	Global	Global	2023	2	\$200,000
Australia Marine Conservation Society, The Pew Charitable Trusts	Australia and Southern Ocean Protected Areas	Expand marine protected areas in Australia and its sub-Antarctic islands, as well as sub-Antarctic areas under United Kingdom jurisdiction.	Oceania	Australia	2023	3	\$500,000
Seascope Consultants Ltd	BBNJ Science Workshop	Host a joint workshop on BBNJ Treaty implementation with a focus on building the baseline science and data to develop an ecologically representative and well-connected networks of high seas MPAs.	High Seas	N/A	2025	1	\$40,000
Sustainable Finance Coalition	Sustainable Finance for Marine 30x30 in Mozambique	Develop and implement a sustainable finance plan and solutions in support of long-term implementation of Mozambique's marine 30x30 commitment.	Africa	Mozambique	2025	3	\$468,104
Natural Resources Defense Council	High Seas Protected Area in West Africa	Support work with West African nations for the establishment of a high seas MPA in the Canary Island's and Guinea's currents convergence zone.	High Seas	N/A	2025	1	\$60,000
Pew Charitable Trusts	Engaging RFMOs on High Seas Protected Areas	Advance a strategy to engage regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) in the implementation of the High Seas Treaty in order to align processes necessary for the creation of high seas MPAs.	High Seas	N/A	2025	3	\$500,000
Land Empowerment Animals People Inc.	Marine Conservation and Fisheries Sustainability in Sabah, Malaysia	Support Sabah in strengthening its State Marine Management as well as the implementation of sustainable small-scale fisheries.	Asia	Malaysia	2025	3	\$250,000
Regional Partnership for the Conservation of the Coastal and Marine Zone in West Africa (PRCM)	Senegal 30x30 and Cross-Border Offshore MPAs	Support Senegal to establish its plan for achieving the marine 30x30 conservation target through the establishment and implementation of cross-border offshore MPAs.	Africa	Senegal	2025	0.5	\$25,000
Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity (GFRA)	Advancing National Action and 30x30 Commitments for Ocean Sustainability in Ghana	Support Ghana in the development of a participatory Marine Protection Strategy that defines spatial targets and institutional roles towards marine 30x30.	Africa	Ghana	2025	1	\$35,000
Oceana	Protected Areas in Gulf of Mexico	Support the effective management of the recently developed Bajos del Norte and Alacranes Reef National Parks, including the development of management plans.	LAC	Mexico	2025	3	\$150,000
Only One	Accelerating Ocean Impact through Public Campaigning	Implement public campaigns to ban bottom trawling in EU MPAs, advance global fisheries transparency, and accelerate marine 30x30.	Global	Global	2025	2	\$250,000
Natural Resources Defense Council	BBNJ First Movers Secretariat	Support the Secretariat of the BBNJ First movers group of governments advancing a portfolio of the first high seas MPAs under the BBNJ Treaty.	High Seas	N/A	2025	2	\$150,000

Parliamentarians for Global Action	Mobilizing Parliamentarians for High Seas Protection	Mobilize Parliamentary champions to advocate for BBNJ Treaty ratification and early implementation of high seas MPAs.	High Seas	N/A	2025	2	\$115,000
High Seas Alliance	Supporting Indonesia's Implementation of BBNJ, Including High Seas MPAs	Support the Indonesian government's regional leadership role to implement the BBNJ Treaty with a focus on advancing the first generation of high seas MPAs.	High Seas	Indonesia	2025	1	\$86,300
SkyTruth	Tracking and Accelerating Progress Toward Marine 30x30 Goals Phase II	Support strengthening the 30x30 Progress Tracker including combining globally standardized tracking with more flexible, user-driven functionality in addition to integrating new datasets including biodiversity and marine data layers.	Global	Global	2025	2	\$550,000
Love Wildlife Foundation	Thailand 30x30 Strategy	Coordinate a national coalition on policy, planning, and capacity building to help Thailand achieve its marine 30x30 protection target through a government-endorsed National Ocean Action Plan.	Asia	Thailand	2025	3	\$100,000
Prince Albert II Foundation	Pelagos Sanctuary Protected Area in Mediterranean	Strengthen the Pelagos Sanctuary in the Mediterranean through improved management and implementation of fisheries and MPAs.	Europe	Italy, Monaco, France	2025	3	\$116,000
WWF Norway	Norway Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Commitment	Seek a government commitment for Marine Spatial Planning that includes the development of marine protected areas.	Europe	Norway	2025	0.5	\$23,000
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation	Tunisia 30x30	Accelerate Tunisia's contribution to 30x30 by expanding, strengthening, and ensuring the effective and equitable management of a new network of protected areas.	Africa	Tunisia	2025	3.5	\$1,000,000
Conservation Finance Alliance	Scoping for Philippines 30x30 Sustainable Finance	Scope a 3-year initiative that develop and implement a marine 30x30 sustainable finance plan for the Philippines.	Asia	Philippines	2025	0.25	\$49,806