

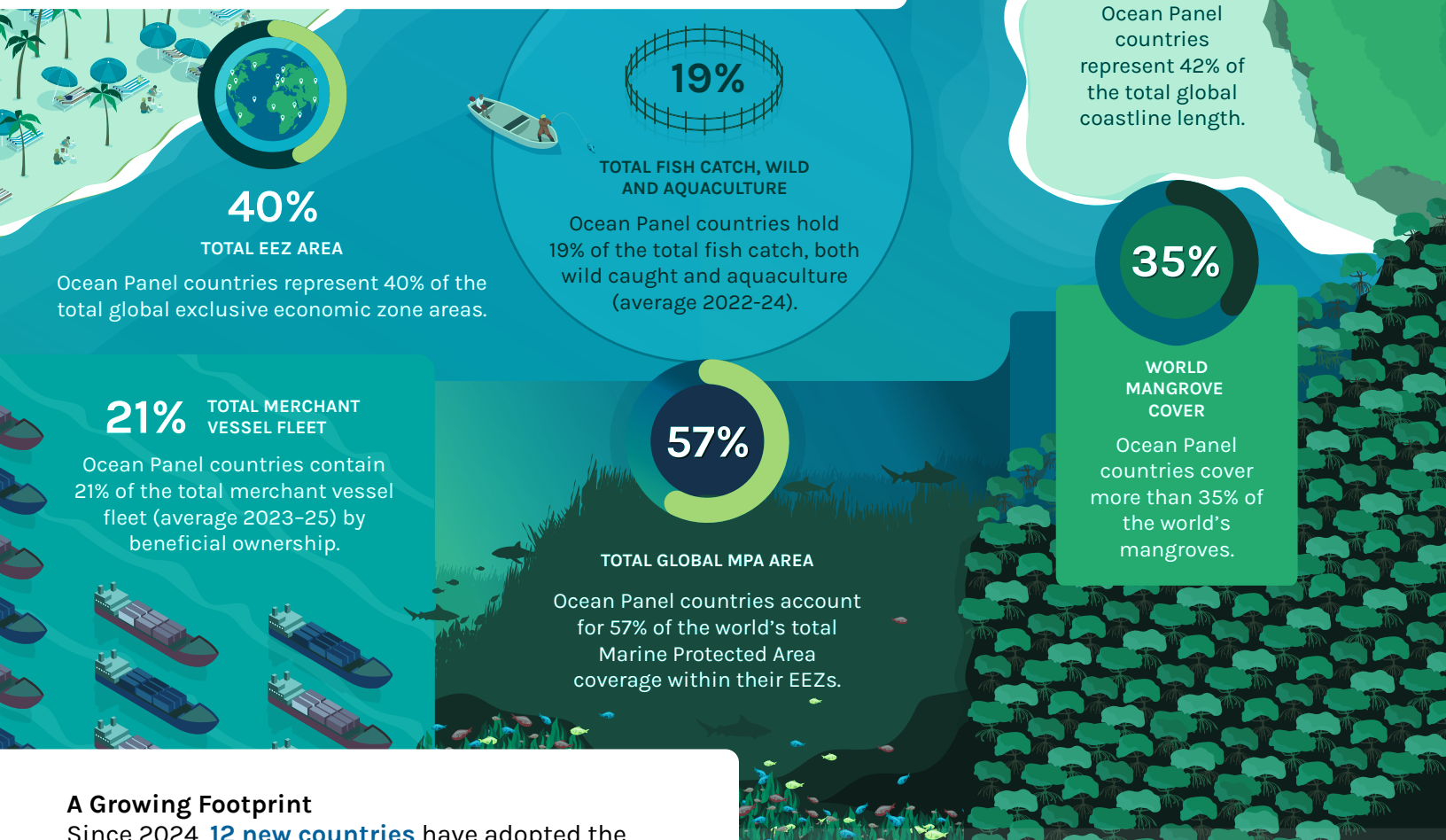
Commitments in Action 2026 Progress Report



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Global Impact

Ocean Panel members have translated ambition into national action with global implications. From Sustainable Ocean Plans and more integrated ocean-climate policy to more effective marine protection and targeted ocean finance, progress is accelerating.



A Growing Footprint

Since 2024, **12 new countries** have adopted the Ocean Panel's headline commitment to sustainably manage 100% of their national waters. Members have inspired complementary initiatives and aligned declarations, including the 100% Alliance and the Yaoundé Declaration. This means 46% of the world's national waters are now under formal agreement to adopt Sustainable Ocean Plans.



Angola



Belize



Benin



Cameroon



Colombia



Cote d'Ivoire



Equatorial Guinea



Liberia



Nigeria



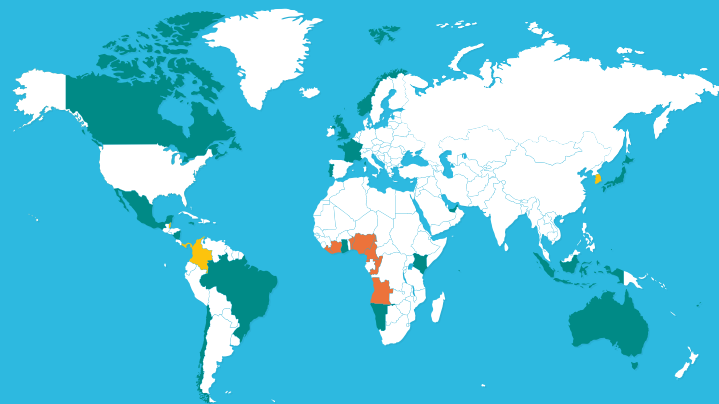
Panama



Republic of Congo



Republic of Korea



- Ocean Panel Members
- 100% Alliance Members
- Yaoundé Declaration Signatories

Progress in Numbers

Ocean Panel countries continue to make progress year on year, with a strong focus emerging on implementation of their Sustainable Ocean Plans while taking complementary efforts to ensure other global goals and commitments are met.



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10 members are implementing and updating their Sustainable Ocean Plans, with 9 in the preparation stage.

Key:

+2 8 members by 2024 9 still in preparation

2026 progress 2024 progress

16 members have legislative measures/policies to strengthen their plan's legal and institutional backing.

+2 14 members by 2024 3 pending

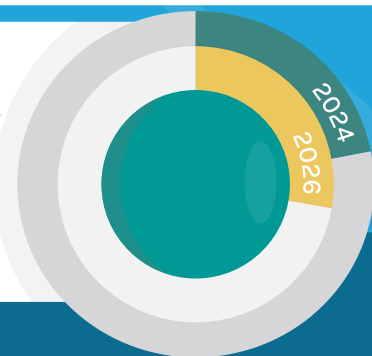
17 members have at least one ocean-based climate measure or target in their national climate plans.

+3 14 members by 2024 2 pending

19 (all) members have now advanced early national strategies and targets for the decarbonisation transition in line with the Paris Agreement.

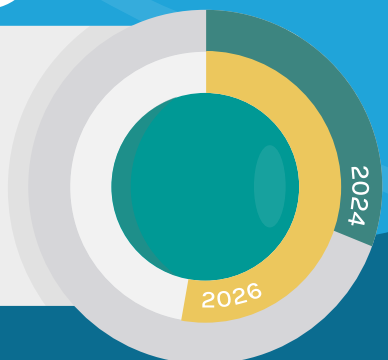
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28%
of member countries' EEZs are protected through Marine Protected Areas (on average).



\$4 billion

pledged by member countries towards ocean action at the 2026 Our Ocean Conference (53% of the total amount raised).



Sustainable Ocean Plans as an International Standard

Developed by the Ocean Panel, Sustainable Ocean Plans are comprehensive national frameworks designed by governments to sustainably manage 100% of the ocean areas under their national jurisdiction.

Sustainable Ocean Plans as well as the 100% Approach have been included in:

- Commonwealth Ocean Declaration
- The UN Ocean Conference Political Declaration
- UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning
- Pacific Islands Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity (UBPP) initiative

The data above reflects membership at the time of analysis (August 2026).