



In Acknowledgement of the above Call to Action, we the Participants of the Blue Oceans Conference commit ourselves to the following actions:

- We commit Liberia and encourage other West African Countries to ratify and implement the Port State Measures Agreement as a mechanism for tackling illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- We commit Liberia and encourage other West African Countries to openly publish vessel registries, ownership, licenses, and permits through a public forum such as Global Fish Watch or others.
- We commit to ensuring that Liberia improves its capacity to responding to maritime emergencies within its waters by increasing its capacity in maritime surveillance, towage, salvage, rescue and oil spills preparedness, prevention and response.
- We commit to a ban on single-use plastics by 2022 and commits to recovering and responsibly managing all plastic packaging by 2030 by partnering with stakeholders at relevant governance levels to address plastics production, marketing, and use.
- We commit to raising needed funds and securing the necessary commitment from all relevant stakeholders to create and effectively manage a robust network of marine protected areas and other area-based management measures covering 30% of Liberia's EEZ, designed to deliver livelihoods, food security, and climate resilience benefits to the coastal communities of Liberia and its neighbors.
- We commit to no net loss of Liberia's mangroves post 2020 by developing a robust set of projects and programs to conserve and restore Liberia's mangrove ecosystems.
- We commit that 100% of Liberia's commercial fisheries are compliant with sustainable fisheries management standards such as the Marine Stewardship Council.
- We commit to ensuring that Liberia maintains environmentally sound ports including; ensuring new port infrastructure complete environmental impact assessments and actively commit to environmental management plans, maintain oil spill plans and have funding for emergency response measures.
- We commit to enhance inter-agency collaboration among the government, private sector, and civil society in Liberia to improve stakeholder's participation in ocean governance and stewardship. We will further improve integrated management across coastal and marine areas by identifying roles and responsibilities of stakeholder groups and ocean users, actively engage these different coastal and ocean interests and coordinate between them, decrease user conflict, improve planning and regulatory efficiencies, and preserve critical ecosystem functions and services including biodiversity to deliver on the sustainable development goals and the Paris Agreement.

Through the above commitments we will scale up of our marine conservation and biodiversity efforts in West Africa. We aim to protect coastal communities from the impact of climate change, improve environmental waste management practices in coastal areas, and strengthen the monitoring, control and surveillance of the marine activities and promote sustainable fishing practices with the goal of sustainable ocean governance and development for the benefit of the people of Liberia and West Africa.