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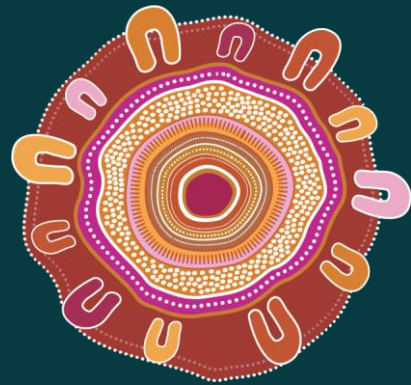
# Australia's Sustainable Ocean Plan

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



HIGH LEVEL PANEL *for*  
**A SUSTAINABLE  
OCEAN ECONOMY**

The Panel is working to build momentum towards a sustainable ocean economy in which effective protection, sustainable production and equitable prosperity go hand-in-hand.

**Headline commitment**

To sustainably manage 100% of the ocean area under national jurisdiction by 2025, guided by sustainable ocean plans.

The Panel is made up of 19 world leaders, with responsibility for 50% of global coastlines.



**Anthony Albanese**  
Prime Minister of Australia

The Prime Minister is a member of the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (Ocean Panel).

# Scope of the plan

- All Australian waters – coastal zone to 200 nm edge of EEZ (including external territories)
- Set a shared, long-term vision for a healthy ocean environment and a sustainable blue economy
- National and multi-sectoral



# Purpose of Australia's Sustainable Ocean Plan

- Look at the ocean we have now
- Identify the ocean we want in the future
- Set the foundation for the actions we will need to get us there



# Engagement

## The plan has been developed in collaboration with:

- Australian, state and territory and local governments
- Ocean industries including fishing and aquaculture, tourism, energy, shipping, transport and ports
- First Nations people
- Scientists and researchers
- NGOs
- Young people

## We have engaged through:

- Individual meetings
- In-person and virtual workshops
- Conferences and events
- A public comment period
- Ocean Dialogue at the Global Nature Positive Summit



# Draft national vision to 2040 (consultation draft)

We commit to working together for a better ocean future; one where our coasts and ocean are healthy and resilient; where we make sustainable use of ocean resources; and where all can share in the benefits that flow from it, now and in the future.

## Draft 8 national priorities



# Knowledge priority

**Draft knowledge outcome (consultation draft):** We have adequate baseline and current-state data on key ocean issues and systems to support conservation and sustainable use actions; a culture of sharing ocean knowledge more freely; and a strong understanding within the broader community of the value of our ocean and how to engage with it sustainably.

**Draft opportunities for national action (consultation draft) focus on:**

- National marine baseline data
- Priority and standard setting
- Monitoring of protected areas
- Data platforms/exchanges etc
- First Nations research and knowledge
- Technology
- Ocean literacy





# Key knowledge priority feedback

- Knowledge is essential to the plan's actions
  - Standard setting
  - Prioritisation
  - Better data collection, sharing and discoverability
  - Improving accessibility of the data – e.g. dashboards
- The plan should also consider:
  - Interdisciplinary research
  - Ocean accounting
  - Technology and innovation
  - Cumulative impacts
  - Ocean literacy



# National Marine Science Committee



## A New Decade (2025-2035)

The National Marine Science Committee (NMSC) has begun a process to develop a new national decadal strategy for marine science, and an associated plan to deliver on this strategy. This Strategy and Plan will follow on from the 2015-2025 Plan and an update and assessment of progress in the NMSC Midway report.

NMSC has designed this process to ensure that "The Strategy" is focussed on coordinating and delivering high-quality marine science to support priorities identified by intergovernmental processes (e.g., UN Sustainable Development Goals, Ocean Decade; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Conference of the Parties (COP), World Ocean Assessment (WOA), etc.), National and State governments (e.g., National Science and Research Priorities, Australia's Sustainable Ocean Plan (SOP), etc.), industry peak bodies, NGOs, communities, and First Nations peoples.

This is a complex task, and we are counting on the broad science and end-user communities to collaboratively develop a strategy and plan we can collectively support.

Over the next months, we invite the marine science community and interested end-users to collaborate and contribute to the new National Marine Science Strategy (2025-2035) through:



### Developing White Papers

from November 2024 focused on describing the science required to satisfy priority national end-user needs and maximize societal benefits and the best means to deliver this science.

Strong links between the Sustainable Ocean Plan and the National Marine Science Committee

# Sustainable Ocean Plan development

## Development – Initial research and engagement

**Early 2023**

Conduct research to identify the main challenges and opportunities presented by Australia's ocean.

## Workshops and targeted consultation

**Mid to late 2023**

Host meetings and workshops to develop a shared 2040 vision for Australia's ocean, explore key issues and understand priorities to achieve that vision.

## Global Nature Positive Summit and Ocean Dialogue

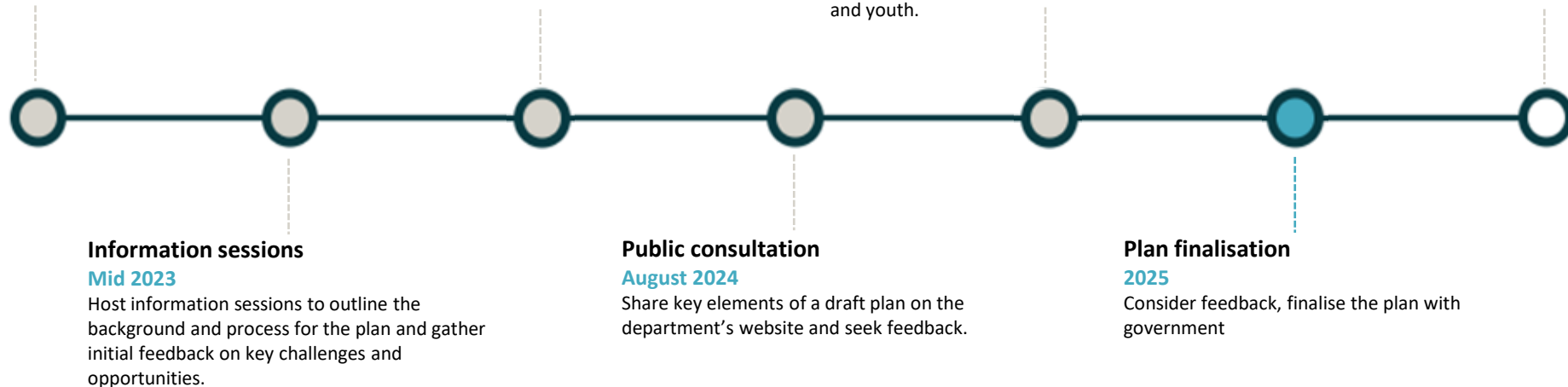
**October 2024**

Convene representatives from key ocean stakeholders, governments, First Nations people and youth.

## Implementation

**2025 onwards**

Develop pathways and practical steps for delivering the plan's actions.



# Questions

