



Indonesian Youth Recommendation for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference

We, the young people of Indonesia, gathered today to join our voices and efforts in declaring our views and vision to the Government of Indonesia in seeking global solutions to conserve and use the oceans, seas, and marine resources as outlined in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We, the young people of Indonesia, believe that to achieve this ambitious goal, Indonesia and the international community need a new consensus. The forthcoming UN Ocean Conference 2022 is an opportunity to shape the future of the oceans after the COVID-19 pandemic. An opportunity for the Government of Indonesia to amplify the voices and concerns of our Indonesian as citizens of the world's largest archipelagic country and descendant of a proud sea-faring society.

We, the young people of Indonesia, recommend:

- 1. All levels of government** to ensure that they make the necessary investments to hasten the transition from plastic packaging to more recyclable materials, through:
 - a. Subsidies for the price of recycled plastic and other similar materials to be cheaper and more accessible than the price of virgin materials, including plastic.
 - b. Ensuring that the private sector makes the necessary investments in recycled plastic and other sustainable alternatives.
- 2. The Government of Indonesia** to learn various approaches from the international community in assisting local communities so that they can survive without damaging the sea and coast ecosystem, through:
 - a. Education and regulation reform that prioritizes conservation actions in restoring marine ecosystems and the use of economic services from coastal and marine ecosystems;
 - b. Prioritizing local indigenous wisdom in decision-making and committing to adding marine conservation areas to meet the global target of 30x30 by 2030, along with implementing a monitoring and evaluation system in various regions equally;
 - c. Collaboration with private sectors and civil society organizations in improving the fisheries supply chain by involving all relevant actors in the fishing industry in order to create a sustainable blue economy.



3. All levels of government to work jointly to map the waste management facilities and systems in the country and fill the investment gap in areas that do not yet have adequate facilities and systems, to stop pollution from leaking into the sea.
4. All countries to adopt a global plastics treaty and ensure policies that regulate all companies to redesign products that are difficult to recycle, alternative circular economy options, and investment in systems recycling so that all products do not end up in landfills or the marine environment.
5. All levels of government to ensure transparency and data access related to marine pollution and efforts to protect marine and coastal ecosystems. For example, information related to the government commitments, actions, as well as funding opportunities, and assistance from national to international levels, especially for local communities in coastal areas.
6. The Government of Indonesia to create a monitoring and evaluation platform that can be accessed and acted upon by the public to be able to oversee maritime law enforcement at the site level, through:
 - a. Creating an accessible platform or media, to discuss sustainable issues together with civil society organizations and youth communities;
 - b. Ratifying the ILO Convention 188 of 2007 concerning Employment in Fishing and establishing a system related to the transparency of the roadmap for ratification and implementation going forward;
 - c. Developing an integrated training, placement, departure, and return system for Indonesian seamen.
7. The Government of Indonesia to create an Ocean Task Force consisting of youth and civil society organizations directly integrated with the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime and Investments Affairs, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, and the National Team for Coordination of Marine Debris Management.
8. The Government of Indonesia to integrate commitments and actions towards the sea more effectively and efficiently, and link the investments needed for the sustainability of programs initiated by civil society organizations at the site level, through coordination between the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Education and Culture, Peatland and Mangrove Restoration Agency, National Research and Innovation Agency, and other relevant stakeholders.
9. All parties to have an obligation to realize the democratization of science regarding marine ecosystems, appropriate food technology, and diversification of fishery products as an



effort to increase awareness of marine conservation, as well as support marine management in small and outermost islands, in particular:

- a. The government, civil society organizations, and businesses in the marine fisheries sector to provide education or training for MSMEs and coastal communities regarding appropriate food technology and diversification of fishery products;
- b. Academic institutions in the field of fishery product technology to provide education on marine ecosystems, appropriate food technology, and diversification of fishery products for coastal fisheries actors;
- c. The general public to be able to incorporate knowledge and awareness of marine conservation into the syllabus of education, regulations, and concrete actions on marine conservation at the site level to high decision-making levels, so that the behavior change process can be initiated by all levels of society.

10. The Government of Indonesia, research bodies, and related stakeholders to facilitate and enhance collaboration and knowledge transfer regarding scientific research and technology in the marine sector, between Indonesian researchers and foreign researchers, as well as open wider blue economy job vacancies through inclusive research or conservation activities for youth on small and outer islands.

We the young people of Indonesia commit ourselves to becoming active global citizens and strive to do what we can to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of oceans for the betterment of future generations.

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Undersigned:

1. Seangle Indonesia
2. Narasea Indonesia
3. Ocean Defender Indonesia
4. Penjaga Laut
5. Pandu Laut Nusantara
6. Maritim Muda Nusantara
7. Indonesian Ocean Pride
8. Thresher Shark Indonesia
9. Divers Clean Action (DCA)
10. Yayasan Biodiversitas Indonesia (BIONESIA)
11. Indonesian Manta Project (a part of Thrive Conservation)