





## Let's talk about Marine Biodiversity

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### Abstract

# The Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON)

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Governments and the private sector, including financial institutions, are moving to support coastal and marine development paired with conservation and restoration programs. Corporate groups are engaging in projects to collect marine biodiversity observations and implement solutions. Various creative financing tools are becoming popular to conserve and enhance biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, including blue bonds and biodiversity credits. We will present ideas that help bring the academic, private, government, and citizen sectors together to encourage dialogue on such novel approaches to advance the blue economy. We highlight the availability of professional networks that help develop strategies for interoperable biodiversity data, emerging technologies, and standards like Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs) and Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs). This includes the Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON) and the UN Ocean Decade Marine Life 2030 Programme. The goal of these networks is to work with people internationally to achieve local biodiversity and sustainability goals in a way that can be scaled to address goals of regional and global programs including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the High Seas Treaty on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and goals of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

