OCEAN Global Exchange Series

Session 1: Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods

29 September 2026

Ocean Community Empowerment and Nature

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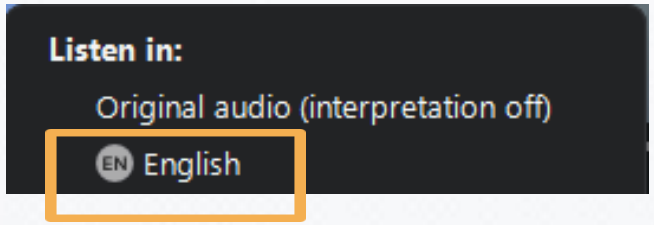
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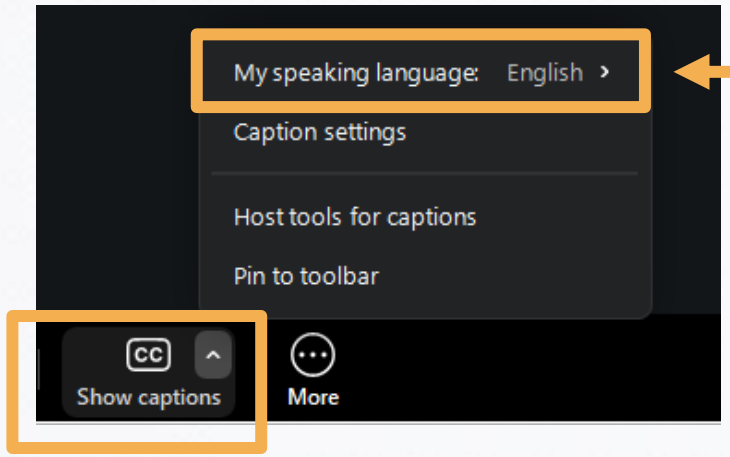


In this session, one of our speakers will present in Indonesian. If you have been listening in English, you will need to switch to the English channel for this part – we will tell you when.



Captions

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Session structure

Welcome & Introductions
Discussion Topic 1: Economic Diversification
Audience Interaction and Q&A
Break – 10 mins
Discussion Topic 2: Making Livelihoods Sustainable
Audience Interaction and Q&A
Close

Watch later: A recording will be shared by email and available via the website after the session

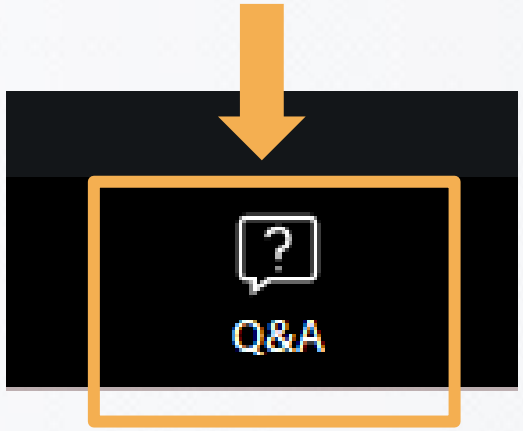


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Questions and Audience Interaction

- Audience – we want to hear from you!
- Post your questions in the Q&A throughout the discussion, and we will answer these during ‘Audience Interaction and Q&A’ section
- Vote for the questions in Q&A you would like to see answered
- The Q&A section is also where you can post answers to questions we ask the audience during the session
- We will do our best do answer all your questions. If we are short on time, we may prioritise questions with more votes.

Ask your questions here!



Email our helpdesk any time at helpdesk@oceangrants.org.uk with any feedback or issues during the session. Our 'Report a concern' page on the OCEAN website sets out how to raise something more serious.

What is OCEAN?

- OCEAN is a global competitive grants initiative that aims to support the people most impacted by declining ocean health and climate change through funding local solutions to local problems.
- Funded by The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), through the UK's Blue Planet Fund (BPF).
- Expected to run until 31 March 2029.
- OCEAN aims to help bridge the gap by funding community-centred projects that aim to reduce multi-dimensional poverty and benefit the marine environment and its biodiversity.



Image credit: The Hunger Project

Funding pathways

Community Grants

- Grant Size: **Up to £250,000**
- Led by **small to medium sized organisations** legally registered in eligible coastal countries
- Projects focus on strengthening local capability & capacity of local communities and/or organisations.

Partnership Grants

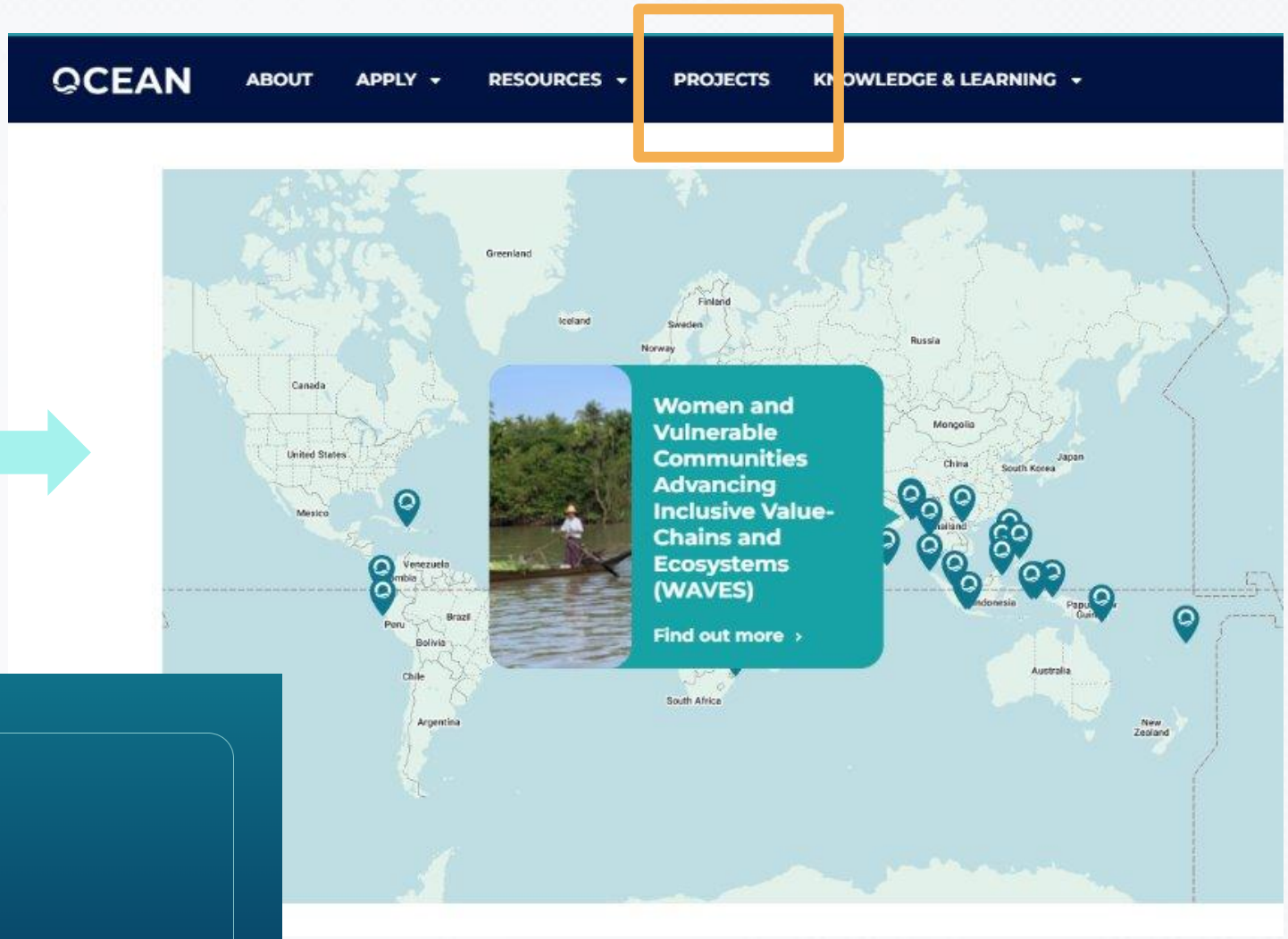
- Grant Size: **£500,000 - £3 million**
- Led by **medium to large sized organisations** with the capacity to deliver solutions at scale.
- Projects partnering with and working alongside local communities to deliver local solutions to local problems



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OCEAN Projects

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Project Summary

GRANTEE
Action for Ocean

COUNTRY
Tanzania

PROJECT DATES
01 Nov 2024- 30 Sep 2026

CATEGORY
Community Grant, Critical marine habitats for coastal resilience, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Marine Protected Areas and Other Effective Conservation Measures, Round 1 Grantee, Small-

TARGET

500
households
Households directly involved in octopus fishing to benefit from increased yield.

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Reef enclosures
New reef enclosures added in Masongoro, Kifinge and Kipakoni.

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Introducing our Grantee speakers



Smart Youth Effort for Advanced Community
Sarah Lamba, Tanzania
Aims to enhance coastal livelihoods in the Bagamoyo district by promoting climate-smart income-generating activities, with a focus on working with youth and women.



Yayasan Mitra Insani - Siti Masfiroh, Indonesia
Developing a community-owned management model to improve small-scale mangrove fisheries management, strengthening community governance and diversify livelihoods.

Introducing our Grantee speakers



Mercy Corps Myanmar - Wahyu Nugroho, Myanmar
Community-led mangrove restoration and protection of the Ayeyarwady Delta and support to Community Forest User Groups and marginalised groups.



Action For Ocean - Husna Amimu, Tanzania
Enhancing the capacity of Beach Management Units for collaborative governance within the SOMAKI Collaborative Fisheries Management Area.

Who else will we be hearing from?



Sophie Benbow- Session Moderator
Chair of the OCEAN Expert Committee and Director of Fauna & Flora's Marine programme.

OCEAN Expert Committee

OCEAN's independent committee of marine conservation and international development experts.

- **Annick Gillard Bailetti:** Gender equality and sustainable development
- **Matt Sommerville:** Economic development and natural resource management
- **Marco Ruiz Serkovic:** Coastal Ecosystem Management

Blue Planet Fund Regional Coordinators

Based in-country, and support the delivery of Blue Planet Fund programmes

- **Leone Tarabusi:** East Africa

Topic 1: Economic diversification



Siti Masfiroh
Yayasan Mitra Insani, Indonesia



Sarah Lamba
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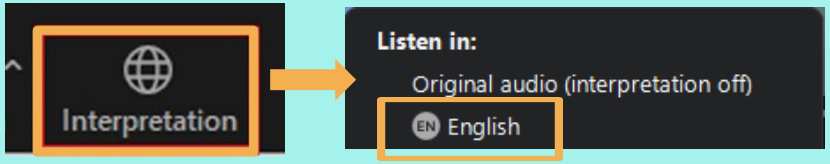
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Topic 1: Economic diversification

Which strategy is more powerful from your point of view: creating completely new sources of income, or helping people get more value from activities they are already doing?

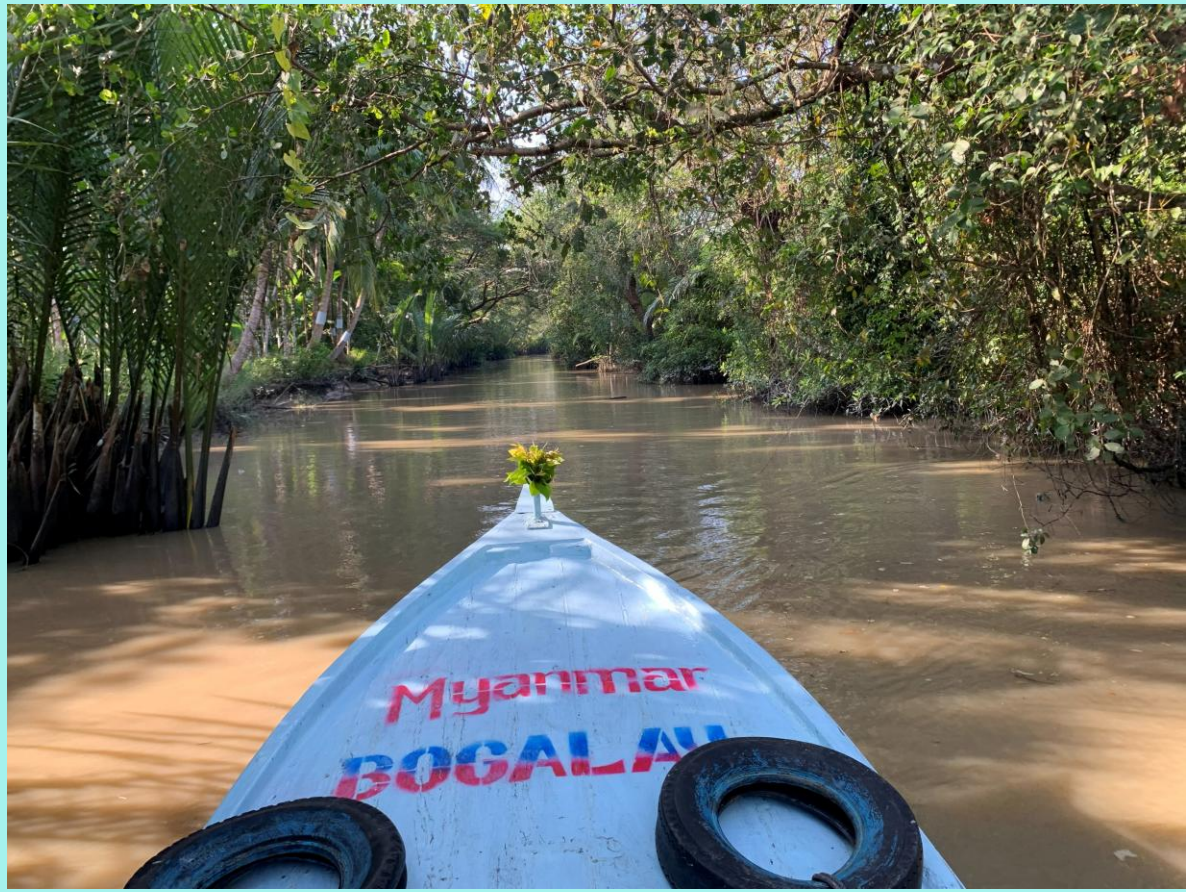


Image credit: Mercy Corps Myanmar

Topic 1: Economic diversification

What is more important: connecting the community to new markets, or developing new skills?



Image credit: Smart Youth Effort for Advanced Community

Audience interaction and Q&A

From your experience and from what we have heard so far, what is one component that makes conservation and livelihood approaches successful?



Image credit: Mercy Corps Myanmar

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Break

See you in 10 minutes!



Image credit: Sea Women of Melanesia

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Topic 2: Making livelihoods sustainable



Wahyu Nugroho
Mercy Corps, Myanmar



Husna Aminmu
Action for Ocean, Tanzania



Marco Ruiz Serkovic
OCEAN Expert Committee



Leone Tarabusi
Blue Planet Fund Regional Coordinator, East Africa

Topic 2: Making livelihoods sustainable

What needs to be in place for people to continue livelihood activities once project support ends?



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What role do collective structures play in making livelihood changes last beyond the project?



Image credit: Yayasan Mitra Insani

Audience interaction and Q&A

What is one idea that you are taking away from today's conversation?



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Register for our next session!

Session 2 | From Community Engagement to Empowerment

30 September 2026 | 7:00 – 10:00 BST / GMT+1

Highlighting how community participation, trust and collaboration can strengthen local leadership, community empowerment, inclusive governance and shared decision-making.

- **Badabon Sangho** — Fariha Jesmin, Bangladesh
- **BINTARI** — Mega Anggraeni, Indonesia
- **Coastal and Marine Resource Development (COMRED)** — Andrew Wamukota,Kenya
- **Pan American Development Foundation** — Andrea Isabella Vogel, Haiti
- **Project Zacchaeus** — Shellemai Roa, Philippines
- **Reef Check Malaysia** — Aiman Jawarin, Malaysia



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