



# RECOMMENDATIONS Of WESTPAC Advisory Group

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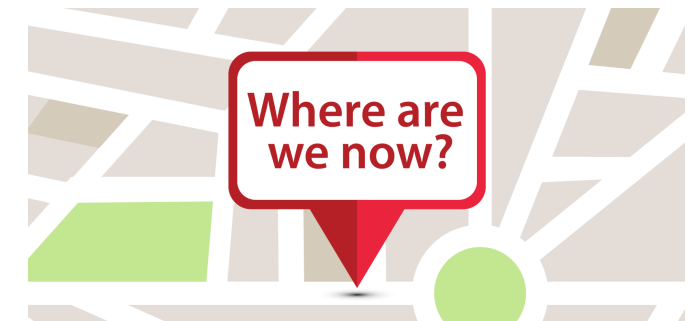


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# WHERE WE ARE NOW

- **WESTPAC Projects / Programmes**
  - Ocean based solution to climate change mitigation and adaptation (10 projects)
  - Marine biodiversity conservation, ocean ecosystem and human health, and Blue Economy (8 projects)
  - Knowledge for emerging issues (4 projects)
  - Capacity Development (5 Regional Training & Research Centre)
- **Establishing FOUR (4) new Working Groups** (Agenda #7)
- **WESTPAC led UN Decade Actions**
  - Four (4) Decade Actions (UN21, 22, 23 & 24)
- **Decade Coordination Office**
  - Thailand



# GENERAL CONSTRAINTS / ISSUES

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## *AFTER Process of Reviewing*

- Research community in the region is still limited in capacity to do international programme and networking
- Unable to create better communication with member states within the project / programme
- Limited stakeholders engagement (policy makers & public)
  - *Output/results not being communicated enough to stakeholders*



# GENERAL CONSTRAINTS / ISSUES

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- Some programmes/projects are “stagnant” or “inactive”
- Sustainable commitment from member states
- Unclear directions ie. Challenges to address new directions
  - *When one project has reached a certain stage, the project did not set new directions OR what more to be done*
- Continuous Governmental support : *human resources, funds, facilities etc.*



# RESTRUCTURE THE PROJECT

- Prepare new objectives
  - Short term (2-3 years)
  - Mid term (5-6 years)
  - Long term (10 years)
- Need to align with SMART approach
- Project duration
- Change title if needed
- Engagement plan. eg. How to communicate better
- Any effort to raise funds
- Implementation plan
- Deliverable: outcomes / outputs
- Findings / solutions to be converted to action

# WAY FORWARD

## *How to move to greater heights*



- Continue developing healthy STIE (Science, Technology, Innovation & Blue Economy) – *able to generate benefits to stakeholders & policy makers*
- Continue to be **RELEVANT** to research addressing current / emerging ocean issues, without neglecting fundamental sciences
- Continue engagement with all stakeholders (policy makers & public)
- **Need to be inline with UN Decade of Ocean Science**
  - Develop more UN Decade Actions

# WAY FORWARD

## *How to move to greater heights*

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- Engagement with all member states to **remind** the benefits to participate in IOC WESTPAC
  - I. Engaging all member states
  - II. Ensure constant & better communication
  - III. Sustain the interest of commitment of member states
  
- Need to convert the findings or output / solutions of the project to action, solution to local communities in each region & member states



# Why IOC WESTPAC is unique



- **What are the differences between IOC WESTPAC with other networks?**
  - *A network under UN agency for Ocean Science*
  - *An inclusive network that is able to leverage on UN Decade of Ocean Science : opportunity for member states to broaden knowledge*
  - *Implementing Science-Policy Interface aiming to bring science, knowledge & develop tools and approaches for the government*
  - *Work closely with research and government agencies; bridging the science-policy interface gaps*



# Why IOC WESTPAC is unique

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- *Establishing regional projects of interest of the member states :*
  - *projects initiated by member states*
  - *Translate regional issues to concrete programmes of importance to member states*
- *IOC WESTPAC is an organization with permanent mechanism driving the science in the region*

*Eg. Advisory Group : comprises of members from member states, driving the interest of all the member states in the region*



# Why IOC WESTPAC is unique

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- *Research programmes / projects / working groups*
  - *Unique, with benefits for all member states*
  - *Bottom up approach*
  - *Focus towards strategic policy enhancement*
- **OCEAN DIPLOMACY :**  
*share our concern, reach common understanding and joint-hands to find solution*



# Why IOC WESTPAC is unique

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- *Opportunity for Research & Career Enhancement*
- *Strengthening collaboration / networking / partnership*
- *Having a “Voice” at the global platform*
  - *In fact, we are the only “voice” at the UN level*
- *To bring UN Decade expectation to our region*



# WHY IOC WESTPAC IS UNIQUE : summary

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- SHARING SIMILAR MISSION AND PASSION*
- TRUSTWORTHINESS*
- FROM STRANGERS to PARTNERS to FAMILY*
- SENSE OF BELONGING*

# IOC WESTPAC will continue.....

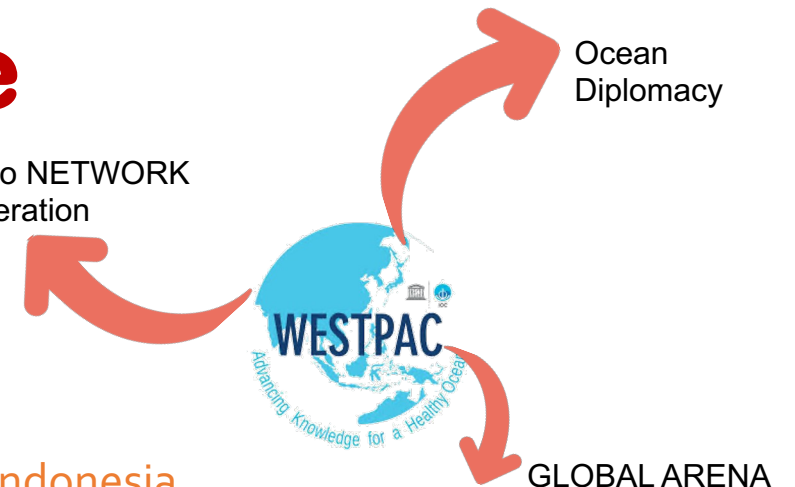


To offer solutions via collaboration with the government, industry, society and academia to co-create solutions that align the scientific and technological progress with socially desirable and acceptable ends

Science is not just to serve scientists. Science is for scientists to serve the needs for humanity and our OCEAN

## Build inside (IOC WESTPAC), Deploy outside

NETWORK to NETWORK  
Cooperation



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# Thank You

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