

REPORT OF SGOs ROUNDTABLE

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Background

- **The ever-growing collaborative activities** of the IOC Sub-Commission over the recent decades reflected substantive partnerships among marine scientists, institutions and Member States in the region in tackling various environmental, social and economic challenges, through enhanced cooperation in ocean research, innovations, and capacity development.
- **Various Programs/Projects** have carried out during the last few years, and **Working Groups** have also been established. It is worth mentioning, a network of **Regional Research and Training Centers (RTRCs)** addressing various ocean priority issues demonstrated commitments of Member States to collectively nurture the next generations- our Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs).
- To strengthen **all agenda from research to policy**, which also in line with the national interest, **need commitment** not only among scientists in the region, but also among policy makers/senior governmental officials. Hence, Indonesia initiated, with the support of IOC Westpac Secretariat, to have first SGOs roundtable during the .

Agenda

- **Senior Governmental Officials** from ten countries (China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, USA, Vietnam and Indonesia) gathered at the SGOs Roundtable, during the 14th Intergovernmental Session IOC_UNESCO Westpac region on 5th April 2023.
- Indonesia, with the support of IOC Westpac Secretariat, organized Roundtable (SGOs Roundtable) to facilitate the exchange and cooperation on the agenda of “Science we need for the ocean we want”.
- The roundtable, as a follow up to the high-level commitment at the UN Decade Kickoff Conference for the Western Pacific (Nov 2021), has shared progress and exchange views on the development and implementation of the Ocean Decade,
- We also explored new opportunities for advancing ocean science development and cooperation among 10 SGOs.

Conclusion and Recommendation

- The Draft Statement was agreed by SGOs from 10 member states.
- SGOs support all the statement which was called **the SGOs' Jakarta Statement on the Decade of Ocean Science (5 April 2023)**.
- SGOs Roundtable also recommended an informal and open-ended Discussion Group on SGOs Roundtable, consisting the 2023 SGOs Roundtable chair country, and the Chair Country for the next SGOs roundtable, WESTPAC Advisory Group... to discuss the preparations and organization of the next SGOs roundtable in early 2025.



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4 **Senior Governmental Officials' Statement on the**
5 **UN Decade of Ocean Science for the Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**
6 **(SGO Jakarta Statement)**
7 **Jakarta, 5 April 2023**
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9 We, representatives of the IOC Member States in the Western Pacific participating in
10 the Senior Governmental Officials Roundtable, on the occasion of the 14th
11 [Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific](#) in
12 Jakarta, Indonesia, on 5 April 2023, appreciate the efforts being made by Member
13 States and partners in the region to promote the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for](#)
14 [Sustainable Development \(2021-2030\)](#) for our shared ocean. We also recognize that
15 national governments must continue to support the development of transformative
16 ocean science solutions and enhance mutual assistance and cooperation.
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18 **Recognizing** the ecological, social and economic importance of the ocean, seas and
19 coastal areas of the Indo-Pacific region, which constitutes a major influence on
20 regional and global climate, the epicentre of the world marine biodiversity, a
21 significant contributor to the world's seafood supply, and major shipping routes in the
22 world maritime transportation;
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24 **Recognizing further** that the Western Pacific and its adjacent areas are home to
25 nearly half of the world's population, and that the ocean, seas, and coastal regions
26 play a crucial role in their way of life as well as the sustainable economic growth of
27 all the nations in the region;
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29 **Being concerned about** the unprecedented pressures and threats that escalating
30 human activities and climate change have brought about to the ocean health and
31 human well-being in the region, including resource depletion, marine pollution
32 including plastic pollution, coastal habitat degradation, typhoons, marine heatwaves
33 and other extreme weather and ocean events, ocean acidification and
34 deoxygenation;
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36 **Recalling** that [the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), adopted by all United
37 Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and
38 prosperity for people and the planet; in which the [SDG 14: Life Below Water](#) calls for
39 actions to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for
40 sustainable development;
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42 **Recalling further** that the United Nations has proclaimed [a Decade of Ocean](#)
43 [Science for Sustainable Development \(2021-2030\)](#) to support efforts to reverse the
44 decline in ocean health and gather ocean stakeholders worldwide behind a common
45 framework that will ensure ocean science can fully support countries in creating
46 improved conditions for sustainable development of the ocean;
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48 **Emphasizing** the pivotal role of [the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific](#)
49 [\(WESTPAC\)](#) in advancing marine science development and cooperation, supporting
50 the Ocean Decade, catalysing partnerships, and developing ocean science solutions
51 for ocean sustainability;



44 **Affirming** the [high-level commitments](#) made at [the UN Ocean Decade Regional](#)
45 [Kick-off Conference for the Western Pacific and its adjacent areas](#), 25-26 November
46 2021, which marked the beginning of the region-wide efforts in the development and
47 implementation of substantive Decade Actions;
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49 **Having reviewed** the progress made in the region since the launch of the Ocean
50 Decade,
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52 **Together we support the Ocean Decade by:**
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54 **Strengthening** coordination at national and institutional levels, as well as through
55 collaborative actions among the IOC Member States and partners in the region to
56 promote the Ocean Decade and accelerate the development and implementation of
57 the Decade Actions;
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59 **Advancing** trans- and multi-disciplinary ocean research, sustained observations and
60 services, technology and innovations to underpin the sustainable ocean economy,
61 conserve marine biodiversity and safeguard ocean ecosystems, and enhance
62 resilience to climate change and disasters;
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64 **Promoting** the participation and engagement of stakeholders in the Ocean Decade
65 and the development and implementation of Decade Actions to close knowledge
66 gaps and increase the uptake of ocean-related scientific knowledge;
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68 **Improving** research capacity, focusing on Early Career Ocean Professionals
69 (ECOPs) and including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), through various
70 means such as postgraduate educational programmes, visiting professor
71 programmes, joint research programmes, and regular training and research
72 opportunities provided by [the IOC Regional Network of Training and Research](#)
73 [Centres](#) (RTRCs);
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75 **Promoting** ocean education, ocean culture, and ocean literacy to increase public
76 awareness and engagement, with the aim of creating an ocean-literate society;
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78 **Fostering** ocean science-policy interface in the region, including the Senior
79 Government Officials Roundtable as part of the future WESTPAC biennial
80 Intergovernmental Sessions and the triennial WESTPAC International Marine
81 Science Conferences, to review the progress, exchange perspectives, and discuss
82 challenges and opportunities for the development and implementation of substantive
83 Ocean Decade Actions in the region.
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85 **We express our sincere appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of
86 Indonesia for hosting and chairing the first-ever Senior Governmental Officials
87 Roundtable in Jakarta on 5 April 2023.



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Thank You



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