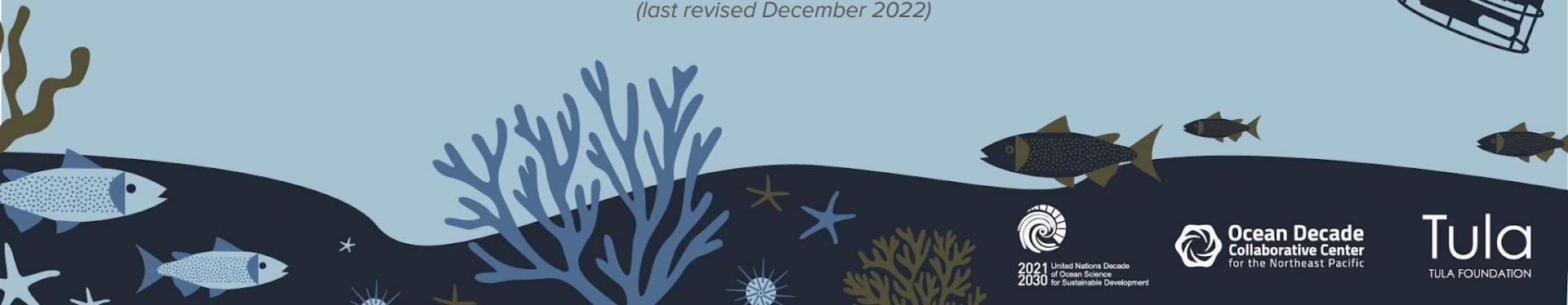


Ocean Decade Endorsement Process

*How and why to seek endorsement
for your work*

(last revised December 2022)



UN Decade of Ocean Science “The Ocean Decade”



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10 Ocean Decade Challenges



Sustainably feed the global population



Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy



Unlock ocean-based solutions to climate change



Increase community resilience to ocean hazards



Expand the global ocean observing system



Create a digital representation of the ocean



Understand and beat marine pollution



Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity

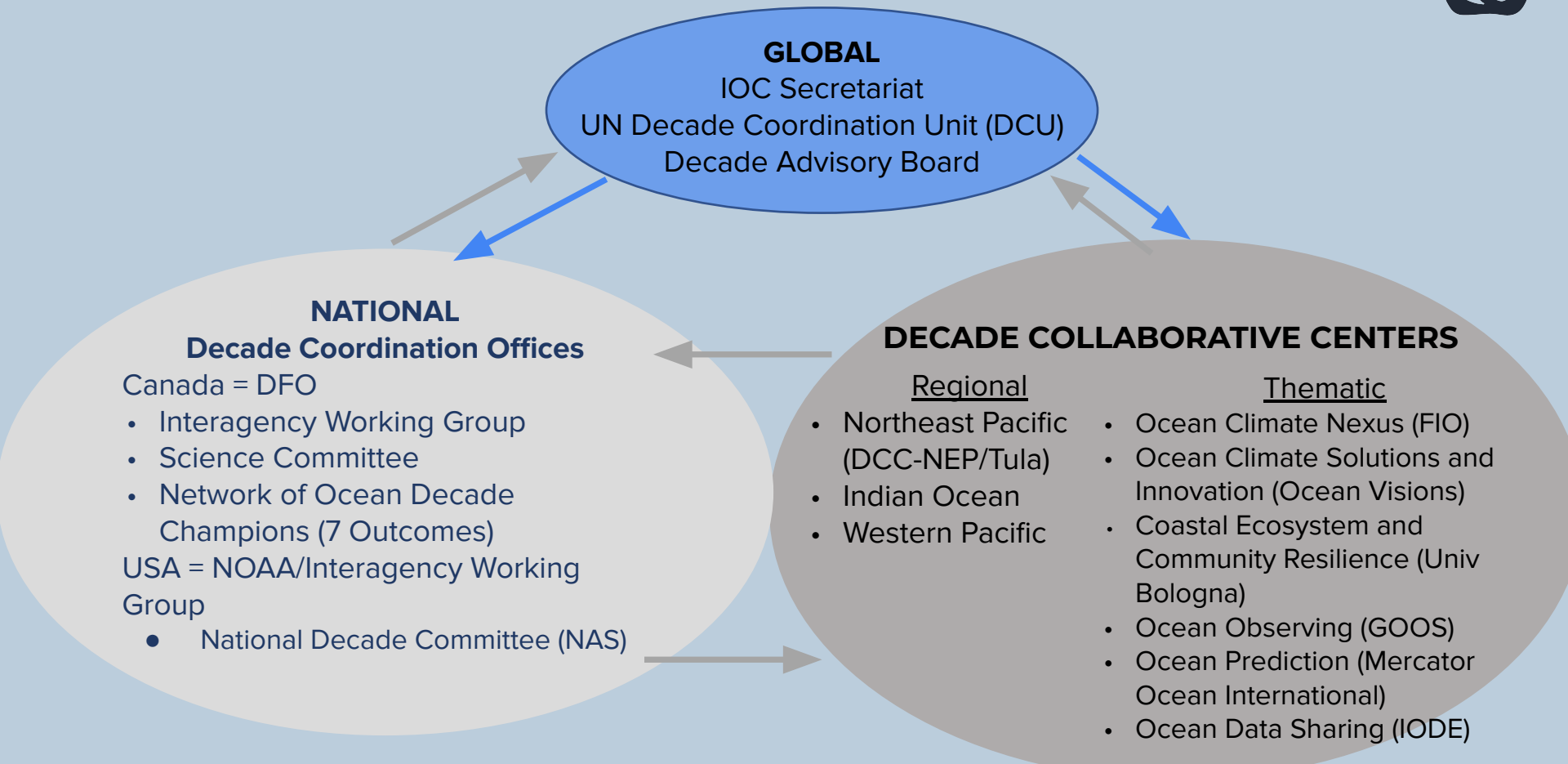


Skills, knowledge, and technology for all



Change humanity's relationship with the ocean

UN Ocean Decade Coordination



Why seek endorsement?



Endorsement provides:

- Official recognition that the initiative is part of a collective, global effort to meet the Ocean Decade vision.
 - Increased collaboration when part of a Decade Programme
- Opportunities for new participation and partnerships across disciplines, geographies and generations
- High visibility for the initiative
- Opportunities to access new sources of support



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Decade Actions



There are 4 types of Endorsed Decade Actions:

- **Programmes:** Long-term, overarching initiatives that usually tackle multiple challenges; often global, can be regional
- **Projects:** Discrete or focused undertakings at regional, national, or sub-national scales; these can be ‘nested’ under one or more Programmes
- **Contributions:** Financial or in-kind resources
- **Activities:** Stand-alone initiatives, often enabling a Projects or Programme or contributing to a Challenge

Endorsement Process



Invitation → Proposal → Review → Endorsement

Invitation: Decade Activity



Decade Activities can be submitted for endorsement at any time

- Sign up to Global Stakeholder Forum forum.oceandecade.org
- If needed, send your proposal to the DCC-NEP for review
- Submit a proposal through the online form bit.ly/Decade-Activity-Form



Technical review by the DCU will take at least 6 weeks.

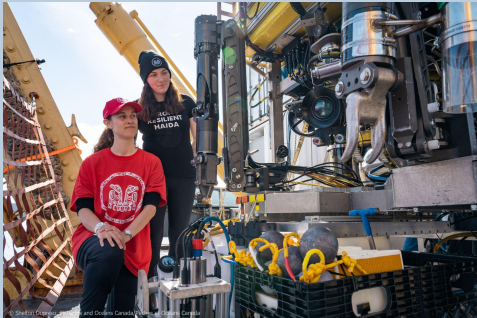
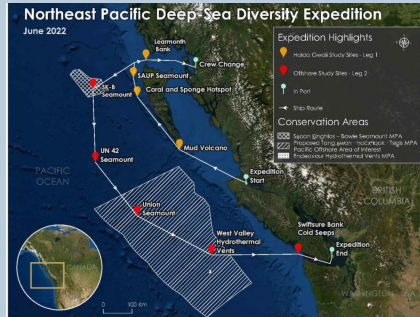


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Invitation: Calls for Programmes and Projects



Announced every 6 months (March/October)

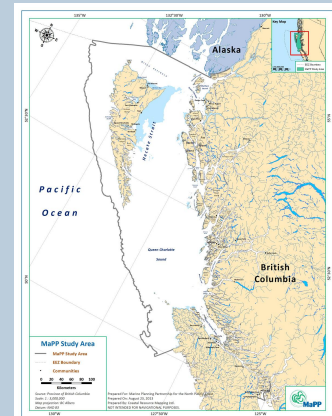
<i>Call timeline</i>	<i>Programme focus</i>	<i>Projects</i>
Call 01 October 2020–January 2021	Programmes and Contributions across all priorities and challenges	
Call 02 October 2021–January 2022	Programmes that address priority issues including marine pollution, multiple stressors on marine ecosystems or the ocean-climate nexus	
Call 03 March 2022–August 2022	Challenge 3—Sustainable Blue Food, Challenge 4—Sustainable Ocean Economy	Projects that have synergies with one of the 17 Programmes that have indicated that they are ready to solicit projects under the call
Call 04 (OPEN) October 2022–January 2023	Challenge 6—Coastal Resilience and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems, Challenge 8—Digital Representation of the Ocean	Projects that have synergies with one of the 25 Programmes that have indicated that they are ready to solicit projects under the call

Proposal:

Requesting endorsement for a project



- Sign up to Global Stakeholder Forum forum.oceandecade.org
- Read the Call documentation
- Reach out to Programme(s) (DCC-NEP can identify and make these connections)
- If needed, send your proposal to the DCC-NEP for review
- Submit a proposal through the online form



Marine Plan Partnership study area

Proposal:

Requesting endorsement for a project



Tips for a successful project proposal:

- Succinct written answers
- Well-articulated responses to the endorsement criteria showing how you already or will align with them through action
- Explain clearly how co-design processes are embedded in your proposed Action including which stakeholders and how the results will be shared/used
- Describe how your project aligns with a global programme
- Ensure all listed partners are made aware of the proposal
- Provide accurate information about project financing and describe plans for sourcing additional support



Proposal:

Endorsement criteria (from guidance document)

1. Contribute to fulfilling the Ocean Decade Challenges and to achieving the Decade objectives and the associated sub-objectives.
2. Accelerate the generation or use of knowledge and understanding of the ocean, with a specific focus on knowledge that will contribute to SDGs.
3. Are co-designed or co-delivered by knowledge generators and users, and facilitate the uptake of knowledge for policy, decision making, management and/or innovation.
4. Ensure that all data and resulting knowledge are provided in an open access, shared, discoverable manner, and are deposited in recognized data repositories.
5. Strengthen existing or create new partnerships.
6. Contribute toward capacity development.
7. Overcome barriers to diversity and equity.
8. Collaborate with and engage local and indigenous knowledge holders.



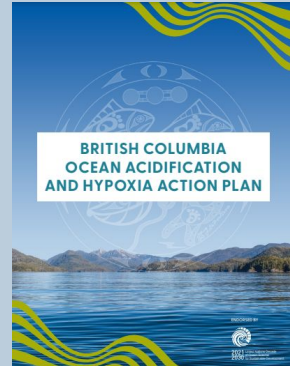
Review:

Requesting endorsement for a project

Review is expected to take 3-6 months:

- DCU technical review, for Projects applying through a Programme will include advice of relevant programme
- DCU may consult with Decade Coordination Offices and Decade Collaborative Centers to request advice that may fall within their purview

Once through review, DCU will recommend endorsement to the Executive Secretary of the IOC.



Project Endorsement:



After a decision for endorsement is made by the IOC Secretariat, project proponents will receive:

- An endorsement letter from the DCU including a charter for endorsed Decade Projects
- Information on joining relevant Community of Practice(s) through the Global Stakeholder Forum
- Use of the Ocean Decade logo to signify endorsement



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Ocean Decade Collaborative Center NE Pacific

Aim: To make the Ocean Decade a success in our region



Our role in the endorsement process:

- Amplify Calls to Action
- Coordinate and connect with global Programmes, Projects, and Contributions
- Solicit and review proposals
 - Support co-design process and facilitate stakeholder engagement
 - Foster leadership and participation from Indigenous and Early Career Ocean Professionals

Following endorsement:

- Amplify Action milestones and deliverables
- Coordinate, connect and facilitate stakeholder engagement



Links



Call for Decade Actions No. 04/2022: bit.ly/decade-call-04



Activity endorsement form: bit.ly/Decade-Activity-Form



Global Stakeholder Forum: forum.oceandecade.org

Ocean Decade Collaborative Center for the Northeast Pacific: oceandecadenortheastpacific.org