

Great Blue Wall

2021-2022 MILESTONES

IUCN's World Conservation Congress

Foundational high level meeting is convened by IUCN, and brought together WIO countries, CEO's of INGOs, COP26 High Level Climate Champions and the Government of France. The Great Blue Wall (GBW) is then included in the WCC's *Marseille Manifesto* as one of its 10 Key Action Commitments, endorsed by all WCC parties

High level technical meeting hosted in Nairobi

High level representatives from Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Seychelles mandate IUCN to establish an official secretariat for the GBW

UN Ocean Conference

High level event that included the announcement of President Ramkalawan of Seychelles's official endorsement, former President of Seychelles Danny Faure's full support, several large funding commitments by public and private institutions, as well as the announcement of Mozambique's Northern Seascape and Tanzania's Tanga-Pemba Seascape.

UNFCCC COP27

Heads of State event showcasing African Leadership, announcing commitments and mobilise strategic partnerships



Official forums' endorsements

- <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/programme/marseille-manifesto>
- <https://www.uneca.org/sites/default/files/TCND/ARFSD2022/kigali-declaration.pdf>

Media, press and blogs

- <https://news.mongabay.com/2022/01/great-blue-wall-aims-to-ward-off-looming-threats-to-western-indian-ocean/>
- <https://ioc-africa.org/news-and-updates/300-%E2%80%98great-blue-wall%E2%80%99-aims-to-ward-off-looming-threats-to-western-indian-ocean.html>
- <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2022/06/23/the-great-blue-wall-initiative-at-the-nexus-of-climate-change-nature-conservation-and-the-blue-economy/>
 - <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/saving-our-oceans-with-africas-great-blue-wall>
 - <https://blog.uneca.org/posts/great-blue-wall-initiative>
- <https://www.uneca.org/stories/the-united-nations-and-world-bank-explore-developing-the-sovereign-green-social-and>
- <https://www.uneca.org/stories/message-of-the-economic-commission-for-africa-on-world-oceans-day>
- <https://www.iucn.org/news/eastern-and-southern-africa/202110/great-blue-wall-initiative-accelerate-blue-economy-region>
 - <https://www.iucn.org/news/secretariat/202111/global-launch-great-blue-wall>
- <https://www.nation.sc/articles/14123/--former-president-faure-delivers-keynote-address-at-the-great-blue-wall-side-event->
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNOTJJZR2Us>
- <https://information.tv5monde.com/video/climat-apres-la-grande-muraille-verte-naissance-de-la-grande-muraille-bleue>