

Checklist

Blue Carbon Readiness Framework



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NDC COMMITMENTS & IMPLEMENTATION

✓ CHECKLIST 5

Accounting for BCE in NDCs

References: NDC Guidelines on Enhanced Action; NDC Partnership: Opportunities for Ocean-Based Climate Action

There are various options for countries to include BCE in their NDC accounting framework. Depending on the state of the GHG inventory and the capacity to report emissions and removals in line with the 2013 Wetlands Supplement, countries may include BCE within their economy-wide target or not. In the latter case, countries can still present stand-alone, action-based targets for BCE. They can and should also set out a timeframe for when they will be able to report GHG emissions and removals from coastal wetlands in their inventory and, hence, when they will be able to account for emissions and removals from BCE under their NDC.



1. Check Government Roles and Responsibilities over BCEs

- Does your country have a central agency for coordinating ocean/coastal and BCE management
- Is there a clear division of roles and responsibilities regarding BCE management and protection among relevant government entities and other stakeholders
- Are there comprehensive laws and regulations, at various levels, that specifically protect or conserve BCEs?
- Which agency(ies) are responsible for enforcing such laws and regulations, and are they adequately resourced and mandated to do so?



1. Check if BCE are (already) included in a country's NDC accounting scope.

- Refer to explicit language ("all sectors" include in scope, as well as "2013 Supplement").
- In case all sectors fall within the abstract scope, but IPCC guidance is not referenced beyond the 2006 Guidance, there is a good chance that the de facto accounting framework ignores GHG emissions and removals from wetlands.




2. Confirm that BCE are included or clarify that they will be by a certain date, referencing the capacity to use the 2013 Supplement.



3. Check if BCE habitats are covered in your REDD+ framework (and target setting), if applicable (see below, Checklist 6).

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| <div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>Describe the type of BCE-related (mitigation) target, applying principles of clarity, unambiguity, and ambition.</div></div> | <div><div>a.</div><div>If full BCE inventory reporting occurs, a mitigation target may be included in a country’s cross-economic or cross-sector target.</div></div> | |
| | <div><div>b.</div><div>If full BCE inventory reporting does not occur or if a country wants to highlight a specific target for BCE, check which action-based targets you can set out:</div></div> | <div><div>i.</div><div>Consider a commitment to a complete halt of deforestation (mangroves) and/or degradation (all BCE).</div></div> <div><div>ii.</div><div>Alternatively, consider a commitment to net-zero deforestation of degradation, or BCE-positive conservation.</div></div> <div><div>iii.</div><div>In addition, set restoration targets for BCE habitats (ideally, expressed in hectares)</div></div> <div><div>iv.</div><div>In addition, make a commitment for BCE area coverage under sustainable management.</div></div> |