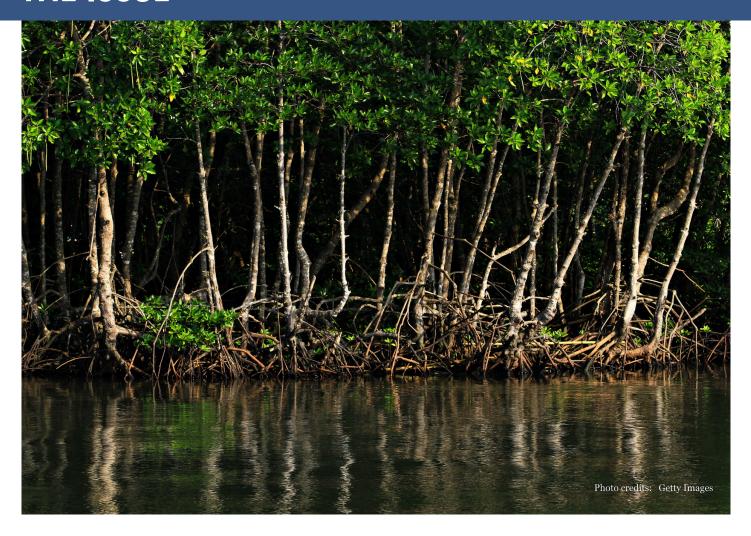








## THE ISSUE



While there are some examples of efforts to safeguard Southeast Asia's marine resources, the region continues to lag in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) coverage, with less than 3% of Southeast Asia's national waters under formal protection. Today, more than 65% of reefs in the region are at risk; catch rates in the South China Sea have declined by 75-95%; and almost 60% of Southeast Asia's sharks and rays are threatened with extinction. The low MPA coverage exacerbates already alarming rates of marine biodiversity loss and threatens the region's climate resilience.

Recent analyses indicate that Southeast Asia will be disproportionately vulnerable to climate change impacts, further highlighting the need for urgent action.

#### **ABOUT THE 30X30 INITIATIVE**

To address these growing pressures, the 30x30 initiative calls for the protection of 30% of the world's land, freshwater and ocean by the year 2030.

The scientifically-backed target is a key objective of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which was adopted by more than 190 countries at the 15th United Nations Biodiversity Conference in December 2022.

To date, four out of 11 Southeast Asian countries have joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, an inter-governmental coalition that aims to deliver upon this target, signalling a growing momentum for marine protection in the region.



## **ABOUT THE FUND**

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### NAME

30x30 Southeast Asia Ocean Fund

#### **ELIGIBLE REGION FOR PROJECT FUNDING**

Southeast Asia

#### INCEPTION DATE

October 2024

#### **FOUNDING MEMBERS**

Rumah Foundation, Oceankind

## MINIMUM ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION

SGD20,000/USD15,000

Multi-year contributions encouraged

#### **FUND TARGET AND DURATION**

SGD6,500,000 / USD5,000,000 over five years

This Impact Fund aligns with and contributes to the following UN Sustainable Development Goals:









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## WHAT WE FUND

This Impact Fund aims to contribute towards the protection of 30% of Southeast Asia's seas by 2030 in an equitable, fit-for-region manner through the following approaches.

Based on insights gathered from field partners involved in marine and coastal protection, the fund's mandate aims to address the following three core objectives: CREATE

Identify and establish new marine protected and conserved areas\*

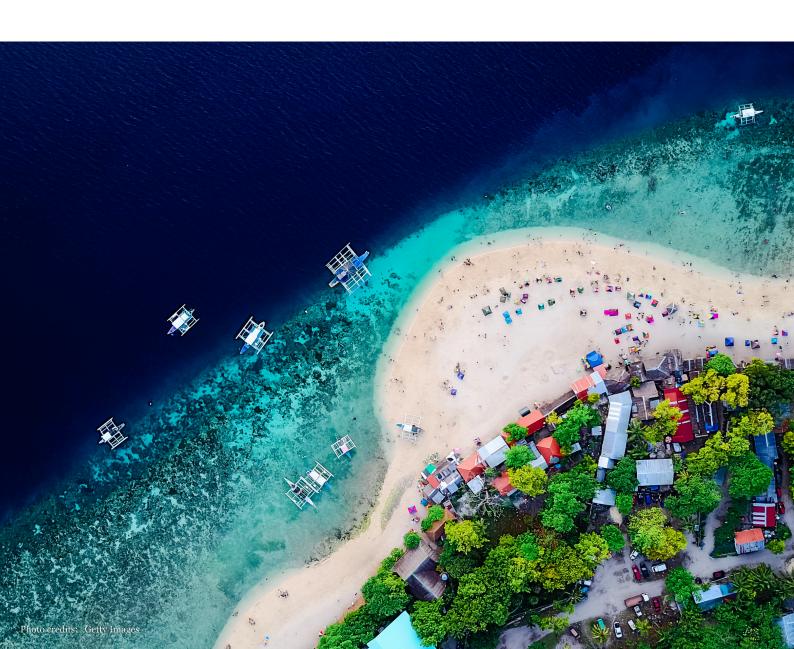
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Increase coverage of existing marine protected and conserved areas\*

STRENGTHEN

Support the effective management of existing marine protected and conserved areas\*

\*Inclusive of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), Indigenous and Traditional Territories (ITTs), Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs), and other relevant designations



Coastal frontline communities -those that are most vulnerable to and disproportionately impacted by climate change, biodiversity loss, natural disasters and environmental injustice-are crucial to the long-term success of marine conservation initiatives. Recognising their critical role, this Impact Fund prioritises funding for frontline communities and strong domestic civil society organisations (e.g., community groups, local and national NGOs). It will also consider initiatives from in-country offices of international NGOs that demonstrate a community-led approach.

# Expected grant sizes will range from USD 20,000 to USD 250,000.

The Impact Fund will support a diverse range of strategic activities to achieve the core objectives, including:

- Capacity building
- Policy and planning
- Outreach and education
- Applied research
- In situ conservation activities/measures
- · Sustainable and innovative financing
- Livelihood-focused interventions
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Management and enforcement
- Technology and innovation



## **DONOR ENGAGEMENT**

Participating donors can expect the following from this Impact Fund:

- Regular closed-door convenings with Impact Fund members and grantees to share insights, experience and updates
- Priority invites to any learning trips to visit partners
- An annual impact report, sharing progress on the Impact Fund's achievements

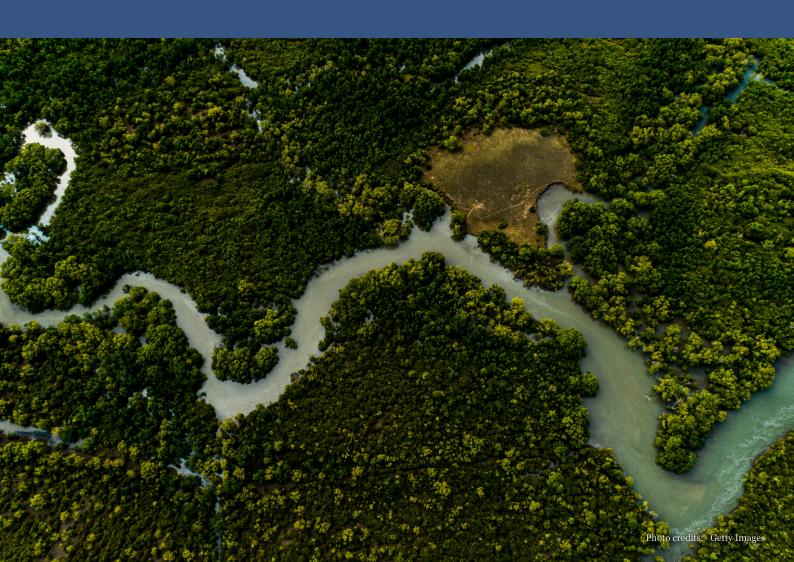
## **ABOUT THE FUND'S CO-CHAIRS**



# RUMAH FOUNDATION

www.rumahgroup.com

Rumah Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Singapore-based family office, Rumah Group and we are passionate about people and nature. Driven by the urgency for ocean protection, our ocean-climate portfolio supports interventions that address awareness and education, the protection and restoration of blue carbon sinks, and sustainable seafood; with a focus on Southeast Asia. We deploy both philanthropic and investment capital for positive environmental and social impact. Additionally, the foundation has a humanitarian portfolio dedicated to empowering marginalised communities by focusing on critical areas, such as refugee support, poverty alleviation and community development.





## **ABOUT THE FUND'S CO-CHAIRS**

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## **OCEANKIND**

www.oceankind.org

Oceankind supports strategic organisations, exceptional leaders, and promising initiatives that seek to improve the health of the marine environment. Globally, our conservation portfolio is centred around efforts to reduce overfishing, establish marine protections, and safeguard critical ocean ecosystems such as blue carbon habitats. We support the work of our partners to advance ocean conservation at scale by contributing to results-oriented projects and by investing in organisations' capacity to play a key role in the field.









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