

Ireland has established ***Our Shared Ocean*** a multi-annual programme to support research, knowledge exchange and capacity building in partnership with **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**.

It reflects our commitment to delivering the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the commitments on climate and oceans in [A Better World](#), Ireland's policy for international development, and to building closer ties with SIDS through our [Strategy for Partnership with Small Island Developing States](#).

Our Shared Ocean is part of Ireland's response to the challenges facing many SIDS, recognising that our fellow islanders are on the front line of the impact of climate change and vulnerable, in particular, to sea-level rise and extreme weather events. It also recognises the important role of SIDS in relation to global ocean governance and their capacity to develop innovative responses to these challenges.

The programme is funded through Irish Aid, Ireland's programme for overseas development, and is managed by Ireland's [Marine Institute](#).

Our focus:

- Oceans & Climate Action
- Inclusive and Sustainable Blue Economy
- Marine Policy & Ocean Governance

Our aims:

- Support capacity building through partnerships between Ireland and SIDS focused on oceans and climate action, inclusive and sustainable blue economic development, marine and ocean governance.
- Establish and grow research partnerships between Irish institutions and their SIDS counterparts, providing research and technical support to address specific ocean and climate challenges and underpin long-term cooperation.
- Build the Irish capacity and knowledge in relation to the UN Sustainable Development Goals related to sustainable ocean management as set out in *A Better World*.

Participation:



To support participation in *Our Shared Ocean* funding is being provided through competitive calls for grant applications for: Mobility and Travel grants; MSc., Post-Doctoral fellowships; and, research projects.

Details of the grant process and 2023 applications dates are published at www.marine.ie under [current funding opportunities](#).

The ***Our Shared Ocean*** team is available to provide further information on the programme and guidance to potential grant applicants and future partners.

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