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# USAID invests in small-scale fisheries and aquaculture

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## Commitments announced at Our Ocean Conference 2022 in Palau

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) this week announced **24 ocean-protection initiatives** (<https://www.usaid.gov/our-ocean-2022>), at the Our Ocean Conference 2022 in Palau.

The U.S. international humanitarian group said that the health of the ocean is “under threat from the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions, including ocean warming, sea-level rise, and ocean acidification.”

As part of its effort to address the climate crisis, several new programs will advance small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, including up to \$21 million to address the drivers of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Pacific Islands region.

USAID will support the OurFish OurFuture and Pacific Coastal Fisheries Management and Compliance projects; a new Sustainable Fish Asia project will award up to \$13.9 million to improve the management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Indo-Pacific region.



U.S. development agency USAID has announced 24 new initiatives, including small-scale fisheries and aquaculture projects. Image from the USAID 2022 Our Oceans Conference announcement.



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Other projects involve solutions to plastic pollution, solid waste management, scaling sea cucumber and seaweed production, and building climate-resilient cities, among others. For a full list of the new ocean-based initiatives, [click here](https://www.usaid.gov/our-ocean-2022) (<https://www.usaid.gov/our-ocean-2022>).

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