



Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*). Photography: Gabriel Daza.



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Regional approach to protect migratory marine megafauna in the Southeast Pacific Region

Enfoque regional para proteger la megafauna marina migratoria de la Región del Pacífico Sudeste

Fomentado por:



en virtud de una decisión del Bundestag alemán





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Save the Blue Five is a regional project aimed to protect migratory marine megafauna in the Southeast Pacific Region (Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile).

The five species groups (whales, dolphins, sharks, sea turtles and rays/manta rays) convey exceptional global biodiversity value. They are particularly vulnerable due to their dependence on diverse transboundary habitats.

A relevant way to improve these species survival is to support countries with actions to strengthen the regional policy framework for the conservation and sustainable use of marine megafauna, and to promote the implementation of coordinated measures at the local, national and regional levels.

These actions include:

- Regional political dialogue
- Coordinated conservation measures
- Coordinated biodiversity monitoring
- Financing mechanisms
- Awareness generation and capacity building



Olive ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*). Photography: Mike Mongeau.

Funding partner:

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) through its International Climate Initiative (IKI).

Implementing consortium:

- German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- South Pacific Permanent Commission (Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, CPPS- in Spanish)
- Conservation International (CI)
- MarViva Foundation

Project term:

2023- 2028

Countries:

Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

Total project value:

€ 19.500.000

Contribution to SDG:



Bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*). Photography: Adrian Wojcik.

Stakeholders:

1. South Pacific Permanent Commission (Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, CPPS- in Spanish)
2. Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile.
3. National ministries and agencies.
4. Research institutions.
5. Non-government organizations.
6. Private sector.
7. Coastal communities.

Project focus:

The project seeks to improve the conservation and long-term survival of the marine megafauna species along their main migratory routes in the Southeast Pacific region through coordination and implementation of effective protection measures among countries and key stakeholders.





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Giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) Photography: Desant7474.

Action lines

Strengthened regional policy dialogue, decisions, and management strategies:

Relevant authorities in the Southeast Pacific implement coordinated management strategies for the conservation of migratory marine megafauna.

Coordinated regional biodiversity monitoring:

Decision-makers in four Southeast Pacific countries use improved information and monitoring data on the biodiversity of the Blue Five.

Public-private initiatives and other financing mechanisms:

The private sector and foundations provide funding for Blue 5 species conservation.

Regional communication and capacity building strategy:

Key stakeholders are aware of the importance of the Blue 5 and integrate obtained knowledge into conservation and sustainable management.



Whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*). Photography: Crisod.

We consolidate efforts to strengthen regional coordination and improve knowledge about migratory marine megafauna, training government officials and key stakeholders in contribution to the commitments towards conservation of migratory species.

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