

EFC Oceans Collaborative

The Oceans Collaborative was launched in early 2019, when EFC (then known as the Canadian Environmental Grantmakers' Network) convened a number of its members whose grantmaking programs and interests encompass the conservation and sound stewardship of coastal and marine ecosystems. The Oceans Collaborative maintains a pooled *Oceans Fund* to support targeted small grants, and also facilitates aligned grantmaking to help its members magnify their impact.

Environment Funders Canada (EFC) is a national network of philanthropic foundations and other organizations that support efforts to transition toward a more sustainable world. Our members work with non government organizations, community groups and other charitable organizations to develop and deliver programs that can make our communities healthier and more resilient, while protecting vital ecosystem services and the natural world.

Oceans Collaborative goal:

By 2025, 25 percent of Canada's oceans have been designated as marine protected and conserved areas, whether through Crown-led, Indigenous-led, or joint designation processes. Designations include effective protections for important habitats, species and special places, and are supported by meaningful and durable investments in governance, stewardship, monitoring, and enforcement capacity and infrastructure. Governments approach marine protection in the context of comprehensive strategies that mesh ecosystem protection, Crown-Indigenous reconciliation, conservation-based economic development, community stewardship, and collaborative governance. Looking ahead, public support and political momentum are strong for continued gains in marine protection towards Canada's target of 30 percent by 2030.

Oceans Fund grantmaking priorities 2020-2025:

- Support grantees and partners – including communities and NGOs – through the COVID crisis and its aftermath, with the aim of sustaining resilience and capacity to co-create a recovery trajectory that serves oceans and communities.
- Fuel progress towards the target of protecting 25% of Canada's oceans by 2025, en route to 30% by 2030, advancing site-specific designations as well as securing critical enabling conditions (e.g., policy and regulatory changes and constituency activation).
- Align with and support Indigenous leadership to protect and conserve Canada's oceans by 2030, including work to advance models of durable and self-determined finance for Indigenous governance, management, and stewardship capacity.
- Support effective planning, designation, and implementation processes that engage diverse knowledge and scientific systems, and that finance and empower Indigenous and local community stewardship and citizen science.
- Build and sustain a broad and energetic citizen movement calling for ocean protection.

We look forward to working with partners and grantees over the coming years, to help protect Canada's marine ecosystems and to support those who care for them.

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