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Ocean-Climate Ambition Declaration
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PRESS RELEASE

Glasgow, Scotland – Today, members of the Pacific Rim Ocean-Climate Action Partnership (PROCAP) announced the Ocean-Climate Ambition Declaration, reaffirming their commitments to protect the world’s largest ocean and increasing their ambitions to tackle the climate crisis.

The PROCAP leadership coalition of Costa Rica, California, Fiji, Panama, and Peru call on all Pacific countries and subnational actors to join in their pledge to increase overall climate ambition, achieve the potential of ocean-based mitigation, advance ocean-climate resilience, and create an ocean-smart UNFCCC.

PROCAP members are committed to ambitious actions that are critical to achieving the overarching climate goals presented in the Declaration. These actions include, but are not limited to:

- Reducing the emissions associated with plastic production and consumption.
- Supporting the development of suitable green shipping corridors in the region.
- Supporting commitments to increase international climate finance with at least half of funds dedicated to supporting adaptation activities that will benefit ocean resources and the people who depend on them.
- Supporting an ocean outcome in the UNFCCC that creates an ongoing forum for promoting ocean-based climate action and allowing ocean-related issues to be formally negotiated.

The ocean is a critical source of overlooked climate mitigation and adaptation solutions – from increasing offshore renewable energy to protecting and restoring coastal “blue carbon” ecosystems. Regional partnerships, such as PROCAP, are increasingly important as climate impacts cross-boundaries, continents and the ocean. Ambitious and coordinated leadership is necessary to address the interrelated ocean and climate crises. As stewards of the world’s largest ocean, Pacific leaders are working together in the face of climate change to protect the Pacific and the billions of people who rely on its health.

COP26 is a crucial moment to build and strengthen on COP25 (the “Blue COP”) and the UNFCCC ocean-climate dialogue that occurred in December of 2020. This is the time for countries and non-state actors to establish clear commitments for the protection of the oceans through climate action.