

NbS Examples Submitted by Australia to the Intergovernmental Consultations on Nature-based Solutions

The Indo-Pacific Offsets Scheme, which includes development style projects including technical capacity-building support for carbon market regulatory, legislative and institutional infrastructure across partner countries in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Projects that can be considered include NbS.

The Blue Carbon Conservation and Restoration Accounting Program, which provides support for on-the-ground projects in Australia and overseas to restore, conserve and account for coastal blue carbon ecosystems, and help pave the way for private finance.

Australia's International Partnership for Blue Carbon – a global network of over 50 partners that provides an open forum for partners to connect, share and collaborate to build solutions, take action, and benefit from the experience and expertise of the global community.

The Pacific Blue Carbon Program (Australian Dollars (AUD)\$6.3 million, 2018 – 24) builds capacity to protect and restore blue carbon ecosystems in Fiji and PNG to measure, report and verify carbon in mangroves and seagrasses to incorporate this information in countries' greenhouse gas accounts, and climate and related policies.

ReefCloud (AUD\$6.6 million, 2023 – 25) utilises artificial intelligence systems to allow local communities and Indigenous ranger groups to collect data on their reefs, to support governments to undertake management planning, including for high value ecosystems and species.

Investing in the multi-donor, French-led Kiwa Initiative, which provides nature-based solutions financing for Pacific governments, civil society and regional organisations (AUD\$1 million).

Investing AUD\$10 million in the UNDP's Community-Based Adaptation program, to develop projects that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing livelihoods and well-being.