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1. Undoubtedly there is a strong link between climate action and ocean.
2. Silos have started to break but more work needs to be done.
3. Knowledge is improving but more scientific awareness and high confidence required. The IPCC Special report on the Ocean and the Cryosphere provides an opportunity to increase awareness and action before COP25 and in anticipation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.
4. Environmental integrity and accountability crucial in the context of actions on climate and ocean.
5. NDCs can offer opportunities to address the ocean and climate nexus, but other vehicles to incentivise action on marine protection and conservation might be more conducive or complementary e.g. adaptation communications, NAPs, etc.



6. Ocean already being considered across several agenda items within the UNFCCC/Paris Agreement framework (UNFCCC Art. 4.1, Paris Agreement preamble, Art. 8, etc).
7. Inclusion of an agenda item on the ocean under UNFCCC might not be the practical option (risks for delayed action).
8. There is appetite for a political initiative to increase momentum, as long as it brings added value, in the context of COP25 and/or the UNSG Climate Summit.
9. Cooperation between different relevant international and regional conventions and processes concerning marine protection is central to both the climate and marine agendas.



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