



The Commonwealth  
Blue Charter



# World Oceans Day 2020: Virtual Event Monday 8 June 0930 – 1100 BST (UTC+1)

Commonwealth Blue Charter: Mapping the Commonwealth  
one coral reef at a time

*45% of coral reefs are within Commonwealth waters, 90% of reefs are predicted to be lost to climate change. Now is the time for action.*

**Welcome:** Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC,  
Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

**Special Address:** Her Excellency Dr Farah Faizal,  
High Commissioner of Maldives to the UK

**Ocean and Climate Change Action Group – Fiji**

Joshua Wycliffe, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Environment

**Mangrove Ecosystems and Livelihoods Action Group – Sri Lanka**

Hasanthi Urugodawatte Dissanayake, Director General, Ocean Affairs,  
Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Relations

Sevandi Jayakody, Senior Lecturer, Department of Aquaculture & Fisheries,  
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

**Coral Reef Protection and Restoration Action Group – Australia**

Amanda Brigdale, Assistant Director, Environment, Oceans and Climate  
Diplomacy, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Dr David Souter, Chief Research Officer, Australian Institute of Marine Science

Joseph Street, Assistant Director Analysis and Visualisation, Great Barrier Reef  
Marine Park Authority

**Vulcan Inc, Allen Coral Atlas**

Charlie Whiton, Director, Product Management, Vulcan Inc.

Chuck Cooper, Managing Director, Government Affairs, Vulcan Inc.

**Moderator:** Dr Nicholas Hardman-Mountford, Head of Oceans and  
Natural Resources, Commonwealth Secretariat

Interactive virtual event convened by the Commonwealth Secretariat in partnership with member countries and Vulcan Inc. to highlight efforts to map the Commonwealth's coral reefs and accelerate protection and restoration efforts.

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