



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

SOBEC: Advancing Ocean equity through the Decade

Decade Program

Lead Institution

Somali Natural Resources
Research Center (SONRREC)

Somali Blue Economy Center
(SOBEC)

KEY PARTNERS

- Somali National University
- Jazeera University

DECADE CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

- CHALLENGE 2: Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity
- CHALLENGE 4: Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy

OCEAN BASINS

Indian Ocean

Red Sea

Summary

The role of ocean science in sustainable development will be determined by how humans interact with oceans. It is crucial to understand the players, their cultures, and their well-being and how power dynamics and decision-making processes affect our oceans if we are to achieve the UN Decade's goals. The Decade's goal of "leaving no one behind" will require developing strategies, governance structures, and enabling conditions to increase equity in ocean science.

The Somali Blue Economy Center program will conduct studies, develop concepts, facilitate critical discussions and assemble capacity-building partnerships to advance fair and equitable blue economy strategies in the Decade. SONRREC will: **Duration: 7/1/2021 - 12/30/2029**

Priority Activities (first 2 years)

- Providing interdisciplinary solutions-oriented research to increase understanding of the problems facing ocean-dependent people, principles influencing ocean science's contribution to sustainable development, and barriers to equity, fairness, and justice.
- Conducting a series of workshops and events to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, develop partnerships, and trigger conversations across disciplinary, sectoral, and geographic boundaries.
- Develop and enhance accessibility to interdisciplinary tools and frameworks to promote equitable engagement in the decade. And
- Assist in developing policies/legislation in Somalia that would require blue economy sectors to pay for the access to blue



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