

Ecosystem-based Adaptation for Coastal Resilience: In-depth Workshop on Stocktake and Finance Perspectives

Location: ZUG (Zukunft Umwelt Gesellschaft), Stresemannstraße 69, 10963 Berlin

Program, 06. October 2025	
Arrival & get together	
16:00 - 19:00	City walking tour (optional)
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner (optional)

Program, 07. October 2025	
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome Coffee
Session 1: Stocktaking – Where Do We Stand?	
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome address by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulf Jaeckel (BMUKN) • Kim Grützmacher (BfN) Introduction to the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grit Martinez (Ecologic Institute)
10:00 - 11:00	High-level Keynote Presentations: <i>Advocacy for EbA: What is the status of its implementation</i> Jessica Troni (Chief Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP, tbc) <i>Scaling Up the Use of Ecosystem-based Adaptation</i> Celia A. Harvey (formerly with the Rainforest Alliance, tbc) <i>Projected impacts of climate change. State of research and implications for EbA</i> Robert Nicholls (University of East Anglica, tbc)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee-break
11:30 – 12:15	Review of Coastal EbA Initiatives: Taking stock of current success factors & challenges <i>Impulse Statements from:</i> Margaux Monfared (International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI); Blue Pangolin, tbc) tba
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch: Finger food will be served while participants have the opportunity to network with peers
13:15 - 14:30	<i>Expert-Impuls: Potential and limitations of EbA in the context of coastal adaptation to rising sea levels.</i> Athanasios Vafeidis (Christian-Albrechts University Kiel, tbc) Q&A and Group-Discussion on examining recent developments, success stories, and challenges in Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) approaches within coastal ecosystems, with a focus on their effectiveness in addressing climate-related risks such as sea-level rise, coastal erosion, and extreme weather events.
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee-break
15:00- 15:45	Building evidence for successful adaptation: Delivering measurable outcomes for climate change resilience in coastal communities through EbA <i>Impulse Statements from</i> Sebastiano Bacca (Global Climate Forum, tbc) tba

15:45 - 16:45	Group-Discussion focused on evaluating the tangible outcomes of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) in coastal communities, exploring local perceptions of these outcomes, and examining the challenges in measuring and attributing resilience amid changing climate conditions.
16:45 – 17:00	Short presentation of the results & outlook for the next day
Social & Networking Session	
17:00 – 18:00	Fresh air and walking exercise: Walk around Anhalter Bahnhof / Potsdamer Platz
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner

Program, 08. October 2025	
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome Coffee
Session 2: Financing of coastal EbA – financing instruments and funding opportunities?	
09:15 - 09:30	Recap of Day I and start of Day II
09:30 - 10:00	Financing Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Coastal Areas: Funding Opportunities and Instruments <i>Keynote-Presentation, tba</i>
10:00 - 11:00	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Blue Bonds <i>Impulse by Thyra Zoons (Blue Action Fund, tbc)</i> <i>and Group-Discussion</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee-break
11:30 – 12:30	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Focus on Payment for Ecosystem Services <i>Impulse (tba)</i> <i>and Group-Discussion</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch: Finger food will be served while participants have the opportunity to network with peers
13:30 - 14:30	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Blue Carbon Credits <i>Impulse by Lisa Schindler Murray (Rare Europe, tbc)</i> <i>and Group-Discussion</i>
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee-break
15:00 - 16:00	Mobilizing the Private Sector in Coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation <i>Impulse: Adrew Ross (Seascape Caribbean, tbc)</i> <i>Group Working-Session examining the role of the private sector in coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), identifying key stakeholders, and exploring strategies to enhance collaboration with other actors for effective implementation.</i>
16:00 - 16:45	Side-Session about networking <i>The session focuses on strengthening professional networks for coastal EbA. Participants will reflect on where they currently exchange ideas, which networks they find useful and how they access key information. We will explore platforms for collaborative problem-solving, potential new spaces for collaboration, and exchange characteristics of an ideal network.</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Final Plenary: Summary & Next Steps <i>Key takeaways and commitments for follow-up actions</i>
17:00	End of the event