

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

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

Programme, 06 th October 2025	
Arrival & get together	
17:00 - 19:00	City walking tour (optional)
19:00 - 21:00	Dinner-dialogue (optional)

Programme, 07 th October 2025	
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome Coffee
Introduction Session & Keynote Presentations	
09:15 - 10:15 (hybrid)	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulf Jaeckel (<i>BMUKN</i>) • Kim Grützmacher (<i>BfN</i>) Introduction to the Workshop & Interactive Introduction of Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grit Martinez (<i>Ecologic Institute</i>)
10:15 - 11:00 (hybrid)	Keynote Presentations of Stocktake of EbA Jessica Troni (<i>Chief Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP</i>) "Advocacy for EbA: What is the status of its implementation" Celia A. Harvey (<i>formerly the Climate Director of Rainforest Alliance</i>) "Scaling up the use of Ecosystem-based Adaptation" Discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:15 (hybrid)	Keynote Presentations on EbA under Climate Change Robert Nicholls (<i>University of East Anglica</i>) "Projected impacts of sea-level rise. State of research and implications for EbA" Athanasios Vafeidis (<i>Christian-Albrechts University Kiel</i>) "Potential and limitations of EbA in the context of coastal adaptation to rising sea levels." Discussion
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch: Finger food will be served while participants have the opportunity to network with peers
Session on Stocktaking – Where Do We Stand?	
13:15 - 14:30 (in person)	Review of Coastal EbA Initiatives: Taking stock of current success factors & challenges <i>Impulse Statements:</i> Tom Dallison (<i>International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI); Blue Pangolin</i>) "Coral Reefs: Nature-based Solutions in Action" Chris Roy (<i>IUCN</i>) "Coastal EbA at the Climate-Nature-People Nexus: Insights from IUCN and the ReSea Project"

	Gabriela Souza Fernandes: <i>"Resilient Coast, Resilient People: Applying EbA through Community Engagement"</i>
14:30 - 15:15 (in person)	Group discussion. Based on the impulse statements exploring recent developments, success factors, and ongoing challenges in implementing EbA within coastal ecosystems. The session will focus on the practical effectiveness of EbA measures in addressing ecological and socio-economic pressures in dynamic coastal environments.
15:15 - 15:30	Coffee break
Session on Building Evidence	
15:30- 16:15 (in person)	Building evidence for successful adaptation: Delivering measurable outcomes for climate change resilience in coastal communities through EbA <i>Impulse Statements:</i> Sebastiano Bacca (<i>Global Climate Forum</i>) "Adapting to Rising Seas: The Global Economic Case for Green vs. Gray Coastal Infrastructures." Abdul Mugabe (<i>Associacao Project Biodiversity</i>) "Measuring Socio-Economic Outcomes of Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Lessons from Coastal Communities in Mozambique and Cabo Verde." Camilo Trench (<i>University of the West Indies</i>) & Jason Grant (<i>tbc</i>)
16:15 - 17:15 (in person)	Group discussion. Moderated by Martin Zimmer (<i>Leibniz ZMT</i>) A focused exchange based on the impulse statements on how tangible outcomes of EbA can be identified, measured, and communicated in coastal communities. The session will explore how local actors perceive the effectiveness of EbA interventions, what constitutes "successful adaptation" on the ground, and which methodological or practical barriers remain when it comes to assessing and attributing resilience outcomes in dynamic and uncertain environments, taking changing climate conditions into consideration.
17:15 – 17:30	Short presentation of the results & outlook for the next day
Social & Networking Session	
17:30 – 18:30	Fresh air and walking exercise: Walk around Anhalter Bahnhof / Potsdamer Platz
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner

Programme, 08th October 2025	
08:45 - 09:00	Welcome Coffee
Day 2: Financing of coastal EbA – financing instruments and funding opportunities?	
09:00 - 09:05	Recap of Day I and start of Day II
09:05 - 09:30 (hybrid)	Financing Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Coastal Areas: Funding Opportunities and Instruments <i>Keynote Presentation by Pieter Pauw (Eindhoven University of Technology)</i>
09:30 - 10:00 (hybrid)	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Blue Carbon Credits <i>Impulse by Lisa Schindler Murray (Rare Europe)</i> <i>and Group Discussion</i>
10:00 – 10:30 (hybrid)	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Community Eco-Credit <i>Impulse by Robert Wild (Mwambao Coastal Community Network) "Community Eco-Credit, a promising community-level EbA approach"</i>

	<i>and Group Discussion</i>
10:30 - 11:00 (hybrid)	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive <i>Impulse by tbc</i> <i>and Group Discussion</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:30 (hybrid)	Panel Discussion In this panel, experts will discuss key demands on policy, share experiences with current financing practices including barriers and enablers, and explore future trends and opportunities for financing ecosystem-based approaches.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch: Finger food will be served while participants have the opportunity to network with peers
13:30 - 14:30 (in person)	Case Study Session on different financial EbA Instruments <i>Impulse Statements:</i> Thyrza Zoons (<i>Blue Action Fund</i>) “Funding EbA in the Western Indian Ocean: lessons learned from the Blue Action Fund funding window” Orisha Joseph (<i>Sustainable Grenadines Inc</i>) (tbc) Johanes Amate Belle (<i>University of the Free State-Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa</i>) (tbc)
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 - 16:00 (in person)	Mobilizing the Private Sector in Coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation <i>Impulse Statements:</i> Andrew Ross (<i>Seascape Caribbean</i>) “Coral Restoration and EbA: Unlocking Private Sector Engagement and Finance” (tbc) Newton Eristhee (<i>Clearcaribbean</i>) (tbc) <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 - 17:00 (in person)	Interactive-Session about networking & communication <i>The session focuses on discussing professional networks and communication tools 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 and discuss critical aspects of networking and communication.</i>
17:00 - 17:30 (in person)	Final Plenary: Summary & Next Steps <i>Key takeaways and commitments for follow-up actions</i>
17:30	End of the event