

Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP) in numbers

Vanuatu

September 2026

The OCPP programme provided tailored support in Vanuatu to help manage the marine environment more sustainably. This included strengthening marine science expertise, developing science-based policy and management tools, and creating educational resources for coastal communities.

The OCPP identified the following areas in which the programme could deliver change in the way these issues are addressed in Vanuatu through the generation and use of scientific knowledge to better inform policymaking and action:

- **Marine knowledge and capacity:** providing expertise towards sustainable marine ecosystem science and better marine environment monitoring.
- **Education and awareness:** piloting models and approaches towards community engagement and raising awareness on marine-related topics.

Funding for OCPP was provided through the overarching Blue Planet Fund (BPF) by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). OCPP was delivered by three British government Arm's Length Bodies (ALBs): the Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

More information on OCPP can be found at:

[DevTracker Programme GB-GOV-7-BPFOCPP Documents](#)

The data shown covers OCPP activities between 2023–2026 only.



Beach, Vanuatu.
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Key achievements in delivery

Outcome

The programme supported the development of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) monitoring and data system designed to manage licencing, environmental impact assessments, waste disposal and other regulatory functions. The system supports monitoring and enforcement, with evidence of active surveys and data uploads, including from community rangers.¹

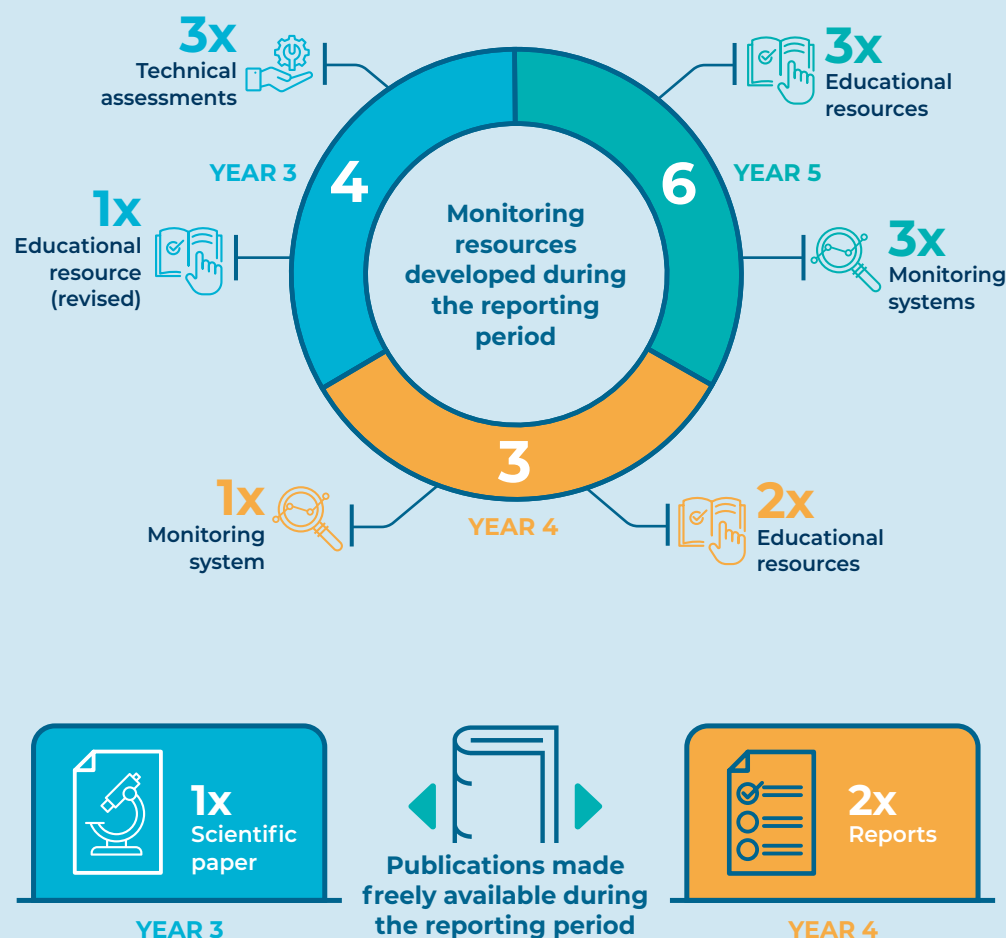
Marine knowledge and capacity

The programme worked to strengthen the capacity and capability of Vanuatu stakeholders in marine science, management and governance. Of those surveyed, 100% of participants reported increased knowledge and capacity.



Education and awareness

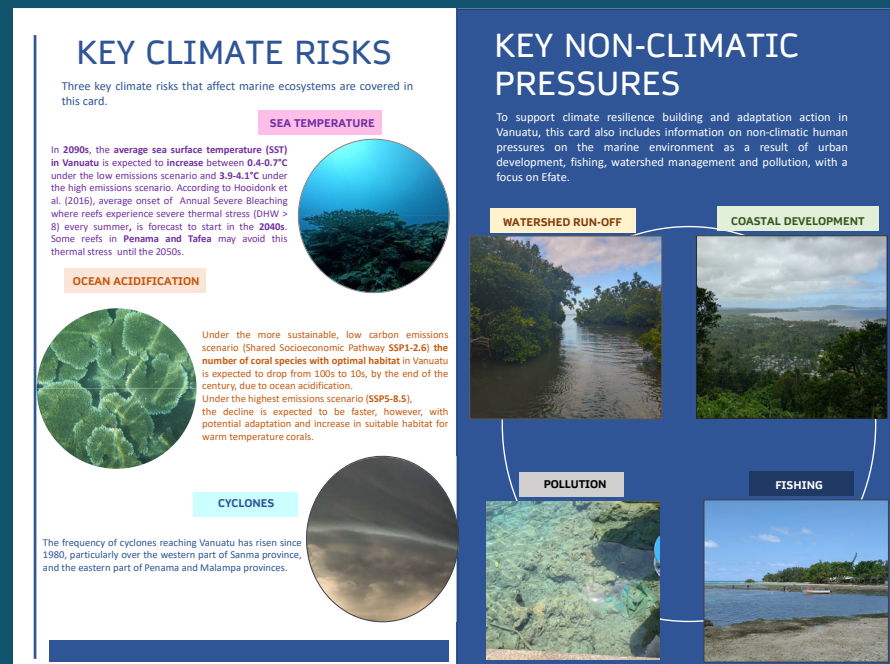
The OCPP supported with enhancing education, awareness and the exchange of scientific, technical knowledge and data in Vanuatu on a variety of topics concerning the marine environment.



¹ For more information see: <https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/vanuatu/>

CASE STUDY

OCPP developed a 'Marine Climate Change Card' which covers the three key climate change risks and non-climate related pressures that affect marine ecosystems in Vanuatu.



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At the request of Vanuatu's Department for Environment Protection and Conservation (DEPC), the OCPP prepared a report outlining a detailed list of requirements to inform the development of a data management system. The report highlights the results of user research interviews conducted with members of the DEPC along with discussions with key stakeholders, including the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics.

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A scientific paper entitled '[Creation of an international laboratory network towards global microplastics monitoring harmonisation](#)' was published in June 2024. The paper details the development of an international laboratory network to provide the infrastructure and country capacity to conduct the collection and processing of microplastics in environmental samples.