



A RAPID RESPONSE ASSESSMENT

BLUE CARBON

THE ROLE OF HEALTHY OCEANS IN BINDING CARBON



KEY OPTIONS

In order to implement a process and manage the necessary funds for the protection, management and restoration of these crucial ocean carbon sinks, the following options are proposed:

- 1** Establish a global blue carbon fund for protection and management of coastal and marine ecosystems and ocean carbon sequestration.
- 2** Immediately and urgently protect at least 80% of remaining seagrass meadows, salt marshes and mangrove forests, through effective management.
- 3** Initiate management practices that reduce and remove threats, and which support the robust recovery potential inherent in blue carbon sink communities.
- 4** Maintain food and livelihood security from the oceans by implementing comprehensive and integrated ecosystem approaches aiming to increase the resilience of human and natural systems to change.
- 5** Implement win-win mitigation strategies in the ocean-based sectors.